Falcon Flyer - January 15, 2019



Bleacher Dedication



Calendars



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR
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A Special Gift

BELL TOWER BRICKS

From the Head of School

JOHN H. MELTON



Dear Fuqua Families,

Thank you to the 177 families that completed the "sliding-scale" tuition survey I shared with the school community the first week of January. If you missed my earlier letter and you want to learn more about "sliding-scale" tuition, please read these articles from The New York Times and the Richmond Times Dispatch to learn more.

80% of the 177 respondents indicated they would consider participating in a "sliding-scale" tuition program if one were offered at Fugua School. The largest percentage of families who responded (43%) were families of four, with families of three being the second largest percentage respondents (28%). Finally, the largest percentage of families who responded to the question about household income (25%)had annual household income between \$100,000 and \$150,000. 21% of respondents had an annual household income of \$75,000-\$100,000. 20% of respondents had an annual household income of over \$150,000. respondents had an annual household income of \$50,000-\$75,000. 10% of respondents had an annual household income of \$30,000-\$50,000. 6% of



As the School has grown and changed,

some things remain the same. It is, above all else, a community of parents and teachers whose common hond is total commitment educating children for a life of scholarship, leadership and service in an atmosphere of caring and civility. Bell Tower has been centerpiece of the campus since its construction in 1974. As it stands today, it remains a testimony to the steadfastness and unity of the school. The Bell Tower holds the memories of the past and the promise of the future. You purchase can engravable brick in memory or honor of individuals. Bricks make great graduation gifts! Click here for order form.

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Athletics



respondents had an annual household income of \$15,000-\$30,000. And, 2% of respondents had an annual household income under \$15,000.

This information will help us further evaluate the feasibility and benefit of a "sliding-scale" tuition model at Fuqua School. Thank you again to those who responded to the survey. Your input is essential as we contemplate important decisions for the future.

Go Black!

Go Red!

GO FALCONS!

John Melton

Head of School

4th Grade Learns Ukulele



Ukuleles have become an exciting new addition to the fourth grade Students will music program. continue to learn recorder rudimentary music theory to help them when they get to band in fifth grade; however, they now also get to learn basics of picking and chord strumming. Mrs. Foster, who accompanies students with her own ukuleles, has played string instruments for most of her life, so the addition seemed natural in order to provide the younger falcons comprehensive musical more education. Learning to accompany yourself while singing is an enviable Learning ukulele while their skill. hands are small and their brains are pliable will help make the transition to guitar or bass much easier if they choose to continue their musical experiences later in life. The fourth

WINTER SPORTS - BASKETBALL & SWIMMING



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Regular Season Pass Cost:

Student Yearly \$25, Adult Yearly \$50, Family Season \$50, Family Yearly \$150

We Need You!



Volunteers to work concession stands at home basketball games are always needed! Please visit fuquaschool.shutterfly.com to see which dates work for your schedule so you can lend a hand.

<u>Falcon Threads:</u> Shop at <u>your</u> convenience - stop in and stock up! Pick up the key from your division office, shop, and return payment with key!

Kids Night Out:

Aaaand the results are in! We will be putting the Mother Son night on the back burner, and "rolling the dice" on the Kids Night Out event! Please join us for games, snacks, music and FUN on Saturday, January 26, from 6-9pm! Be sure to register to let us know your Falcon is attending and pay at the door! https://goo.gl/forms/xNuev2Ac5paDIb5E2 See you there!

<u>Upcoming</u> <u>events:</u> Sweetheart Ball (02/09/19)



grade students look forward to sharing their new skills at the Grandparents' Day program on May 10, 2019.

STEAM/ARTS Mashup



Mr. Layne and Mrs. Jefferson have been collaborating to introduce Lego Robotics to middle school students. During art class, students are learning how to program with Lego Mindstorm robotic kits. During STEAM Lab, students are learning how to assemble VEX and Jimu robotic kits. The two classes naturally complement each other, and we may see some crossover lessons in the future.

New Technology in STEAM



Lessons in the STEAM lab have been focusing on technology with the addition of new iPads and robots. Sphero, a ball-shaped robot that is about the size of a cue ball, can be coded and programmed. Students particularly like being able to customize the robot's color and sound. They also enjoyed running the robot in the dark. Sphero will be used for many future engineering challenges.

The Merge Cube, which also uses the iPads, is a foam cube that teaches

Red Team vs Black Team

AS OF NOVEMBER 28, 2018



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students about augmented reality, where an imaginary world can be seen within the real world. One app allows students hold to manipulate the entire solar system in their hand as they learn facts about each planet. Another app allows students to learn about body parts like the brain, lungs, and digestive system. Merge Cube goggles can be used for lessons on virtual reality using smartphones. Students were so excited to take turns wearing the goggles for a virtual roller coaster ride.

