



The Firebird Screams

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

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March Dates to Remember:

- Mar 1 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm*
- Mar 1 - Lottery Closes, 5pm*
- Mar 4 - MS Mardi Gras Dance*
- Mar 9 - Statewide Tornado Drill*
- Mar 10 - End of 3rd Quarter*
- Mar 11 - Teacher Workday*
- Mar 14 - PTA Board Meeting, 6:00pm*
- Mar 14 - PTA General Meeting, 7:00pm*
- Mar 15 - Spring Picture Day*
- Mar 15 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm - (if called)*
- Mar 18 - Report Cards go Home*
- Mar 18 - Lottery via Zoom, 10am*
- Mar 18 - ES St. Patty's Dance*
- Mar 21 - Wellness Day - No School*
- Mar 22 - PAC Meeting, 6:00pm*
- Mar 23-25 - MS Theatre One Acts, 7pm - MS Gym*
- Mar 31 - Kindergarten Music Concert, 6:30pm - MS Gym*

Message from Mrs. Hobgood

Dear Parents,
 We are excited for our lottery that is scheduled for March 18th. There were 972 applications for 239 enrollment slots. This year our public lottery will take place via Zoom on March 18, 2021 at 10am. We are looking forward to meeting our new Firebirds and their families.

Zoom Link Information below:

When: Mar 18, 2022 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Falls Lake Academy 2022-2023 Lottery

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88201589504?pwd=VWJJUkZUcGpZc1dibXFLUjZQQRqdz09>

Passcode: 480500

Or One tap mobile :

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+19292056099,,88201589504#

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Webinar ID: 882 0158 9504



Tuesday, March 1st @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 15th (if called) @ 6:30pm

Link to Live Stream:

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

CHANGE IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Three of FLA's board members were recently recognized for the years of service on the FLA Board of Directors. Mrs. Samantha Dale, Mrs. Gina Stinnett and Mr. Willie Owens recently completed their terms as BOD members. Mrs. Dale, Mrs. Stinnett and Mr. Owens were celebrated for their dedication and commitment to the establishment of Falls Lake Academy. They have volunteered countless hours to the planning, development and governance of our great school. THANK YOU for your service from the entire Firebird Family! Enjoy your "board retirement".

We would also like to welcome two new board members!
Trey Brooks and Donald Ennis

Meet Our New Board of Directors



Trey Brooks:

Trey Brooks is a Granville County native, who has resided in Wake County the last 20 years, spending the last 12 years serving in the Finance community. He met his wonderful wife while attending NC State, and they have 3 children Hailey (10), Molly (9) and Camden (6). He looks forward to returning to Granville County; and feels blessed to have the opportunity to serve on the Falls Lake Academy Board.

He is excited to support the students, parents, faculty, and greater Falls Lake Academy community allowing the school to thrive and continue on its bright path forward.



Donald Ennis:

I am a husband, father, and firefighter who grew up in Durham and relocated to Granville County in 2018. I have been married to my amazing wife Kimberly for 10 years and we cherish our vibrant young 4-year-old son Zane. I am currently employed by the City of Durham Fire Department since 2011 and currently hold the rank of Driver. I am a member of the NC Task Force 8 USAR team and specialize in structural collapse. I am a certified Advanced EMT and currently teach future firefighters in the Durham Fire Department Academy. I have a background in residential construction with over 20 years of experience and still continue with a small carpentry business. I am an extremely hard-working and motivated individual who is dedicated to learning and growing as a parent and board member.

Attendance Reminders:

ABSENCES: Absences are excused for the following reasons only:

1. Illness or injury requiring hospitalization, bed rest, or parent-approved recuperation time at home.
2. Medical quarantine imposed by the Health Department.
3. Religious observance (parents must request excused absences status for this in advance).
4. Death in the immediate family.
5. Medical or dental appointment (excused only when a doctor's or dentist's note is presented).
6. Special circumstances requested by the parents and approved by the school Director.

When a student returns to school after an absence, he/she must bring a written note from home, signed and dated by the parent, stating the reason(s) for the student's absence and indicating the date(s) of the absence.

Important Notice:

Family Trips and Vacations are considered unexcused absences.

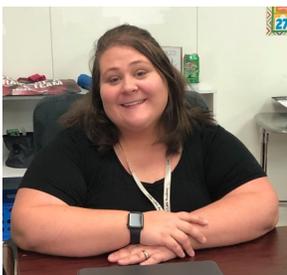


Reminder NO SCHOOL

Teacher Workday March 11th

Wellness Day March 21st

Teacher Assistant of the Month



The Teacher Assistant of this month is Mrs. Beth Milks. Mrs. Milks is new to us and is a part of our Exceptional Children's Department and has done a great job fitting in to our FLA Family. When she sees a need she jumps right in without anyone telling her what needs to be done. She has a love for our students and has a lot of patience. She has already made herself indispensable to our EC team. We appreciate all the hard work she is doing and glad she is a part of FLA Family.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

The FLA Thespian Honor Society competed at the Regional Thespian Festival in the Thespys (Individual Events). Regionals were moved to virtual due to weather so our students had to quickly pivot to submitting videos of their performances and presentations and submit them within 3 days. I am excited to share that ALL 4 students who competed scored high enough to qualify for the state finals!

