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Important News

Special November Dates

November 2

*Standard Time Begins
Set clock back one hour.

November 4

*Election Day/
School Holiday

November 7

*Fall Make-up Pictures

November 11

*Veteran's Day Program

November 12

*Early Release Day
Dismiss at 11:40am

November 18

*School Board Meeting
7:30pm

November 20

*Parent/Teacher Conferences
2:30pm-5:30pm

November 21

*All Pro Dads
7:00am-7:30am
*Interim Reports Issued

November 26-28

*Thanksgiving Break
School Holiday

Mark Your Calendar:

December 3-Early Release Day

December 8-12—Santa Shop

December 19-Half Day for
Students/No lunch served

***Carolina/Clemson Helmet Contest**
November 18th-25th
Helmets are \$.50 each



***All Pro Dad's Day**

Friday, November 21st
7:00am-7:30am in the FPES Learning
Commons. Come and enjoy some
meaningful time with your child along
with a light breakfast. We hope you
can join us!

***Morning Drop Off**

Students may not be dropped off at
school prior to 7:00 am. The building
will not be open to students as super-
vision is not available until this time.

***Attendance**

If your child is absent from school,
please send a doctor's excuse or
parent excuse to school within three
days. If you have any questions or
concerns call **821-2504**.

Front Office Hours
7:00am-4:00pm



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.....

*Multi-age students in Mrs. Spence's class wrapped up their unit "What's So Great About Our State?" in SC History with edible regions and landforms. A baked sugar cookie in the shape of SC provided the foundation. Icing was then spread across the state cookie. Next students added candy corn to represent the Blue Ridge Mountains, large chocolate chips and green identified the Piedmont Region, brown sugar represented the Sandhills Region, green sugar represented the Coastal Zone and blue sugar represented the Coast. Students were expected to identify the four regions orally before they ate the cookie. SC is surely a great, sweet state to learn about!



*The 4th Grade Eagles participated in the Global Cardboard Challenge on October 11th at the Lexington Technology Center. The creations included a Minecraft World, a Pet Shop, an Amusement Park, and a School. They were created from cardboard and other recycled goods. The students earned t-shirts and certificates.

PTO News

The **Soldier Donation Drive ends October 30th**. The class with the most items will win prize bags for each student in the classroom.

Items being collected:

4K-Personal hygiene items

5K-Ready to eat jello or pudding

1st-Individual drink mixes

2nd-Canned soup

3rd-Canned or packaged fruit

4th-Ready to eat pasta

(Chef Boyardee, Spaghettios, etc.)

5th-Canned meat (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausage)

Carolina/Clemson Helmet Contest—November 18th-25th

Helmets are \$.50 each

The team with the most helmets purchased by November 25th will participate in the parade at the end of the school day. With every helmet purchased, the student's name will be entered into a drawing for a Clemson or Carolina prize pack.

Veteran's Day Program

Honoring and Remembering our Veterans

On November 11, 2014, it will be our pleasure to once again remember our Veterans on their special day. We would love for all veterans from our community (those who have served and those who are active-duty) to come and celebrate this special day with us. Because we have limited space in the cafeteria and will have the entire student body in attendance, we are asking only our veterans and their families attend. If you are not a veteran or will not be able to attend, we plan to video this assembly and will have it for you to view on our school's webpage.

On the day of the assembly, we invite all students to wear patriotic colors (red, white and/or blue). Shirts supporting different branches of our military are also welcome!

Please invite any veteran(s) in your family or those you know in our community to join us during this Veteran's Day celebration. Our Veteran's Day program will start at 9:00am.

In order for us to announce veterans in attendance, please fill out the portion below providing information about veterans who are planning to attend our program. Please return the filled out portion to your child's homeroom teacher or the front office no later than Wednesday, November 5.

Each year, FPES initiates a school project to coincide with Veteran's Day. This year donations will be given to the Ruritan Club. They are proposing to erect a Veteran's Park along the walking trail. A replica of the Veteran's Memorial is located at the entrance of our school. If you would like to make a donation, we have a container in our office (any amount is appreciated).

FPES Goal: \$1,000

If you have not already done so, please provide the information below about any veterans planning to attend our program. Please return this bottom portion to your child's homeroom teacher or the front office no later than Wednesday, November 5.

Veteran's Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Awards and/or Honors Received: _____

Friend or Family Member of (student) _____



November Newsletter

Supporting The Leader in Me Initiative

We are often asked how parents can support their school's leadership initiative. Each time we are asked we give the same answer "Use the 7 Habits language at home."

As the school year unfolds, the children are learning the language and meaning of the 7 Habits. By hearing the same language at home and at school, you send the children a strong message of what you believe is important and that we are all on the same team—the team that wants to help succeed. When parents and schools support one another, the sky is the limit!

Below is a summary of each of the habits:

Habit 1: Be Proactive (You're in Charge)

Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind (Have a Plan)

Habit 3: Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)

Habit 4: Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win)

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood (Listen Before You Talk)

Habit 6: Synergize (Together Is Better)

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw (Balance Feels Be

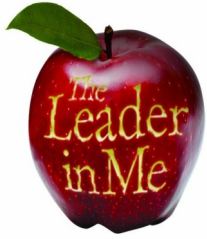
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The Chief Human Resources Officer handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title IX.

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

The Mathematics Coordinator handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title II.



We would like to invite parents to Leader in Me information sessions. We will offer two sessions to accommodate schedules in hopes that one of these times will work for your family. You will learn about the 7 Habits and what is happening at our school to prepare children to be leaders using these habits as our guide.

When: November 20, 2014

Where: Learning Commons

Time: 3:00pm and 6:00pm (choose one)

November Student of the Month

Hunter Bowman and Trinity James — Ms. Sturkie
Carter Allbee and Willow Baker — Ms. Still
Alejandra Gutierrez & Bryce Jefferson — Ms. White
Ava Smith & Bridget Thompson — Ms. Higginbotham
Chandler Frickling and Jakayla Young — Ms. Vaughn
Sammie Skinner and Mason Williams — Ms. Boatwright
Victoria Borges & Dylan Davis — Ms. Oxner
Abigail Gartman and Tyler Handwork — Ms. Burnett
Brittany Driggers and Xavier McNeill — Ms. Fedricci
Dalilah Humphries and Shane Mors — Ms. Roeder
Autumn Thomas and Orlando Lopez — Ms. LaCoe
Mallory Lucas Carlos Rivera — Ms. Dingeldein
Allison Covin and Megan Cooper — Ms. Wise
McLane Jett & Savannah Kirby — Ms. Hooper
Jessica Johnson & Luis Garcia — Ms. Cribb
Skyler Perry and Gabi Balleza — Ms. Veselak
Nikki Melton and Drake Still — Ms. Hooker
Will Zueger & Jessilyn Ellison — Ms. Shealy
Sarah Merritt & Ben Mabe — Ms. Hale
Callie Springer & Colton Johnson — Siceloff



These students are being recognized as exceptional leaders at Forts Pond Elementary School.

Quest Zone Update

Looking for great fun and learning after the school day ends? Join The Quest Zone, our innovative afterschool program featuring homework assistance, NFL Play 60, drama, science, art, writing and other special experiences. Conveniently located at Forts Pond Elementary, The QuestZone is a safe, structured, and affordable afterschool care option for working families. Pick up an application at the school office, or call 803-687-7174 for more info today!