



DECEMBER 3, 2021

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December Dates to Remember:

Dec. 7 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm

Dec. 8 - HS/MS Winter Band Concert, 6:30pm

Dec. 10 - Reindeer Games (Elementary)

Dec. 13-17 - HS Exams

Dec. 13 - PTA Board Meeting, 6pm

Dec. 13 - PTA General Meeting, 7pm

Dec. 17 - End of 2nd Quarter

Dec. 17 - Early Release Day

Dec. 20-31 - Christmas/Winter Break

Dec. 21 - Board Meeting (if called), 6:30pm

Message from Mrs. Hobgood

Dear Parents,

The Board of Directors is in need of new members for the next term. Board members make important decisions regarding school business and support our staff and Firebird Families. This is an excellent way to give back to our school. The board is accepting applications for the upcoming 3 year term (April 2022-March 2025). If you are interested in serving and leading, please consider submitting your application.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPefp6x523oUamJuvDlnVL6taFz4Rw5My4ee-6sUlccWoCCw/viewform>



Tuesday, December 7th @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 21st (if called) @ 6:30pm

Link to Live Stream:

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



This year we are replacing our annual Giving Tree with a Gift Card Drive. We will be collecting gift cards to give out to families in our community that are in need of a little help this holiday season. We will be collecting gift cards in the amounts of \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, and \$25 dollars. We need gift cards for Food Lion, Wal-Mart, Target, Sam's Club, and Costco. If you would like to participate, please have your donations to either Lisa Watkins or Amanda Moore in the lower school by Friday, December 10th.



Friday, December 17th –
Early Release Day

Monday – Friday, December 20th–31st
School Closed – Christmas/Winter Break

Monday, January 3rd –
Teacher Workday – No school for students



Senior Movie
Night
December 3rd



Morning Math Assistance Program

Struggling with Math? Need help on a few Math problems?

Come join Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Holcombe for Math support

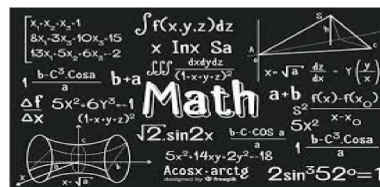
Monday-7:15-7:55-**Sixth** grade students

Tuesday-7:15-7:55-**Seventh** grade students

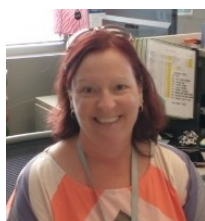
Wednesday-7:15-7:55-**Eighth** grade students

Room: 402

Come every week or as needed. No need to sign up JUST show up!



Teacher Assistant of the Month



Mrs. Coker is our Teacher Assistant for the month of December. Mrs. Coker has 2 kids that attend FLA and she has a love for students and our school. She is an assistant for 4th, 5th grade as well works at the front desk in our high school. She is hard working and builds a good relationship with the kids. She is always willing to help out wherever she is needed and when our teachers have to be out she cares the class as if they were here. We are thankful to have her as a part of school and family.



This month FLA's Diversity Task Force is highlighting six of the many holidays that occur around this time of year:



Chinese New Year will begin on February 1st, 2022. It is a 15-day long festival where people reflect on the past year and look forward to the next one. Celebrations for Chinese New Year include setting off fireworks and giving money to children in red envelopes meant to bring good luck. There is also a Dragon Parade which is meant to scare away evil spirits and bring wisdom and power.



Christmas is a Christian holiday where believers celebrate the day of Jesus Christ's birth, which is told in the New Testament books of Matthew and Luke. It falls on December 25th each year, and it is usually celebrated with decorating homes, giving gifts, singing songs, and eating special foods.



