



The Firebird Screams

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

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Hello Firebird Family. This is Fiona the Firebird, sister of Fred. Fred has invited me to share some of the wonderful things going on in Firebird Country! This is my first year at Falls Lake and I am “burning with excitement” to be a part of something so fantastic!

Early Release Monday

Next Monday, September 21st, is our next ER Monday. Elementary and middle school students (grades K-8) will be dismissed at 12:00 noon; high school will be dismissed at 12:30pm. **Students must be picked up at early release dismissal time** unless they are enrolled in FAST or one of these special ER Monday student activity options:

Spanish Fiesta Offered by Avery Learning Lab. Join ALA for a fun and enlightening adventure exploring Spanish culture. Learn greetings and common phrases through games and activities. Open to the first 20 students in grades 3-4-5 who sign up. **\$20 per student.**

FAST-ER “FAST” for “ER” (early release) students. An extension of the regular FAST program, with an emphasis on sports and games. Open to students in grades K-9 who are not already enrolled in the FAST program. First 25 students to sign up only. **\$20 per student.**

All students who enroll in *Spanish Fiesta* or *FAST-ER* must be picked up at school’s regular dismissal time: 3:00pm.

Students enrolled in “regular” FAST or either of the two special ER Monday options above must bring their own lunch that day – no student lunches are delivered on early release Mondays.

Deadline for enrolling in Spanish Fiesta or FAST-ER for 9-21 ER Monday is this **Thursday, September 17th**. Make checks to “FLA” for \$20 per student for each / either of these options; the first students who bring in their money will be enrolled until the cap is reached for that activity option.

Lunch Ordering

This quarter’s delivered lunches end on Thursday October 22nd. So it’s not too early to start thinking about 2nd-quarter lunch ordering! The window opens on **September 28th** and closes on **October 9th** for those wishing to order catered lunch deliveries for the 2nd quarter. Go to www.orgsonline.com and enter code 313FLANC to order and pay for 2nd-quarter lunches to be delivered at school. Remember: order 2nd-quarter lunches between **September 28th** and **October 9th** for delivery at school October 22nd through January 15th!



If you would like to help and volunteer to hand out lunches in September, please sign up at this website:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0948a4ad2fa0fc1-augustseptember>



Counselor's Corner

Hi all FIREBIRDS! My name is Amanda Moore and I am your School Counselor. I am so excited to be a part of the Falls Lake Family! Look in each "Screamer" for updates about activities and helpful information! In a few weeks I will begin classroom guidance lessons for K-5! We will be doing some fun games and activities for students to learn how their school counselor can help. Character education for K-9 is also on the way! I am so excited to be able to get in the classrooms and meet more of our wonderful students.

"Discovering your internal strength will allow you to soar!"

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Madison Blalock and Charisma Washington-9th grade students. Charisma and Madison lead our Student Government Association (SGA) and are the voices of our daily announcements. These ladies want everyone to know that the SGA had their first meeting last week and are working hard to meet the needs of the FLA student body. The SGA is in the planning stages of elections for 2015-2016 school year. More information regarding SGA elections will come in October.



Upcoming Event—Flag Pole Dedication Ceremony will be held at 5pm on October 6, 2015.

Project Based Learning

One of the great things about being a firebird is the opportunity to participate in project based learning. Project based learning begins with a driving question that peaks student interest and encourages students to work with a team to find a solution. Projects can allow students to address community issues, explore careers, interact with adult mentors, use technology, and present their work to audiences beyond the classroom. Many of our students have been given their first project for the year.

Ask your child about their “Driving Question”.

The fourth grade team is learning about how local newspapers help communicate important information to our community. As part of their first project, the students had guest speakers, Ms. Penny Carpenter from The Butner-Creedmoor News and Ms. Lynn Allred from The Oxford Ledger. Our 4th graders will begin the process of creating their own newspaper. We are so fortunate to have a community of supporters for Project Based Learning. Thank you Butner-Creedmoor News and The Oxford Ledger!



Volunteering

On Friday, September 4th our students participated in a presentation about the importance of volunteering in our school and community. Ms. Katrina Cooke and Ms. Amanda Moore spoke with the student body about the reasons why we volunteer and ways that students can become involved. Our presenters shared ideas with students on how they can make a difference in the world around us. Ask your student about ideas they gained from the presentation on VOLUNTEERING. If you have questions about student volunteer hours, please call your child’s PAA or contact Ms. Moore, our school counselor.



Well firebirds, that is all for this edition of “The Firebird Screams”. This is Fiona the Firebird wishing you all a Farewell until next time.