This is such a big accomplishment as this was our first time competing and there were over 200 students competing in events in our Region.

The Thespian Honor Society will be attending the State Thespian Festival March 11th-13th where they will compete as well as participate in workshops to further their learning in theatre arts.

Below are the students and categories they competing in.

Isis Washington- Makeup Design

Teresa Maxson- Solo Acting AND Solo Musical Theatre (Teresa was our only student competing in two categories and received incredibly high scores for both)

Jayden Grant- Costume Design

Blade Bolton- Solo Acting

Booster Club News



The Falls Lake Booster Club will be having a Captains Choice (Superball) golf tournament on April 2, 2022, at South Granville Country Club, with a 1:00 start.

The booster club supports all athletic teams to pay for equipment, uniforms, field rentals, and upkeep of facilities. How can you can help; by entering a team to play in the tournament or buy a hole sponsorship. For more information or brochures, please contact a Booster Club member or either one of the Athletic Directors.

We need your support! Our next Booster Club meeting will be Feb. 16th at 6:00 in the High School Lobby.

Elementary Concerts



Elementary Concert season is almost here! Make sure you mark these dates on your calendars and come out to support our students. Participation is encouraged and recommended but not required. All concerts start at 6:30 in the Gym in the Elementary/Middle School Building.

March 31- Kindergarten Concert

April 7 -1st and 2nd Grade Concert

April 28- 3rd-5th Grade Concert



Spring Picture Day

Tuesday, March 15th

Grades K-5; Grades 8-11 Optional

Ident-a-Kid Make-Up Photo Day

Friday, March 18th - Elementary Student ONLY

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!!

Please join us for a campus cleanup day on March 26 beginning at 8am. Please use the sign-up below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfd2b9zJsT44VBC7ko4XLJbjiH-nKcMHkN_B75djTpnGZ4uuA/viewform?usp=sf_link



FLA Food Drive

Donate Food For Those in Need!

February 23 - March 10



*FLA's NJHS is helping Faith Baptist Church of Youngsville's Food Pantry.
Help Us Help Others!*

*Please bring in items that are assigned to your grade level and give donations
to your PAA.*

Please, No Glass Containers!

-  Kindergarten - Mac n Cheese & Boxed Pasta Dinners
-  1st Grade - Instant Potatoes & Bags of Rice
-  2nd Grade - Pasta, Pasta Sauces, & Individual Chef Boyardee
-  3rd Grade - Canned Soups
-  4th Grade - Canned Tuna & Canned Chicken
-  5th Grade - Peanut Butter
-  6th Grade - Whole-Grain Cereal
-  7th Grade - Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo, & Deodorant
-  8th Grade - Toilet Paper, Lip Balm, Shower Gel/Soap, & Wipes
-  High School - Cans of Fruit, Soup, & Meat

FLA Theatre Presents: The Middle School One Act Play Festival!

What: A night of performances by the Middle School Theatre Classes written by the High School Theatre classes.

When: March 24th and 25th at 7pm

Where: In the High School Gym

Cost: \$5 per ticket and can be purchased at the door or online via <https://flatheatre.ludus.com>



Come support these students as they present this event live for the first time since 2019!

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.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, FLA'S SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMP!

We're excited to announce the return of our **SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMP for rising 6th through 9th graders!**

Last year, we cooked, went on field trips, created art and built robots. Who knows what we'll get up to *THIS* summer. (Seriously, we have no idea. All we know for sure is, **IT'S GONNA BE AWESOME!**)

We are so excited to host another summer camp with our amazing students. Camp will be held during the month of June, so mark your calendars and be on the lookout for email announcements with dates, times and other details, **COMING SOON!**

Capacity WILL be limited, so when the sign up period opens, and details come out, be sure to respond quickly.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MARDI GRAS DANCE!

Friday, March 4 from 6-8pm

The FLA PTA is SO EXCITED to host our first dance of the 2021-22 school year (and first since pre-COVID)! The Mardi Gras-themed dance is open to all FLA middle school students. Entrance to the dance is FREE. Concessions, including pizza, candy, and water, will be available for purchase.



UPPER ELEMENTARY ST. PATTY'S DAY DANCE!

Friday, March 18 from 3:30-5:30pm

The FLA PTA is also excited to be able to offer a dance for our older elementary friends! The St. Patty's Day dance is open to all FLA upper elementary students (3rd-5th grades). Entrance to the dance is FREE. Concessions will be available for purchase.



FLA PTA'S BINGO NIGHT IS BACK!

Date & Location TBD

Due to current level of COVID cases in the community, Bingo Night--originally scheduled for February 12--has been postponed. The PTA is continuing to plan for the event and will advertise the new date as soon as confirmed. If interested in serving on the planning committee, email the PTA at fallslakeacademypta@gmail.com.



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.

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

