



The Firebird Screams

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

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January Dates to

Remember:

Jan. 2 - Lottery Opens

Jan. 3 - Teacher Workday

Jan. 4 - Board Meeting,
6:30pm

Jan. 7 - Report Cards go
Home

Jan. 11 - PreACT; 10th Grade
Only

Jan. 17 - Holiday - Martin
Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 18 - Board Meeting (if
called), 6:30pm

Jan. 20 - Ident-a-kid Make-Up
Picture Day; Grades K-5

Jan. 20-22 - Theatre Winter
Production

Message from Mrs. Hobgood

Firebirds,

Happy New Year! We are ready for a fantastic 2022. As we return to school after winter break, we want to make sure all families understand the updated guidance regarding COVID-19. Please see the summary below from Nurse Ruffin regarding our COVID-19 protocols.

Covid-19 updated Guidance for Quarantine:

If you test positive, regardless of vaccination status you should quarantine for 5 days, then practice an additional 5 days of strict mask wearing to minimize the risk of infecting others.

If you are exposed to a positive individual and are fully vaccinated then you do not have to quarantine but should continue to monitor your symptoms.

If you are exposed to a positive individual and you are unvaccinated or vaccinated and eligible for a booster but have not received your booster you must quarantine for 5 days and then practice an additional 5 days of strict mask wearing to reduce the risk of infecting others. Be mindful that the 5 day quarantine does not start until you are isolated from the positive individual.

*We will continue to practice universal masking while indoors for all K-12 grades and staff. Please make sure your student brings a mask **daily**.*

*As always we ask that if your child is not feeling well please do not send them to school. Falls Lake Academy would like to prevent the spread of **ALL** illnesses and keep everyone healthy and safe.*

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to keep students in school and healthy! Remember to bring a mask to school everyday!

Mrs. Hobgood



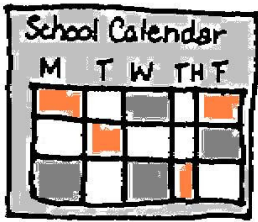
Tuesday, January 4th @ 6:30pm

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

Link to Live Stream:

<https://live.myvrspot.com/player?udi=ZmFsbHNsYWtIYWNhZGVteQ%3D%3D&c=ZmxhMQ%3D%3D>

2022-2023 School Year Calendar



The Board of Directors has approved the calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. It can be found on our website at www.fallslakeacademy.com. It is also attached in the Schools Newsletter - the Screamer email.

Reminder NO SCHOOL

Teacher Workday -

January 3rd

Martin Luther King Day-

January 17th

Inclement Weather reminder

The winter season is upon us once again. Just a brief reminder of how you'll now what's going on when Falls Lake Academy opens late, dismisses early or closes for inclement weather - information will go out to parents via the following:

- * FLA Website
- * Jupiter Message to Parents
- * Phone Message to Parents
- * Facebook
- * Local News Stations
 - WRAL Channel 5
 - ABC Channel 11



When there is snow or ice on the ground or in the air, we try to put out information about our opening or closing status no later than 6:00am. If possible, we will put it out earlier than that, even the night before if we can make a decision in time.

But remember: Our winter weather plans are **NOT** aligned with other district public schools. Falls Lake Academy operates independently of local school districts and may have school when other schools do not. We do not operate buses and have more flexibility to open school when it is safe to do so. We serve families in 9 different counties, so there will be times that the roads may be clear around our school but are not clear near your home. Always use your best judgement when deciding to transport your child to school and never travel if you feel it is unsafe to do so. Weather related absences are excused with a note to your child's PAA.

Teacher Assistant of the Month



Mrs. Robin Thomas is our TA of the month. Mrs. Thomas is one of our 1st grade TA and has 2 kids that attend FLA. Mrs. Thomas is hard working and dedicated to the kids. She is very organized and crafty and has a love for all of our students. She is truly an asset our school and we appreciate all that she does.

