



The Firebird Screams

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

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Welcome to the
SCREAMER!



Brrr – it’s cold!
Fred the Frozen
Firebird here,
huddling deep
under the covers
here in the rafters
high above the
Firebird’s Nest –
otherwise known
as the FLA gym –
trying to keep my
firebird flame from
dying out from the
cold! Thank
goodness for all
the exciting things
going on around
here; they keep me
energized and
warm! Read on to
find out all about
it!

Winter is Coming!

Here we go! The winter season is upon us once again. We’ve already had one episode of weather-related rescheduling. Just a brief reminder of how you’ll know 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 WRAL.com
WRAL TV Channel 5 Radio Mix 101.5
WTVD TV Channel 11
SchoolConnects direct phone and email to Parent



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 the decision in time. But remember: we **DO NOT** close or delay just because Granville County Schools, or any other school system, closes or delays!

3rd Quarter Lunches



Better hurry – this Friday is the last day you can order hot catered lunches for the third quarter! The window for ordering third quarter lunches will be open until 3pm on Friday, January 16th. Third quarter hot lunch delivery will begin on Wednesday, January 21 and will go through Tuesday, March 24th. Don’t miss the window: when it closes at 3pm on January 16th, it’s closed, and absolutely no further lunch orders will be accepted past that date! Go to the FLA website: www.fallslakeacademy.com. Follow the lunch ordering announcement links until you get to the “Lunch Page,” and then follow those instructions. But again, be warned: Friday January 16th is the last day!

Student-Led Conferences



We look forward to seeing all of you this Friday when you come in for Student-Led Conferences! If you haven’t already confirmed your conference time, please contact your child’s PAA immediately!

Ident-A-Kid is Coming!

Falls Lake Academy students will get the opportunity to have a photo-i.d. card made next Friday, January 23rd. Information about the i.d. card will go home with students this Friday, January 16th.



Report Cards Coming!

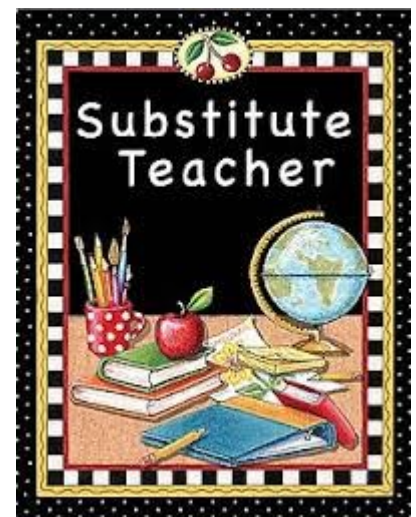
Second quarter report cards go home on Friday January 23rd. Watch your Firebird's bookbag – we're hoping that his or her grades are so bright and hot that it catches fire from the report card inside!

Substitute Teachers Needed

We have a growing need for Board-approved substitute teachers. Recently we've lost several of our reliable subs to full-time employment in other schools, and a few who have moved away. Here's how you can help:

- a) If you are already on the Board-approved volunteer list and would like to make the move to the sub list, please contact Dr. D to let him know. Since you already have a background check on file, making this move will be quick and easy, and we can put you on the list almost immediately.
- b) If you aren't on the volunteer list but would like to be on the sub list, please visit the FLA website ([http:// www.fallslakeacademy.com](http://www.fallslakeacademy.com)), download a Substitute Teacher application, fill it out, and send it in to Dr. D's attention.
- c) If you know responsible adults who would be interested, ask them to do the same as b) above.

Finally, if you are on the sub list – or the volunteer list – and wish for your name to be removed, please contact Dr. D as well.



Community Service

The Parent Advisory Council (“PAC”) recently asked us to help out the parents of the youngest of our students in finding ways for those students to earn their service hours credit. Ms. Lee and Ms. Norgrove, staff coordinators of the “Firebird Flock” service hours events, have looked over the service logs submitted by the youngest firebirds and have found a few ideas which parents can help students get involved with to earn credit hours:

- Parents and students can volunteer together to work in area soup kitchens, food banks, and nursing homes.
- Area animal shelters often need volunteer help – see Miss Julie in FAST for help with this one.
- Rake, shovel, take out trash, wash cars, and generally perform any kind of service for elderly neighbors who have difficulty doing for themselves.
- Watch for announcements about public parks, waterways, and roads needing help in cleaning up. Again, parents can help steer little ones to these efforts, and volunteer alongside them.
- Sew, knit hats and/or scarves for the homeless.
- Help their parents in church-related service events and activities.