K/1 and 8th Grade Buddies



The first Friday of every month is a very exciting time on the lower and middle school campus. Not only is it a dress down day, but it's also the day where our 8th grade students get to spend time with their kindergarten or first grade buddy. Each month they work together on different activities. These activities can either be related to an upcoming event or holiday, or focuses on the monthly core value. January's "Buddy Day" was spent focusing on our value of 8th grade the month- RESPECT. students read the book, What if Did That, Everybody by Javernick. The book focuses on what would happen everyone disrespected rules, such as school and bus rules and laws like littering. Following this activity, the K/1 students (with the help of their buddy), followed a respect maze that only allowed them to get to the end if they selected the respectful choices. While the focus was on our core value, many side conversations could be heard about Santa's gifts and

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traveling over the break. As one 8th grader stated as he left to return to his classroom, "Buddy Day is one of my favorite days of the month. It's always fun to see my buddy."

Swayne at the Helm



A familiar face has returned to Fuqua's campus this semester. Esteemed faculty member Rick Swayne has come out of retirement to teach Geometry and College Math. The latter course provides an alternate path for students who have completed Algebra II but want to strengthen skills before graduating or entering Calculus study. Swayne, a former Navv Seal, is known for interjecting wisdom and life skills into all his classes, and this year's offerings are no different. Junior Margaret Walters reported that each day Mr. Swayne begins with a current events discussion. During math instruction, she added, "He makes himself available to answer questions and wants us to have a complete understanding of the topics." The U.S. faculty are also excited to work with their colleague once again.

The Nest



After several key seniors graduated, the student basketball cheering section, The Nest, dwindled in size; however, this winter current students took up the banner and have grown The Nest. There's no denying how motivating an enthusiastic student body can be. Using social media, spirited fans have encouraged a larger student turnout with theme



nights. Sporting Camo, White-out, and Americana-themed apparel, members of The Nest cheer and add their own special touches with duck calls and chants. Since the revival of The Nest, the Varsity Boys basketball team hasn't faced a loss at home. Most recently, Fuqua alumni home from college joined The Nest. Come out and catch the Falcon Spirit yourself this winter!

1st Semester Lower School Awards



Mrs. Wiecking's Class Good Manners- Yousef Hayat Awesome Attitude- Maebry Allen Good Friend- Liam Johnson Hard Worker- Avery Allen Helping Hands- Asante West-Murad

Mrs. Maggie Johnson's Class
Awesome Attitude- Daphne Stone
Good Friend- Logan Chernault
Hard Worker- Kennedy Simpson
Helping Hands- Jayla Simmons

Mrs. Carilli's Class

Core Values- Ellie Gilley
Awesome Attitude- Mason Fitzgerald
Good Friend- Allie Franklin
Hard Worker- Emerson Martin
Helping Hands- Landon Redford

Mrs. Susan Johnson's Class

Core Values- Kinley Tucker
Awesome Attitude- Lexi Cook
Good Friend- Carter Rostan
Hard Worker- Kinsley Showalter
Helping Hands- Caleb Eason

Mrs. Barton's Class

Core Values- Wyatt Tucker Awesome Attitude- Clay Austin Good Friend- Carly Hazlegrove Hard Worker- McKinley Bergeron



Helping Hands- Collins Easter

Mrs. Williams' Class

Core Values- Aubrie Overstreet Awesome Attitude- Teagan McKinney Good Friend- Kyle Redford Hard Worker- Lena Salamo Helping Hands- Kenna Schmidt

Mrs. Tucker's Class

Core Values- LottieMae Hazlegrove Awesome Attitude- Malaika Ahmed Good Friend- Murphy Witko Hard Worker- Silas Bego Helping Hands- Mary Reagan Phaup

Mrs. Allen's Class

Core Values- Joel Layne
Awesome Attitude- Emma Grant
Good Friend- Nathan Davis
Hard Worker- Elizabeth Ledger
Helping Hands- Rudee Atkinson

Holiday Breakfast and a Movie



The middle school students enjoyed the annual tradition of celebrating the holidays with a division-wide breakfast. Students and teachers gathered in the Lower/Middle School Gym for breakfast pizza, parfaits, fresh fruit, juice and holiday tunes. They ate and socialized and spent some down time together before the break. Following their breakfast, these students loaded buses and headed to Sunchase Cinema to watch the 2018 version of The Grinch. The middle schoolers had a wonderful time celebrating the holidays together! A special thank you to those parents who volunteered their time to set up the decorations and food for our holiday breakfast.



Seniors Tour the Big Apple



In mid-December, 33 members of the Class of '19 headed north to New York for a whirlwind trip with our own Upper School Head Jennings Custis as their tour leader. This prelude to Christmas break has become something of an annual tradition for the senior class. Several Fuqua alums, teachers, and parents joined the group which managed to squeeze in a host of sites and attractions including Wall Street, multiple Broadway shows, Mme. Tussaud's Wax Museum, The 9-11 Memorial, Trump Tower, and Central Park. Student Candace Pembleton said she loved the musical Wicked, sharing "It was the best Broadway show ever!" One special experience arranged by Mr. Custis this year was a studio visit to Good Morning America to tape a New Year's episode. All the lucky class members and chaperones were seated in the audience to help ring in 2019!

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