



# The Firebird Screams

"Ask not for whom the Firebird screams, he screams for you!" - Fred the Firebird

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## May Dates to

### Remember:

May 3-7 - Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 4 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm  
May 10 - PTA General Meeting, 7pm  
May 14 - ES Field Day  
May 14 - Movie Night, 7pm  
May 17-28 - End of Grade Testing  
May 18 - Board Meeting (if called), 6:30pm  
May 25 - PAC Meeting, 6pm  
May 27 - MS Field Day  
May 28 - Last Day of School for Students  
May 31 - Holiday, Memorial Day

## June Dates to

### Remember:

Jun. 1-4 - Teacher Workdays  
Jun. 5 - Graduation, 10am  
Jun. 23 - FAST Registration for 2021-22 School Year

## Message from Mrs. Hobgood

Dear Parents,

Once again, we have some adjustments to the COVID safety guidelines. Please see the message below from NCDPI and NCDHHS.

"NCDHHS is working to update all state guidance, including the Strong-SchoolsNC Toolkit, in alignment with Governor Cooper's updated executive order that will lift mask requirements when outside beginning Friday, April 30th. The Toolkit should be updated in accordance with the updated executive order by Tuesday of next week, May 4th. Schools may lift mask restrictions when outdoors beginning April 30 when Executive Order 209 took effect."

Therefore, students will no longer be required to wear masks while outdoors. However, students ALWAYS have the option of doing so. Student athletes are also no longer required to wear masks for outdoor sports only per the NCHSAA and NCDHHS.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding these new guidelines.

Thank you,  
Amy Hobgood



Tuesday, May 4th @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 18th (if called) @ 6:30pm

## Important Reminders!



### **Middle School Students ONLY!**

Thursday, May 20th and Friday, May 21st  
Students will release at 1pm.

**May 28th - Last Day of School for Students;  
Early Release Day for Students & Staff**

## End of Grade Testing Schedule

Below you will find a schedule of the testing sessions: (subject to change)

### Elementary School

Monday, May 17, 2021 – Reading EOG for Grades 3, 4, and 5

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 – Math EOG for Grades 3, 4, and 5

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 - Science EOG for Grade 5

### Middle School

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 - Science EOG for Grade 8

Thursday, May 20, 2021 - Reading EOG for Grades 6, 7, and 8

Friday, May 21, 2021 - Math EOG for Grades 6, 7, and 8

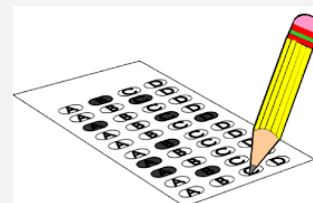
### High School (\*\*Only EOCs will be tested on campus during this week\*\*)

Monday, May 24, 2021 - 1st Period Exam

Tuesday, May 25, 2021– 2nd Period Exam

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 - 3rd Period Exam

Thursday, May 27, 2021 - 4th Period Exam



## Teacher Assistant of the Month



Mrs. Nancy Pendergrass is our TA for the month of May. She is the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher assistant and she is also our lunch coordinator and we really appreciate all that she does. She is referred to as a chameleon because she is ready to adapt to any and all situations. She is given task and no matter how challenging they are, she gets it done and never complains. You can see how much she loves the kids and the staff that she works with. We want to let her know how much she is loved and appreciated. Thank you Mrs. Pendergrass for all you do.

## Special Acknowledgements

Keyon Green, one of your seniors, completed his senior project about The Dangers of Distracted Driving. Following his presentation, he decided to share a copy of his paper with the Chief of Police for Butner Public Safety. The chief was so impressed with Keyon's research and his paper that Keyon was invited to meet with the chief and the mayor of Butner. He went to see them this past Thursday morning, and Mr. Whitt, as well as Maggie Bass from our yearbook staff went with him. He said that things went very well and everyone enjoyed the visit.

Keyon is planning on attending William Peace College in the fall with the intent to play baseball for them.

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Mrs. Shannon Thomas has been working with kindergarten students in Mrs. Tunstall and Mrs. Hemenway's kindergarten classroom during her internship at Falls Lake Academy. She will be graduating from ECU on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. She was voted by the faculty in the Department of Human Development and Family Science as the outstanding Birth-Kindergarten Teacher Education-DE Cohort graduate for Spring 2021. This honor was bestowed upon a graduating student who exhibits leadership, professionalism, and future success.



Bring your lawn chairs and join your Firebird Family for an outdoor  
MOVIE NIGHT Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>!

We will be showing The Sandlot

Food trucks will be serving pizza, hot dogs, nachos, drinks, shaved ice, and more! The fun begins at 6:30pm and movie starts at dark. Due to COVID regulations, we are limited to 200 attendees so please sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084da8ac22a31-family>

\*All COVID safety guidelines will be followed during this event as required or recommended by NCDHHS.

## DIY Craft Camp for Girls: Mermaids and Unicorns

There will be 2 session options. Both sessions will have the same crafts.

**For:** FLA Girls...Rising 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and up

**Location:** FLA, room 206

**Session 1:** June 14-18

**Session 2:** June 21-25

**Time:** 9am-2pm (bring lunch)

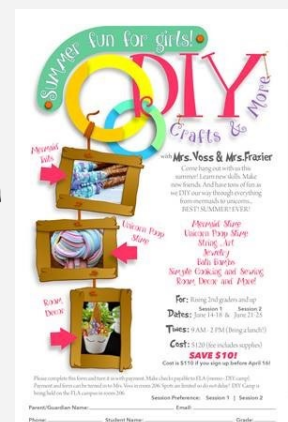
**Cost:** \$120 (including supplies)

COVID safety precautions in place.

