

Mallard Monthly



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Special March Dates

March 2-6

* National School Breakfast Week

*Spring Book Fair

March 4

*Early Release Day
Students dismiss at 11:40am.

March 8

*Daylight Savings Time
Begins/Set clock forward one hour.

March 13

*Severe Weather Make-up
Day or Holiday

March 17

*School Board Meeting
7:30pm

March 26

*Third Nine Weeks Ends

March 27

*All Pro Dads 7:00am

Mark Your Calendar:

April 2

*FPES Talent Show

April 3

*Severe Weather Make-up
Day or Holiday

April 6-10

*Spring Break Holiday

Important News

***All Pro Dads' Day** - Friday, March 27th, 7:00 - 7:30 in the Learning Commons. The theme for the month is "Finding Purpose in the Pain." This is an open invitation to Dads, Granddads, Uncles, or any other significant male who may be a part of your child's life. Come and enjoy a light breakfast and enjoy some "special moment" time as we strive to grow in the time we spend with our children. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. McDermet at 803-821-2500.

***The Pelion Branch Library** will be celebrating **Youth Art Month** and will have artwork from Forts Pond and other Pelion Schools on display for the month of March. Please go to check out a book and some great artwork on display from our Pelion blooming artists!!

***2015-2016 Early Registration**

If you have a child who will be 4 years old on or before 9-1-15, you may register him/her Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before 9-1-15 (**and he/she is not currently attending the 4k program**), you may register for 5k as well. If your child is currently in the 4k program, you do not need to do anything at this time. Please bring required documentation for enrollment: long form birth certificate, shot record, social security number, electric bill and drivers license If you have any questions, you may call 821-2504.

Forts Pond Elementary School is a **Title One** school. Additional information about our **Title One** plan is available on our website.

FPES Vision

FPES students will become self-directed, collaborative, creative and caring learners who will flourish in the global, competitive 21st century.

FPES Mission

Forts Pond Elementary School in collaboration with families and community will Fulfill the Potential of Every Student.

What's going on in our school.....

Students in Mrs. Spence's multi-age class having a great time with hands-on learning.

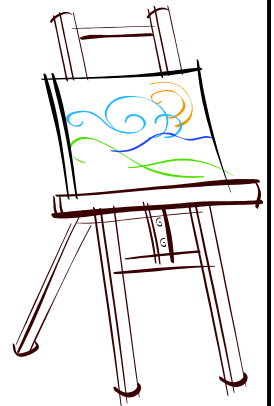


Youth Art Month

These Forts Pond Elementary students have artwork selected to be on display at the TAPPs center in downtown Columbia to celebrate Youth Art Month. Artwork will be on display from March 5th - April 11th.

Maggie Northcutt
Cooper Hamm
Hannah Parker

Ashley Downs
Lillian Ariail
Emma Reynolds



Leadership Role Applications are available for students to complete. They are found in the Commons area. There is an application for K-2nd grade and an application for 3rd-5th grade. Please encourage your child to pick up an application and apply for a school-wide Leadership Role. If your child is interested in applying for one of these positions, please be sure to sign the application form and have your child return their form to their teacher.



Spring Book Fair

Monday, March 2-Friday, March 6
7:00am-11:00am

Check out the online Book Fair!

Items can be ordered from the Book Fair online until March 14th.

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/fortspondelementaryschool>



Celebrating Read Across America

We will be celebrating Read Across America every Wednesday during the month of March.

Wednesday, March 4: Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

*Wear stripes today!

* Classroom Door Decorating

Wednesday, March 11: Crazy Sock Day

*New socks, old socks, red socks, blue.

*Poster Contest for 5K & 1st Grade

Wednesday, March 18: Read My Shirt Day

*Wear a shirt with appropriate words to school

*Poster Contest for 2nd & 3rd Grade

Wednesday, March 25: Dress as your Favorite Book Character

*Poster Contest for 4th & 5th Grade

**Students may wear their “Cat in the Hat” hat, purchased in the commons area, each Wednesday during the month of March.

Lexington District One Mission and Vision

Lexington County School District One

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Mission

The mission of Lexington County School District One — where caring people, academics, the arts and athletics connect — is to prepare 21st century graduates while serving as the center for community learning.

Therefore, we will provide:

- an array of exceptional learning experiences in a high-performance culture of **excellence** that sets high expectations for every student.
- opportunities to develop talents, interests and skills through choices from a comprehensive system of 21st century learning experiences in the arts, academics and athletics.
- various **innovative** learning delivery and support systems to personalize learning and to ensure that our students are learning sophisticated 21st century skills, knowledge and attitudes.
- opportunities to practice leadership and citizenship in a global context.
- access by the community to a range of learning and participatory community experiences throughout life.
- a learning environment and professional culture of **caring** and support.

Vision

The graduates of Lexington County School District One are a new generation of leaders and global citizens who are self-directed, creative, collaborative, caring and multilingual, and who flourish in a global, competitive 21st century. Our graduates are confident in academics, sophisticated in learning, accomplished in 21st century skills, global in orientation and prepared as leaders and citizens of our democracy.

Therefore:

- Our schools serve as the center for community learning.
- Our students are engaged in high-quality learning and are provided an exceptional array of 21st century learning experiences.
- Our collaborative and innovative organization for learning develops self-directed, creative and collaborative graduates.
- Our culture and our academics develop leadership and citizenship skills for the global world and for our democracy.
- All stakeholders accept collective responsibility for the sophisticated learning of our students.
- Each student receives the personal support necessary to reach his or her goals through a caring environment that advocates for students and works to eliminate barriers to learning.

Nondiscrimination Statement

Lexington County School District One does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or age in admission to, access to, treatment in or employment in its programs and activities. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries or complaints.

The Chief Human Resources Officer handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title IX.

The Director of Middle Schools handles inquiries/complaints regarding Section 504.

The Mathematics Coordinator handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title II.