

Mallard Monthly



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Special May Dates

May 7

- *SC PASS Science Grades 4-5
- *Parent Workshop 7:00am and 6:00pm

May 8

- *SC PASS Social Studies Grades 4-5

May 11-21

- *MAP Testing Grades 2-5

May 14

- *PTO Bingo Night 5:30pm

May 19

- *Last day for 4K students
- *School Board Meeting 7:30pm

May 22

- *Leadership Day

May 25

- *Memorial Day School Holiday

May 29

- *All Pro Dads' Day 7:00am-7:30am

June 2

- *Half day for students Dismiss at 11:00am
- *Lunch will not be served.
- *5th Grade Graduation 9:00am
- *PTO Skate Night

June 3

- *Half/last day for students Dismiss at 11:00am. Class Celebrations 9:30-11:00
- *Lunch will not be served.

Important News

*PASS Testing Grades 4-5 May 7-8

Testing will begin promptly at 8:00 each morning. Students arriving to school after testing begins will not be allowed in the classroom until after testing is completed and will have to make up that day's test at a later time. Students need a good night's rest and healthy breakfast in order to give their best performance on testing days.

*All Pro Dads' Day-Friday, May 29th

7:00 -7:30 in the Learning Commons. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. McDermet at 803-821-2500.

*Report cards WILL be held for non-payment of fees, lost library books and outstanding cafeteria fees.

*Purchased yearbooks will be distributed to students on Monday, May 11th. A limited number of 2014-2015 FPES yearbooks will be on sale for \$23.00 starting at 8:00am on May 12th. Please see Diane Dunbar if you are interested in purchasing a school yearbook.

*Leadership Day, May 22nd

May 22 will be an exciting day at FPES. We have invited others schools and community partners to spend the morning with our students as they showcase the 7 Habits through leadership. Our theme for that day is *Unmask the Superhero in You*. If your child has a superhero t-shirts, please have your child wear it that day to celebrate Leadership Day.

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...

*On May 15th, the 4th grade Eagles will visit the Battle of Columbia Civil War Reenactment. The students will spend this Education Day visiting different stations such as the Medical Station, Weapons, Clothing, and Music. There will be Calvary demonstrations and cannon firings. These students have studied the Civil War this semester focusing on different points of views.

*The Civil War Reenactment at FPES on April 17th was enjoyed by all! Thank you to all the volunteers for sharing this experience with our students.



2015-2016 Early Registration

If you have a child who will be 4-years-old on or before 9-1-15, your child may be eligible for the half-day 4-year-old kindergarten program. 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 questions, please call 821-2504.

PTO News

Thank you to everyone for their hard work during our Spring fundraiser. We have been able to purchase teeter-totters and porch swings for the playground. We were also able to add another mural to the hallway thanks to your hard work.

Upcoming Events:

*May 14th- PTO Family Bingo Night

5:30-6:30 Dinner is served

6:30-Conclusion of last game- BINGO

Admission \$5 per person

We will play 4 games of bingo where you will have the chance to win some amazing prize baskets. We will also have an additional kids only round where two winners will receive book baskets.

*June 2- PTO End of the Year Skate Night Celebration

Three Fountains Skating Rink

Free Admission to all FPES students

\$3 admission for all non-FPES student participants who will be skating

More information to come!

Title One Survey Results

Last month, we sent home a parent survey to provide parents an opportunity to share what is working at FPES, things you would like to see happen and things we need to improve upon. These surveys were sent home with all students and 181 surveys were returned. We would like to thank each and everyone of you who took the time to help us improve our program.

According to the survey results, there are several areas parents would like to see improvement.

- Communication
- Parent workshops, especially in math
- Tutors
- Car rider line
- More involvement events
- Social skills for students
- Lice policy changed

We would like your help in planning for these improvements. The FPES administration will hold a planning forum on May 15 at 8:30am in our Learning Commons . Please join us. This will allow all parents the opportunity to offer advice and share concerns about the areas listed above. If this time does not work with your schedule, please call to schedule a time to meet with Ms. Smith. We look forward to this opportunity to collaborate with our MALLARD FAMILIES!

Blowfish Reading Rewards Program

The Blowfish Reading Rewards Program is back and looking for Super Heroes with super reading powers! Students are challenged to read 4 grade-appropriate books by May 22nd. In order to receive the Blowfish Baseball prizes listed below, students must record the 4 books they have read on the Blowfish Reading Log and get a parent/guardian signature before returning the reading log to Ms. Stewart in the Learning Commons. Reading logs must be turned in no later than May 22nd.

Blowfish Reading Prizes:

1 Book=1 free general admission ticket*

2 Books=2 free general admission tickets*

3 Books=2 free general admission tickets, a spot in the Reading Program Parade*

4 Books=2 free general admission tickets, a spot in the Reading Program Parade,
a free hot dog and drink*

Students will receive a confirmation letter to take home with instructions on claiming prizes once reading logs are returned to Ms. Stewart.

***Free tickets are for the June 20th game only. In order to collect prizes,**

parents/guardians MUST reserve tickets/prizes through Blowfish Baseball at least 48 hours in advance of the game.*

Prevent the Summer Slide

Please join our math coach and literacy coach for a workshop about how you can help your child with math and reading skills over the summer.

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2015

Times: 7:00am and 6:00pm (choose a time that fits your schedule)

Location: Learning Commons

Light refreshments will be served. Free resources to those who attend the workshop!

2015-2016 Class Assignment Day

Class Assignment Day will be held Thursday, July 30. The hours are 9:00 –12:00 and 2:00-6:00. You will need to show proof of residency by showing your driver's license and a current electric or water bill. Your driver's license and bill must show the same address. If those do not match, you will need additional assistance with this matter. All new enrollments require the long form birth certificate. You may contact Sandra Ewing with questions at 821-2500.

PTO Board and School Improvement Council Elections 2015-2016

Today in your child's Tuesday folder you will find a nomination form for PTO Board Officers and a nomination form for School Improvement Council members for 2015-2016 school year. Please nominate parents who are parents of FPES students and are willing to serve in these roles. Please return those nominations by May 11 and we will vote at BINGO Night on May 14 at 6:30. If you have questions about these roles, please contact Michelle Smith at 821-2500.

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