

Finn Hill Middle School Matters

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Seventh Edition



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Updates & New Information

Hiring

Yesterday, we concluded our interview process for a full-time Special Education teacher. We hope to select someone by next week.

Attendance

On Monday, October 19th, FHMS will send begin to send attendance letters and calls home.

6th Grade Family Informational Workshop

On Tuesday October 20th, we are cordially inviting all sixth grade families to join us for our presentation. Sixth grade teachers will provide a wealth of information regarding middle school and how we plan to support Sixth grade students and families.

Java with Joseph

Thursday, October 22nd, I will host a meeting for parents and guardians. We will discuss selected topics on FHMS. More details for this event will be forthcoming on Monday.

[Finn Hill Middle School
Schedule Link](#)

Content Library Links

You can visit each of these OneNote content libraries for grade level information and weekly overviews for core classes.

[6th Grade OneNote](#)

[7th Grade OneNote](#)

[8th Grade OneNote](#)

Upcoming Event:

“Help! My Child is a 6th Grader!”

What: Virtual informational workshop for parents/guardians of 6th grade students.

When: Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30 PM

Library News

“No-contact book check out is now available.

Please follow the instructions Mr. Strong has posted on the library Teams page. All holds must be placed by Friday, pick-up can only occur on Mondays from 2 to 4 per district safety guidelines.”

Announcements

October Birthdays: Please submit the **day** and **month** of your child(ren)'s birthday during the coinciding month. Ideally, Your submission should be sent at the beginning of the month.

CRAWFORD	LESLEY	10	16
COLEMAN	ELIZABETH	10	19
MCGIBBON	KERRI	10	25
SPIER	ELIZABETH	10	28

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Where we are headed next!

Develop Grading and Attendance Policies

After reviewing both quantitative and qualitative data, it is abundantly clear that we need to strengthen our attendance and grading policies. We will address the FHMS attendance and grading policies. FHMS staff has been discussing the pros and cons with the current policy, which was designed for in-person learning.

The plan moving forward is to develop an ad hoc committee to address and update the current policy. The committee will be comprised of teachers, administrators, and family members. This will be a topic on next week's PTSA agenda. More information will be forthcoming shortly.

The rationale to include family members is obvious, we want to know how we can best support your household during these unusual circumstances. Please consider this as an invitation to participate on the committee or give your feedback to me. Understanding that not everyone can be on the committee for myriad of reasons, we want to send this open invitation to the entire FHMS community.

Shout-Outs-

Please forward any shout-out to me by Thursday of each week!

- Shoutout to Lesley Crawford, Taylor Holland, Tanner Williams and Kerri McGibbon for welcoming a newcomer and short timer into their Health/PE class crew. They have been fun to collaborate with and have been extremely helpful sharing ideas, lessons and their time with me.
- Shout out to Sara Erikson – Congratulations on the nuptials!
- Shout-Out to FHMS-PTSA for their tremendous support with Picture Day!
- Shout- Out to the Front Office Staff for organizing a safe, and efficient Picture Day!
- Shout- Out to Liza Duncan and Ron for their collaboration with the FHMS Administration to create optimal communication opportunities!
- Shout-Out to 6th grade teachers for organizing the Sixth Grade Family Workshop!
- Shout-Out to FHMS Staff for supporting students with your collaborative spirit and brilliant thinking!

Helpful Links

- TSA (Technology Student Association):

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1602257238/lwsdorg/siwehl29wqllefo2tcsq/TSAAnnouncement.pdf>

- PTSA Reflections Art Contest

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1602786502/lwsdorg/wcokapyej8ydc8pcfzoh/PTSAReflectionsflyerinfo.pdf>

- TSA Information - First meetin moved to Oct. 22nd:g

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1602784914/lwsdorg/p6mzihdkbwstudfhxv0z/TSAflyer_updated.pdf

- G.L.O.W. Club Flyer (Gay, Lesbian, or Whatever Club):

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1602005563/lwsdorg/pvqiza7m2zuozz8gohs0/GLOWPoster.pdf>

- Yearbook Sale Ad

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1602170273/lwsdorg/hdmshzpkkyok6fzu0cnzwe/YearbookFlyer_FullAd.png

Once again, we thank each of you for helping to make remote learning successful. Have a great weekend!



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