PreACT - 10th Grade

Testing Date: January 11, 2022

Ident-a-Kid Make-up Picture Day Grades K-5 ONLY!

Thursday, January 20th

Link to order form: <https://identakid.com/files/online-app-1.pdf>



FAST Summer Camp

June 6th thru July 8th
From 7:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.

Cost \$130 a week (\$650.00 for the entire camp)

Special Offer:

Save \$25 if you Pay 5 Weeks Upfront

FAST will be offering a fun and exciting summer camp this summer for students in grades 1-5. Incoming Kindergarteners are welcome, if they have a current sibling attending Falls Lake Academy. Space is limited!

Email FAST@fallslakeacademy.com with questions or to request a registration form.

Return payment to Mrs. Watkins or Mrs. Jones or the front office.

Checks made payable to Falls Lake Academy



FLA PTA'S BINGO NIGHT IS BACK!

Saturday, February 12, 2022

More details to come. If interested in serving on the planning committee, email the PTA at fallslakeacademypta@gmail.com.

THE FLA PTA NEEDS YOU!

Interested in helping to plan events for FLA students, staff, and the community? The FLA PTA has lots of opportunities to get involved. Serving on a committee is a great way to get family volunteer hours! If interesting in being a part of a PTA planning committee for the Spring semester, email the PTA at fallslakeacademypta@gmail.com.



Committee Opportunities include:

Bingo Night Planning Committee – Help plan for this FUN event that is open to the whole community!

Hospitality Committee – Help plan events focused on showing our amazing FLA faculty and staff some love, including Firebird Fridays and Teacher Appreciation Week.

Elementary Committee – Help plan fun events and activities for our FLA elementary students.

Middle School Committee – Help plan fun events and activities for our FLA middle school students.

High School Committee – Help plan fun events and activities for our FLA high school students, including our popular Adopt-A-Senior event.



COME JOIN US!

Not yet a FLA PTA member? Visit <https://fallslakeacademy.memberhub.com/store> to join TODAY. Being a member gives you a voice in your local PTA.



In honor of **Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King's birthday**, this month FLA's Diversity Task Force is highlighting the very diverse interests and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We invite you to honor his legacy by stepping out of your comfort zone and doing something "inclusive" this month.

Dr. King's birth name was Michael, not Martin. In 1934, his father, a pastor at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, traveled to Germany and became inspired by the Protestant Reformation leader Martin Luther. As a result, King Sr. changed his own name as well as that of his 5-year-old son.

Dr. King worked hard and excelled in school (skipping 9th and 12th grade) **graduating high school at the tender age of 15 and immediately enrolling in 1944 at Morehouse College**, the alma mater of his father and maternal grandfather. He graduated with a degree in sociology.

Dr. King received his doctorate in systematic theology.

After earning a divinity degree from Pennsylvania's Crozer Theological Seminary, King attended graduate school at Boston University, where he received his Ph.D. degree in 1955.

Dr. King's 'I Have a Dream' speech was not his first at the Lincoln Memorial.

Six years before his iconic oration at the March on Washington, King was among the civil rights leaders who spoke in the shadow of the Great Emancipator during the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom on May 17, 1957. Before a crowd estimated at between 15,000 and 30,000, King delivered his first national address on the topic of voting rights.

Dr. King was a powerful advocate for music. He took a special interest in Jazz. In a piece written for the 1964 Berlin Jazz Festival, Dr. King wrote "God has wrought many things out of oppression. He has endowed his creatures with the capacity to create, and from this capacity has flowed the sweet songs of sorrow and joy that have allowed man to cope with his environment and many different situations. Jazz speaks for life..."

Dr. King also had a powerful influence on folk and gospel musicians in the 1960s, including Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Mahalia Jackson, and Nina Simone, all of whom performed at the 1963 March on Washington.

<https://internationalmusician.org/martin-luther-king/>

Well that's all for this addition of the Screamer, until next time.....

-Fred the Firebird

