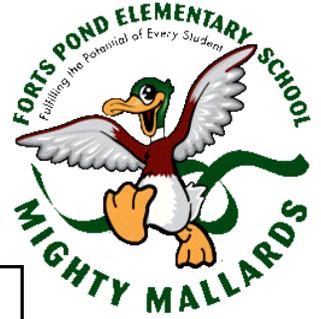


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Special October Dates

September 29-October 3

*Fall Book Fair
Open 7:00am-11:00am

October 1

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

October 2

*PTO Family Bingo Night
6:30pm in the cafeteria

October 6

*Fundraiser Pick-up
1:30pm-5:30pm

October 9

*Fall Pictures

October 16

*End of First Nine Weeks

October 21

*Board Meeting at 7:30pm

October 23

*Report Cards Issued
*Parent/Teacher Conferences
2:30-5:30

October 24

*All Pro Dads at 7:00am

October 31

*Halloween



Mark Your Calendar:

November 2-Standard Time
Begins/Set clock back one hour.

November 4-Election Day/
School Holiday

November 7-Fall Make-up Pictures

Important News

***National Lunch Week**

October 13th-October 17th
Prizes will be given out at
random during lunch each day.

***All Pro Dad's Day**

Friday, October 24th,
7:00am-7:30am in the FPES
Learning Commons. Come and
enjoy some meaningful time with
your child along with a light break
fast. We hope you can join us!

***Morning Drop Off**

Students may not be dropped off at
school prior to 7:00 am. The build-
ing will not be open to students as
supervision 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.

Going Google in Lexington One Elementary Schools!

We are excited that elementary students will now have access to their work, calendars and collaborative tools from anywhere at any time!

Google Apps for Education enables students to create documents, presentations, forms and spreadsheets and to communicate internally using email. Our Google domain provides a safe, secure and closed digital environment for our students and teachers.

Why Google Apps for Education?

- To provide students with access to current technology applications and tools designed to encourage collaboration with other students and with teachers.
- To give students the ability to work on documents in school and at home—anytime, anywhere from any Internet connected device.
- To help students work collaboratively, engage in peer-editing of documents, and publish to a wider audience within Lexington School District One.
- To provide students with digital communication, cloud storage and portfolio opportunities that follow them throughout their student experience in the district.

If you would like to learn more about Google Drive or Google Apps for Education, please visit the following resources:

- Google Apps for Education—Google Website
- Google Docs in Plain English—YouTube Video
- Why Google Apps—YouTube Video



FPES School Improvement/Title One Committee

**We would like to welcome new mem-
bers to our committee.**

Gloria Morales

Mari Dovre

Kim Spears

FPES District Parent Ambassadors

Christina Reynolds

Amy Berned

**A big thank you for your
willingness to serve!**

PTO News

- Wednesday, October 1st—Monster's Inc. Movie Party for all students who sold 8 or more items during the fundraiser.
- Thursday, October 2nd-Family Bingo Night-\$5.00 per person includes dinner and 4 games of bingo. Dinner will be served 5:30pm-6:30pm. Bingo games will be from 6:30pm-8:00pm.
- Bring a new travel size game, deck of cards, book of crossword puzzles on Bingo Night to donate to our soldiers and receive a free space chip (one per person).
- Bring your PTO membership card on Bingo Night and receive a free space chip (one per family).
- Monday, October 6th-First day of our soldier donation drive. Bring in items to donate to soldiers serving in Afghanistan. More in upcoming PTO flyer.
- Monday, October 6th-Fundraiser pick-up in cafeteria from 1:30pm-5:30pm.
- Friday, October 17th-Limo Ride to Sweet Frogs for all students who sold 20 or more items during the fundraiser.

FPES Community Service Project - 2014

We are very excited about our Veteran's Day project for this year. We have discovered the Pelion SC Ruritan Club has initiated a project to build our town a Veteran's Memorial. This will be located adjacent to the Town Hall. This impressive memorial will feature a large U.S. flag surrounded by engraved brick pavers. There will be a special section to honor those veterans killed in action and the site will include two large brick benches to be used for reflection when visiting the site. Special lighting, landscaping and irrigation will complete this project.

The Ruritan Club is seeking those who wish to make a donation to help with this project and those who wish to purchase a brick to be engraved with a veteran's name. You do not have to be a Pelion resident to purchase a brick or to have a brick placed in your honor. We want to honor those currently serving, those who have served and those who died in the service of our great country. Brick pavers will be engraved with the veteran's name, rank, branch of service (and war served if applicable). Brick purchases are \$100.00 each with all proceeds going to funding this memorial site. Deadline for brick purchases is December 10, 2014.

Our first PTO meeting will be on October 2, 2014. We will set up a table to collect donations for our project. We hope you will open your hearts and pockets as FPES collaborates on this community project to honor our men and women for the Pelion Veteran's Memorial. **FPES Goal: \$1,000.00**

For further information regarding Sponsor Donations and the purchase of Brick forms, please contact Diane Rawl at [803-206-1896](tel:803-206-1896).



October Newsletter

Organizational Skills

Imagine a school morning where everyone knows what to do and is ready on time. Sound too good to be true? Well, it's possible! Organization is a skill earned over time. By teaching organization at home, your child will learn this very important skill.

Use the first three habits as a learning tool for you and your child:

Habit 1: Be Proactive

Habit 1 is about initiative and responsibility. Help your child determine what he or she will need for the next day. To start, writing a list may be helpful. Next, have your child gather the non-perishable items and put them in his or her school bag.

Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind

Habit 2 is about visualizing how you would like something to turn out before it happens. If a smooth morning is the goal, brainstorm with your child how that will look and feel like. Your child may actually have time to do something extra in the morning if he or she is organized and you will all have a happy start to the day.

Habit 3: Put First Things

Habit 3 means focusing on the task when there's something else you would rather be doing — the hardest part of all! Help your child learn how to avoid distractions by reminding him or her that, if they stick to it, all the fun things can come right after—with no guilt or nagging!

Once children know these habits, and how to apply them, they can start tackling more difficult tasks independently. They will begin to feel self-confident and proud when they are able to complete other tasks by themselves. They're also sure to be pleased when they find they have some extra free time to do what they'd like to do.

Remember, it may take time to teach your child these skills. Sometimes, it will seem simpler just to do it for them. But remember, your child won't learn how to be independent and successful if you always do it for them. Using Habits 1-3 is a life skill that will benefit them their entire lives.

Measure of Academic Progress Assessment (MAP Testing)

All students in grades 2 through 5 completed MAP testing in September. Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®) are K – 12 interim assessments that measure growth, project proficiency on high-stakes tests, and inform how teachers differentiate instruction, evaluate programs, and structure curriculum.

For additional information on this assessment you may access the Parent Toolkit at <https://www.nwea.org/resources/parent-toolkit/>

This Parent Toolkit was created by NWEA as a resource and guide for parents. It includes Frequently Asked Questions, The Lexile Framework for Reading, Tips for Parents, Web Sites for Kids and Parents, and Commonly Used Terms.

Your child's MAP scores will be discuss at conferences on October 23 and November 20.

Nondiscrimination Statement

Lexington County School District One does not discriminate on the btreatment in asis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or age in admission to, access to, 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.