



# The Firebird Screams

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

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Dear Parents,  
As we close out another successful year at Falls Lake Academy, we would like to thank you, as FLA families, for your continued support. Our school started because a group of parents wanted a different educational option for their children. Our founding board of directors was looking for options outside of the large scale district public schools that would focus on academics while also teaching children the importance of serving their community. As we embark on our next phase of growth with the new high school building, we reflect on how far we have come and embrace the exciting opportunities that the future holds for FLA students and families. Thank you for being part of our Firebird Family!!! Have a restful summer break.  
-Mrs. Hobgood

## New Administrative Team

The Falls Lake Academy Board of Directors has announced the remaining members of its new administrative staff for the 2016-17 school year. Amy Hobgood has already been named the new Executive Director and Kelly Maxson has been named the new Director of Instruction, Testing, and Accountability. Joining them will be a Director of Student Services, an Associate Director of Elementary School, an Associate Director of Middle and High School, and a new Middle School Team Leader.

Lindsay Graham, who is currently serving as a middle school math teacher and middle school team lead, will move into the position of Director of Student Services. Mrs. Graham's background, experience, and knowledge of Falls Lake Academy make her the perfect fit for this position.

Dana Vaughan will be our new Associate Director of Elementary School. Mrs. Vaughan has extensive experience in elementary school. She has taught 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. She was the new teacher support coach for northern area schools, her classroom served as a model classroom for professional development sessions, and most recently, she has served as an assistant principal of an elementary school. She holds a Master's degree from NC State University in School Administration, Academically Gifted License, and a National Board Certification in Literacy. We are thrilled to welcome her into the Firebird Family.

Adam Hatch will be our new Associate Director of Middle and High School. Mr. Hatch brings a wealth of high school knowledge and experience. Mr. Hatch holds a Master's degree from East Carolina University in Educational Leadership. His experience includes serving as a high school assistant principal, dean of students, college entrance board representative, 1 to 1 laptop learning coordinator, Advanced Placement training, Department Chair, online learning instructor, and online curriculum writer. Mr. Hatch is thrilled to join his wife and children as part of the FLA family. Welcome aboard, Mr. Hatch!

Lisa Mayhew will be serving as the middle school team lead next year and will continue to teach as she completes internship activities and course work that will prepare her for the Associate Director of Middle school position for 2017-2018.

Falls Lake Academy is thrilled that all of these individuals will begin their new roles this summer. The partnership between our amazing teaching staff and our new leadership team opens endless possibilities for the future of Falls Lake Academy. Great things are happening at FLA!

## 10th Grade Field Trip

Students and Parents- Our sophomore class will have the opportunity to travel to New York City in the winter of 2016-17. The trip will be booked through Junior Tours and will be a two night, three day adventure. Students will visit the "hot spots" in NYC and experience all of the culture and history the city has to offer. This experience will be one you will never forget. A detailed itinerary and trip price will be emailed over the summer.





## Counselor's Corner

Hi all Firebirds! I have had so much fun teaching our K-5 students about good character with the help of my friends Kelso and Lilly, two awesome frogs. Students in grades K-3 should be bringing home their very own Kelso Star Book and all elementary students are able to share with you about being respectful, caring, fair, responsible and honest. I am so excited to announce that many of our students have been caught having good character during this school year! The following students have been recognized for displaying good character at FLA.

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade- Grant Ellington, Cullen Moore, Camden Schneider, and Alyssa Temple
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade- Iesha Landis, Jose Nettleton, and Rosio Salazar-Vasquez
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Lilah Davis, Keith Painter, and Kara Temple
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade- Matt Andreoni, Chelsea Carroll, Patrick Christmas, Leah Cudak, Jamirah Moore, Tanner Moore, Oliver Roberts, Isabel Zink, and Savannah Zink
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade- Neo Hunter and Brianna Riley

### Middle and High School Registration for 2016-2017

I enjoyed coming into classes and sharing the course information and the options we will have at FLA for next year. We also discussed the College Foundation of North Carolina and all that it has to offer students. Please check out the website: [CFNC.org](http://CFNC.org). All rising 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> graders should have returned their course registration forms. If your students has not, please do so as soon as possible! Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders had an in class "Welcome to Middle School" registration on Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>!

### Volunteer Day



On March 12<sup>th</sup> I had the chance to work with amazing group of FLA elementary students and their parents at a volunteer day at Durham Ridge Assisted Living. Our students helped residents with games and crafts and shared their smiles and laughter! I was so proud of our students and parents for how they represented FLA with "good character."



### A Note from Mrs. Moore

This has been a great year and we have all learned many wonderful things. Students, remember to have good character as you work and play this summer. I look forward to the next school year and hearing all about how you grew this summer!

*"Discovering your internal strength will allow you to soar!"  
Wishing you wisdom and happiness, Mrs. Moore*

## Summer Camp Opportunities



FLA is offering several different summer camp opportunities for students of all ages. Please see our website for details and dates of these exciting camp offerings.

## Lost and Found

We have LOTS of items in our lost and found. Please make sure you check in the media center for your belongings prior to leaving for the summer. Any items left after June 8th will be donated to the Good Will Foundation.



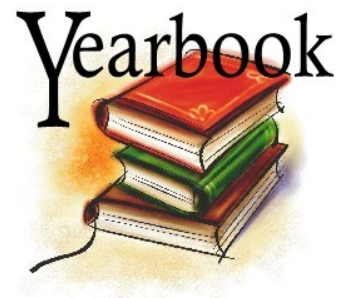
## Academic Awards

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Our academic award ceremony will be held on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm in the FLA gym. Invitations to this ceremony will go out tomorrow as teachers finalize the end of year grades. Mrs. Maxson will send an email to all parents that are invited to attend.

## Yearbooks

Yearbooks will not be arriving until August. The yearbook contract was established in the fall by Dr. D in order to include the entire school year in the yearbook. We cannot change the contract to allow them to arrive earlier. We apologize if this information was not clearly communicated when the ordering of yearbooks occurred.



## Important Information for the 2016-2017 School Year at FLA

Students and parents/guardians please note the following dates for open houses for the 2016-2017 school year:

- K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade will have their open house on **Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup> floating from 4:00-6:00pm.**
- Middle school and high school open house will be **Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> floating from 4:00-6:00pm.**
- Immediately following open house, **all high school students** will have a computer procedure meeting and pickup at **6:00pm.**

Elementary students will be notified of their classroom assignment prior to open house through their PAA. Middle and High School students will be given their schedules at least two days prior to open house.

## Eagle Scout Project Completed

On June 4th, ninth grade students, Henry and Jonah Pahl completed their Eagle Scout project at Falls Lake Academy. They are members of Troop 629 in Oxford and the boys spearheaded an event that was originally going to build 6 picnic tables for the courtyard between the 400 and 500 wings. The boys were able to raise enough money from students and from a donation from the PTA that they were able to build 8 tables for the courtyard. Thank you to the boys for their hard work and dedication, and to the members of Troop 629 that volunteered their time on Saturday to make this Eagle Scout Project come to fruition.



*Well firebirds, that is all for this school year and this edition of "The Firebird Screams". This is Fred the Firebird wishing you all a Farewell until next school year!*

