



The Firebird Screams

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

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September Dates to Remember:

Sep 1 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm

Sep 7 - Labor Day, No School

Sep 14 - PTA Meeting, 7pm

Sep 15 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm (if called)

Sept 21-25 - Fall Picture Day (grades K-11)

Message from Mrs. Hobgood

Dear Parents,

Thank you for a wonderful first three weeks of virtual learning. We have had some ups and downs, some frustrations and some successes, and we are grateful for your patience. As we move into a more consistent pattern of remote learning, daily schedules should become more defined and regular for students. Setting routines and designating school space in your home will provide more structure and less time off task during instructional time. Our goal at Falls Lake Academy is to provide instruction without requiring your child to stay glued to the computer screen ALL DAY LONG. If you find that your student is working on school work for an excessive amount of time, it may be that online distractions are pulling their attention away from their school work. It may also be that your child is having difficulty with an assignment and don't know where to go for help. Perhaps they are jumping between assignments without finishing the tasks. Or maybe the teacher needs to make an adjustment to the flow of the lesson. This type of learning is so different from face to face instruction, and providing feedback to our teachers about your child's successes and struggles is crucial as we attempt to meet your needs. Feel free to reach out to your child's teacher if you feel like something isn't working like it should. This is a learning curve for us all. We are thankful for your partnership in education.

Stay healthy,
Mrs. Hobgood



Tuesday, September 1st @ 6:30pm

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

PAC MEMBERS

Our PAC representatives for the 2020-2021 school year.

Grade Level	PAC Member Name	Email
Kindergarten	Megan Ward	meganreneeward2015@gmail.com
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6th Grade	Ashley James	loveabi44@yahoo.com
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12th Grade	Karin Hodges	hodgesfour@twc.com

Fall Picture Day (Grades K-11)

IT'S PICTURE TIME!

PICK AN APPOINTMENT THAT FITS YOUR SCHEDULE

School Name:

Falls Lake Academy

Picture Date:

09/21/2020 -
09/25/2020

Link to Schedule:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4BAEAE2FA3FE3-falls>



MUSIC KIDS

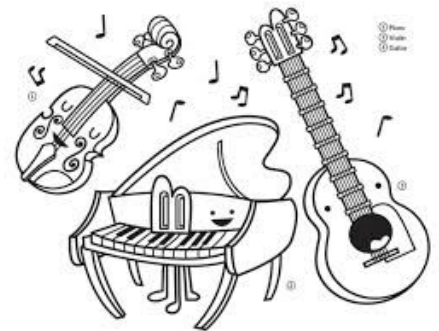
Violin, Guitar or Piano
Ages 3 and up!

Music Kids partners with Falls Lake Academy to provide weekly Guitar, Violin and Piano classes at the school. We will return to on-site classes at school as soon as it is safe for all, but in the meantime learn to play an instrument virtually with us.

Weekly violin, piano, or guitar classes

- Both virtual and in-person class options may be available
- Take-home instrument is included
- Step-by-step support from your teacher with video resources and explainers
- Designed as a full school year program Oct-June
- Classes begin the week of 9/28

Registration for the 20-21 year is getting underway soon. Sign up to receive an email alert when registration is open:
www.MusicKidsProgram.com



LIBRARY SIGN UP LINK

The Falls Lake Library is open for checking out books during the month of September. Below is the link to sign up. This is optional for students.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp#/25964811/share/https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp#/25964811/share/>



TECHNOLOGY HELP

Do you need help logging in or resetting a password? Do you need to know how to do something on the computer? The FAST-EST way to get tech help is to fill out the form linked below:

tinyurl.com/hightechhelpa





Parents/Guardians/Caregivers: How to help your students be successful on Zoom.



We know this is an unprecedented time and we are here to help! Here are some tips to support your student during remote learning.

- Please be mindful of conversations and activity occurring in the background of your child's Zoom calls, as teachers and other students can hear all background noise.
- Have your child seated in front of a wall or area to eliminate the risk of walking into view.
- Be available to help your student when needed but give them space to work independently.
- Allow your student to answer independently as to give their teacher a better understanding of where they're at. It's okay to make mistakes!
- Students should be awake well before the meeting begins so they are fully engaged.
- We encourage you to teach students how to: mute and unmute themselves, raise their hand in Zoom.
- Students need to be seated at a workspace when completing Zooms, not in bed etc., (because this is their direct instruction portion of the school day).
- Students need to be fully and appropriately dressed.
- Have your student log on 5 minutes before set Zoom time (to eliminate any technical issues).
- Please do not allow your student to eat during Zooms.
- Students need to have their first and last name as their Zoom name as a security measure.
- Reminder, you are free to send questions and requests for assistance after 3:00 pm, however a response will not be given until the next work day.