Email [mollyvoss@fallslakeacademy.com](mailto:mollyvoss@fallslakeacademy.com) with questions or to request a sign up form.

Return payment to Mrs. Voss or Mrs. Frazier in room 206 or the front office.

(Checks are made payable to Falls Lake Academy)





**Elementary - Friday, May 14th**

**Middle School - Thursday, May 27th**

*Teacher of the Year*



# Congratulations!

Falls Lake Academy is excited to announce the Teachers of the Year and Teacher Assistant of the Year.



## **Elementary Teacher of the Year - Mrs. Hannah Proctor**

This year Mrs. Proctor, our Speech-Pathologist, has done an extraordinary job of supporting our students. Mrs. Proctor is one of the only educators on our campus that works with students across all grade levels. During any year she provides students with individualized instruction to support diverse learning needs. A school year during a pandemic meant that she did this in a brand new way. Mrs. Proctor taught students both in-person and remotely. She made sure that families had equal access to her and that her students' were meaningfully engaged in learning. Mrs. Proctor is an outstanding educator and FLA is incredibly lucky to have her as part of our Firebird family.



## **Middle School Teacher of the Year - Mr. Dale Mettam**

Congratulations to Mr. Mettam! He is very deserving of this honor; his dedication and devotion to his students is remarkable. He supports his students both in art and in life so that they can be the best they can be. Thank you Mr. Mettam!



## **High School Teacher of the Year - Mrs. Kim Landis**

Mrs. Landis is a lifelong student of learning. She continues to further her education and knowledge in teaching to ensure success for each of her students. She gives 200% each day to make her students and peers the best person they can be. Her work as a teacher never stops her dedication to student success is day in and day out. She sees the best in our students even when they can't see it in themselves. If I could clone Mrs. Landis, I would.



## **Teacher Assistant of the Year - Mrs. Nancy Pendergrass**

Nancy is a huge asset to the Falls Lake Academy students and staff. She wears many hats here at FLA, and is able to adapt to any and all situations that present themselves. She gets the task done and more times than not, better than anticipated. Her creativity can be seen throughout the classrooms that she serves. Nancy is well respected by all students and doesn't hesitate to share a hug to anyone that may be in need. Nancy is rarely absent but when she is, she is sorely missed by staff and students. Her presence in the classroom is irreplaceable, we are so thankful for her dedication to all at Falls Lake Academy.

# Final Report Cards

Final report cards will be sent to parents electronically, however if you would like to request a paper copy please turn in a pre-addressed and pre-stamped envelope to your student's PAA before Friday, May 21st, and a copy will be mailed to you.



# FAST Summer Camp

**June 7th thru July 16th**

**From 7:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m.**

**Cost \$110 a week or \$600.00 for the entire camp**

FAST will be offering a fun and exciting summer camp this summer for students in grades K-5.

Our days will consist of structured learning activities as well as fun indoor and outdoor activities. Each week will have a different theme. Come join us for a fun and exciting time!

Kids must bring a snack, lunch and a mask daily.

Covid precautions will still apply.



Email [FAST@fallslakeacademy.com](mailto:FAST@fallslakeacademy.com) with questions or to request a registration form.

Return payment to Mrs. Watkins or Mrs. Jones or the front office.  
(Checks are made payable to Falls Lake Academy)

# 2021-2022 FAST Registration

**Wednesday, June 23rd**

**Beginning at 6pm**

Application Fee \$25 per child (non-refundable)

Parents/Guardians must sign up their own children.

We will be offering Full Time and Part Time Slots.

# 2021-2022 FAST Rates

## Grades K - 8

| 5 Days a Week | Monthly Rate |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1 Child       | \$182        |
| 2 Children    | \$339.50     |
| 3 Children    | \$476        |

| 3 Days a Week | Monthly Rate |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1 Child       | \$112        |
| 2 Children    | \$206.50     |
| 3 Children    | \$288.50     |

| 2 Days a Week | Monthly Rate |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1 Child       | \$77         |
| 2 Children    | \$140        |
| 3 Children    | \$194        |

## Grades 9 - 12

| 5 Days a Week | Monthly Rate |
|---------------|--------------|
| Per Child     | \$96.50      |

| 3 Days a Week | Monthly Rate |
|---------------|--------------|
| Per Child     | \$61         |

| 2 Days a Week | Monthly Rate |
|---------------|--------------|
| Per Child     | \$43         |

DROP-IN rate \$20 a day.

Drop In Available with permission from FAST Coordinator.

## Important Notices:

- Program has limited spaces
- FAST does not operate on Early Release nor on Inclement Weather Days
- All monthly rates cover days school is in session (breaks are already accounted for in the monthly rate)
- No Refunds!
- Monthly FEE must be paid every month if student is in a sport. The payment reserves the students spot so that it is not given to another student needing after school care.
- Payments are Due the 1st of each month. (Beginning August 2021 and ending May 2022 [Except for the month of August, Payment is Due August 10th])

*Well that's all for this addition of the Screamer, enjoy your summer break...until next time...*