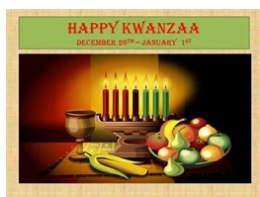
Diwali (coming from the Sanskrit word *deepavali*, meaning "rows of lighted lamps") is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains around the world. This celebration is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. Some of its traditions shared between the faiths include the lighting of oil lamps (called *diyas*) and fireworks, as well as people taking time to celebrate with their relatives through feasts and sweet treats. (Ohrt)



Hanukkah is a Jewish celebration lasting 8 days that occurs between late November and early December. It is celebrated by lighting the menorah, an 8-branched candelabrum, and by eating food fried in oil. It is also customary to give small gifts to children during Hanukkah.



Japanese citizens celebrate **Omisoka** on December 31 to prepare for the new year by cleaning and purifying their homes, joining a feast with friends and family, and watching a national singing competition while counting down to midnight when temple bells begin to ring out. Some families visit Shinto shrines while others share bowls of toshikoshi-soba, long noodles that symbolize long life. Eat up during this celebration, because it's unlucky to cook in your kitchen during the first three days of the New Year!



Kwanzaa is a week long celebration held in the United States to honor universal African heritage and culture. People light a kinara (candle holder with seven candles) and give each other gifts from December 26th – January 1st.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT



SENIOR POLLINATOR GARDEN

**WE HAVE STARTED AND MAINTAINED A GARDEN IN
FRONT OF THE SOUTH GRANVILLE SENIOR CENTER**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WATER
AND OCCASIONALLY WORK ON GARDEN SEASONALLY**

**PLEASE CONTACT ROSE CONNOR
919-717-2194 ABOUT SCHEDULING
AND LORI SCAPPINO
ABOUT GARDEN 919-264-7459**

**ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH
GRANVILLE COUNTY
WATERS THE GARDEN
TWICE A WEEK
(DAYS ARE FLEXIBLE)**

**ALL YOUTH
VOLUNTEERS
MUST HAVE
AN ADULT
WITH THEM
AT THE
GARDEN**

**SIGN UP THROUGH
THIS LINK:**

**[https://forms.gle/GZU
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**JOIN US
SOUTH GRANVILLE
ROTARY CLUB**

**MEETS EVERY TUESDAY
AT 6:30 PM
South Granville
Country Club
2539 Sam Moss Hayes Rd,
Creedmoor**

If you would like to donate any items to be included with the Senior Gift Bags you can drop those items off in the FLA Elementary/Middle School front office. Just make a note that they are for Mrs. Graham who will get them to the Rotary Club.

Rotary 
Club of South Granville County
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT



SENIOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

**WE ARE COLLECTING PERSONAL
HYGEINE ITEMS FOR THE HOLIDAYS
COLLECTIONS STARTING NOVEMBER 1, 2021
OUR GOAL IS TO GIVE OUT 125 GIFT BAGS
DROP OFFS - TUESDAYS AT ROTARY
MEETINGS AND MULE TOWN VETERINARY
HOSPITAL, CREEDMOOR**

**LAST DAY TO DROP OFF
NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

**PLEASE CONTACT ANGELA ALLEN FOR
MORE INFORMATION, 919-725-6486**

**SOUTH GRANVILLE ROTARY
CLUB HOSTED HOLIDAY
DRIVE THRU EVENT IN
DECEMBER 2020 THAT GAVE
GIFTS TO 100 SENIORS IN
THE COMMUNITY**

**ON DECEMBER 3RD,
WE'LL HAVE DRIVE-
THRU HOLIDAY EVENT
AT THE SOUTH
GRANVILLE SENIOR
CENTER LOCATED 114
DOUGLAS DR,
CREEDMOOR FROM
11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM**

**CHECK OUT OUR FULL
LIST AND SIGN UP AT**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4AAEAC23AAFC1-granville1-granville1>

**SOUTH GRANVILLE
ROTARY CLUB**

**MEETS EVERY TUESDAY
AT 6:30 PM
SOUTH GRANVILLE COUNTRY CLUB
2539 Sam Moss Hayes Rd,
Creedmoor**

*Have a restful winter break. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! ...until next year.....
-Fred the Firebird*

