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Forts Pond Elementary
A Leader in Me School



The
Leader in Me[™]
great happens here

What does it mean to be a *Leader in Me* School?

This means our school follows and teaches the Franklin Covey *7 Habits Program*. The program integrates leadership Principles into our school culture and curriculum, providing students with practical character and life skills relevant to achieving success today and in the future. The Leader in Me provides our school with the vision and language to lead FPES in a way that addresses all areas of development.

What is Forts Pond Elementary School's Mission?

In collaboration with parents and the community, we will Fulfill the Potential of Every Student.

What is Forts Pond's Motto?

Fulfilling the Potential of Every Student

How Can I learn more about the Leader in Me Program?

- Read the book *The Leader in Me* by Stephen Covey or *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey, or *The 7 Habits Of Highly Effective Families* by Stephen Covey.
- Visit the parents section of www.leaderinme.org where you will find resources for parents and a fun student game area.
- Or you can ask any teacher, staff member, administrator or student at Forts Pond more about the 7 Habits.

What are the 7 Habits?

The 7 habits were introduced by Stephen Covey and are habits which have a powerful role in our lives. The students at FPES learn these habits and practice them every day to become better citizens.

- **Habit 1: Be Proactive:**
Take responsibility for your choices and behaviors. I take initiative, I choose my actions, attitudes and moods. I do not blame others. I do the right thing without being asked.
- **Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind:**
Think about how you would like something to turn out before you get started.
Plan ahead and set goals that make a difference and have meaning. Look for ways to be a good citizen and realize you can contribute to your school.
- **Habit 3: Put First Things First:**
Decide what is most important and take care of that first. I set priorities, make a schedule, follow a plan and be disciplined and organized. I say no to things I know I should not do.
- **Habit 4: Think Win-Win:**
Everyone can win, it is not just me or you—it is both of us. When conflicts arise, I look for a win-win solution, I consider other people and their wants.
- **Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood**
It is better to listen first and talk second. I try to see things from others' viewpoints. I listen with my ears, my eyes and my heart. I am confident in voicing my ideas.
- **Habit 6: Synergize:**
Two or more people work together to create a better solution that neither would have thought of alone. I get along with others and value other people's strengths.
- **Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw:**
Have a balance in your life by eating right, exercising, learning and getting enough sleep. I spend time with family and friends, I learn in lots of ways and lots of places and I find ways to help others.

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Special September Dates

September 1

*Labor Day-Holiday

September 4

*End of Fall Fundraiser

September 10

*Early Release Day
Dismiss at 11:40am

September 16

*Board Meeting 7:30pm

September 22

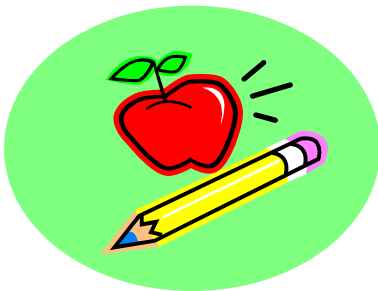
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September 26

*All Pro Dads Meet
7:00am in Learning Commons

September 29-October 3

*Fall Book Fair



Upcoming Events:

October 1

*Early Release Day
Dismiss at 11:40am

October 2 Sharpen The Saw

*Family Bingo Night at FPES
6:30pm in Cafeteria

Welcome Back!

*School starts at 7:35 am. Students will need to be signed in after 7:35 am and are marked tardy after 7:40 am.

*Students that are late must be signed in by an adult. Siblings under 18yrs of age may not sign students in. If students are not signed in, we will call a parent to return to FPES to sign-in students. Please help us with this so we will not have to cause any inconvenience for you.

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

*When visiting campus, please go to the front office to get a pass. Passes to classrooms are not given out during the school day unless prior arrangements have been made. Observation forms are available in the front office and need to be filled out a day in advance. Recess passes are not given out.

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.

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*Transportation changes need be made in writing and sent to school with the student or brought to the school office no later than 1:20 pm. In case of an Emergency, you may call the school to make a change. (You will need your child's last 4 digits of their social security number.) It is very important to establish a routine transportation schedule with your child to avoid confusion.

*Please bring I.D. with you to dismiss your child early from school. Students will not be dismissed after 1:45 p.m. Please send a note to the homeroom teacher if you need to dismiss after that time. A note will be sent down to the classroom for students that normally ride the bus and car riders will follow their normal routine.

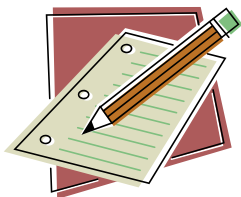
*Car riders are assigned a car number. Please be sure to clearly display this number in the vehicle that is picking up your student. Those without a number displayed will be asked to park and go to the office for identification.

*Smoking is not permitted on FPES school grounds. This also includes inside of vehicles and the parking lot.

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.



What is All Pro Dads' Day?

All Pro Dad's Day is a simple idea with a profound impact. It is a half-hour monthly breakfast held before school where fathers and their children have the opportunity to meet with other dads and kids. During this time, we discuss a wide range of family topics, spend time together, create fun memories, and are equipped with resources to strengthen their relationship.

The first All Pro Dads' Day meeting will be located in the FPES Learning Commons on Friday, September 26th from 7:00am-7:30am.



Keyboarding at Home!!

We need your help! Research and experience have shown us that all students benefit from good keyboarding skills.

Mastering keyboarding is a process that takes a lot of practice and we would like to encourage parents to have your children practice at home.

We have put together a list of resources and more information that can be located on our school website at (<http://fpes.lexington1.net:8039/?p=310>) and we hope that you will take a few minutes to learn more and strongly consider adding keyboarding practice to your home routines for your children.

Scan this QR Code to access more keyboarding information on the FPES website.



Don't miss the Fall Book Fair!

September 29 thru
October 3
7:00am-11:00am
Learning Commons

The book fair will also be open on
Thursday, October 2nd
from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

Have you checked out our Parent Resources in the Learning Commons?

We have a wide assortment of parenting books, DVDs, math resources and much more ...

**Taking the Stress Out of
Raising Great Kids**
by Jim Fay, Charles Fay, Ph.D.
& Foster W. Cline, M.D.



Community Partnerships

We would like to say thank you to several churches and businesses for donations made to our school.

Michelin—Welcome Garden at the front of the school

US Foods—Bookbags and supplies for all 1st graders

Boling Springs United Methodist Church—250 bookbags filled with supplies

United Tabernacle—School supplies

Bethel United Methodist—School supplies and weekend snack pack program

Additional Ways to Stay Connected to FPES

Check out our new website.

Go to www.lexington1.net

Click on Schools Tab

Find Forts Pond Elementary School

Click on WEBSITE tab

Also we have a new Facebook Page

Forts Pond Elementary Mallards

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. Inquiries/complaints regarding Section 504 for elementary students go to the Coordinator of ESOL/Rtl and for secondary students to the Director of Counseling and Advisement. The Mathematics Coordinator handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title II.

Contact these people if you have questions regarding these issues at 100 Tarrar Springs Road, Lexington, SC 29072 and telephone number (803) 821-1000.