These are some of the most popular community service options for K-2 and other elementary students. Remember to get activities approved by your PAA in order to count them towards your service requirement.

Illness Management



FLA has been hit hard this year with the flu and other contagious illnesses. For that reason, we must insist that parents keep students home when they have a fever, and only send them back to school when they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours. The same is true when a student is throwing up, whether they have a fever or not: they must go 24 hours without throwing up before returning to school. Thanks for understanding!

School and Community Service Opportunity

Falls Lake Academy is proud to be a partner with the USO this year in providing “care packages” for our troops currently serving overseas. Students who gather items to go in these packages (see a list of items provided by your PAA) can earn school and community service hours’ credit. Students can also earn school and community service hours’ credit for helping to pack the USO care packages here at the school on Saturday, January 31st.

Parents can also earn school service hours’ credit for helping with the “packing party” on January 31st. Watch for more information coming right after Christmas break.



Volunteers Needed

We currently need parent volunteers in the following areas:

Lunch distribution: if you can come in one or more days each week and help us distribute lunches, or if you are willing to be a “sub” for our regular lunch distributors, please call Wayne or Hayley in the FLA office and get your name and phone number on the list. Thanks!

Library books processing: Ms. Doerfler estimates that we have about 2500 books in the FLA library that need processing before they can be checked out. We need parents to come in and process these books, cataloguing them into the computer database. Call Beth Doerfler here at FLA (919-964-9003) to arrange a date and time when she can show you what to do, then come in whenever you can and help us get the FLA library in order!

Activity Bus Drivers: if you have a current Class B CDL with a “P” endorsement, we need you! Call Dr. D (919-964-9003) to get on the list of eligible bus drivers!

CDL Class



Have you ever wanted to drive a bus? FLA has one small activity bus, but we will probably get at least one more in the years to come, maybe more. The problem is that we only have two drivers! We are talking with the DOT to set up some training for FLA staff and parents who want to earn their CDL (Commercial Driver's License), required of all activity bus drivers in North Carolina. If you are interested in joining us for CDL training, please call Dr. D at 919-964-9003 to get on the list!

Student and Parent-Family Volunteer Hours

Remember that the PTA request that all families with kids enrolled in FLA try to put in fifteen hours' service to the school this year. You can enter and track your volunteer hours by following the link on the Parents' tab of the FLA website.

Students, on the other hand, need ten school or community service hours in order to be promoted to the next grade. Keep checking the website for updates on volunteer opportunities for both students and parents.



Calendar of Events



Attached to this e-mail please find the latest revised FLA Calendar of Events, listing all non-athletic events of interest to our students and parents. Note that some events, dates, times, and places have changed from when the last Calendar of Events went out; other events have been added (listed in **bold print**). Please print this out or store it on your home computer or laptop and keep it handy; you don't want to miss all the great things going on at FLA!

Basketball Games

If you haven't yet attended an FLA home basketball game, you're missing out on one of the most exciting things we have to offer! Check out the game schedule on the Firebird Athletics website (<http://fallslakeacademyathletics.com>) and come join in the fun and excitement as we cheer our Firebirds on to victory!



1st Annual Firebird Talent Show



The first annual Firebird Talent Show will be held on Friday evening February 13th at 6:30 in the FLA gym. All students and student groups are welcome to audition after school on February 3rd and 4th. Contact Ms. Wallace at laceywallace@fallslakeacademy.com for details. And parents, please don't leave your kids to hang out and run around the school unsupervised on audition days: make plans to either stick around or come back to pick up students who audition on February 3rd or 4th. See Ms. Wallace for more information about times.

Okay, Firebird Family, that's it for this edition of the SCREAMER. Stay warm – don't let your Firebird Flame go out! Until next time, this is Fred the Firebird SCREAMING a big ol' farewell!

