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Hello Firebirds! It's Fiona the Firebird with the latest and greatest news from Falls Lake Academy! The gloomy weather has not clouded our mission or dampened our spirits. Our students are "on fire" for learning and it shows in their hard work.

FLA Food Drive

All Firebirds! We are having a food drive here at school the week of October 5th-9th. We are partnering with a local church that serves around 120-140 families a month! These families live in and around our communities. They rely on these products each month to feed their families! Please bring all items to school that week! See attached flyer for more information!!

Contact Amanda Moore, School Counselor for questions! THANK YOU firebirds for meeting a large need in our communities!

What: FLA is partnering with Faith Baptist Church of Youngsville's Food Pantry for a FOOD DRIVE.
When: October 5th- October 9th
Who: K-9 Students: Bring 4 Food Items to your PAA



Who: K-9 Students: Bring 4 Food Items to your PAA and earn 30 minutes toward your Community Service Requirement

How: Bring in Acceptable Items such as Canned Food (vegetables, meats, tuna, soup, sauces), juice boxes, boxes of pasta, rice, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, plastic jars (NO GLASS!) of peanut butter and/or jelly.

Lunch Ordering

Yum Yum...Lunch ordering window for 2nd quarter closes this Friday 10-9. This quarter's lunch deliveries end Thursday 10-22. Please print out your receipt for your records. It is important to double check your order to ensure you did not miss a day!

Go to <u>www.orgsonline.com</u> and enter code 313FLANC to order and pay for 2nd-quarter lunches to be delivered at school. Remember: order 2nd-quarter lunches between **September 28**th and **October 9**th for delivery at school October 22nd through January 15th!



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Counselor's Corner

Hi all FIREBIRDS! I have loved getting to know some of our wonderful K-5 students through my "Meet your School Counselor" classroom guidance! The students have really enjoyed the lessons and can now tell you about my role as a school counselor. I hope to get to all K-5 classrooms by the end of next week! Later this month we are collaborating with the Granville County Sheriff's department for a special presentation for all grade levels on "Bullying Prevention." Keep checking the upcoming "Screamer" for more information.



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

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Jeffery Andrews. Jeffery is a current 3rd grade student that recently celebrated his 9th birthday. Jeffery's mom asked him what he wanted for his birthday. He and his family agreed that he did not need birthday presents and began brainstorming ideas for his birthday party. Finally Jeffery, along with his family, decided to do something special for Falls Lake Academy. Jeffery asked his party guests to bring a book to donate to his school library in lieu of birthday presents. Jeffery donated 35 books to our school library! We are very proud of this young firebird! Thank You, Jeffery!

Our flagpole dedication ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 5pm. We will have special guests in attendance. Please join us at the flag pole at 5pm.

School Pictures This Thursday!

Time to put on that smile and say cheese! Strawbridge will be here Thursday, October 8th to take our fall pictures. These pictures are for our school year book and are there-fore required for each student and teacher (even if you do not plan to purchase).

Project Based Learning

Congrats to our elementary students for wonderful PBL presentations! Our students worked hard and were excited to share their learning with their families and friends.

HS / MS PBL presentations Monday 10-19. Stand by to hear from your PAAs about presentation appointment times.

Fall Concert

Fall Band and Chorus concert 10-29, 6:30pm. And...Band Boosters meet Thursday 10-15, 6:30pm.

Y'all come!



Halloween Dance

A Halloween Dance will be held Friday, October 30th from 6-9pm in the Gym. This time the dance will be a closed dance and open to only FLA 6th-9th grade students. It is being sponsored by the Band Boosters and the PTA. Cost will be \$5 to get in and concessions will be sold.





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Volunteer Opportunity

Attention Parents: We have an exciting Volunteer Opportunity for YOU!!!

Do you enjoy working with Social Media? Do you feel that communication is an area of strength for you? Would you like to volunteer several hours a week at Falls Lake? Well, if this sounds like something you would like to do, please consider volunteering to organize our efforts to communicate the great things happening at Falls Lake on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We are looking for a volunteer to work with administration to highlight the wonderful things happening at Falls Lake Academy. This requires



Red Ribbon Week

This year we will celebrate Red Ribbon Week as a school from October 27th-30th! Red Ribbon Week is a time to remind all students of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse and the importance of being drug free. Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign for drug prevention. We will celebrate with many fun activities throughout the school! Please note that all students must continue to follow the dress code during all of this week's activities.



VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITIES

•Students will have the chance to enter an "I Pledge to be drug Free" poster contest: Any student can enter the contest. Posters will be judged by grade levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-9 with one winner per group. All students who wish to partici-

pate must turn in their posters to Mrs. Moore by Thursday October 29th for judging. Posters cannot be larger than 16x20.

•We will also have "I Pledge to be Drug Free" banners for students to sign. One banner for (K-5) and one for (6-9).

Red Ribbon Week Spirit Activities:

-Tuesday-Say yes to school and no to drugs-wear your best FLA spirit gear to show you support staying in school and being drug free!

-Wednesday-Be a Hero and Reach for the stars not drugs- Dress as a super hero to show you support a drug free life!

-Thursday-Wacky/Tacky Day- Dress as wacky and tacky as you can to show you support being drug free!

-Friday-Say "Boo" to drugs! Wear your costumes in support of being drug free! Remember no masks or weapons of any kind!



PTA Fall Festival

Our PTA is hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 31st from 6-10pm right here at Falls Lake Academy. It will be a fun night open to all family members of FLA students, surrounding community members and friends of FLA.

The fall festival is an all ages event . There will be a haunted house, zombie run, spooky hayride, trunk or treating, carnival games, face painting, concessions and many other exciting things to do! Please sign-up and share with your friends, family and community by inviting them to come and experience FLA's fall festival.

The PTA is looking for volunteers to make this event successful. Please follow the link below to sign up to volunteer.

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4faeaa2da2f58-flafall



Attention Elementary Parents!

Would you like to learn more about the elementary curriculum? Classroom expectations? Standardized Tests?

Come out to the Elementary curriculum night on Tuesday October 13th from 6-8pm.

6-6:30pm: ALL parents meet in the gym (or media center if gym is occupied) for an opening meeting with administration. We will discuss test scores, CCSS, mClass, promotion/ retention standards, and state legislature.

6:30-7:15: Session 1: Parents report to classrooms to hear specific expectations of your classroom or grade level.

7:15-8:00- Session 2: This is a repeat of session 1 for any parents that have multiple students.

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.

