



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!**



HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Fred the Firebird here, wishing one and all the happiest New Year possible. We're going to learn more, progress more, and do more great things than you can even imagine in 2014! So let me start the year off right with a Firebird's SCREAM about what's going on at FLA.

Here we go - - - !

-Fred the
Firebird

Winter Jubilee!

PTA / FLAP Winter Jubilee Family Fun night is just around the corner: next Friday, January 31st. Doors open at 5:00pm at Richie Bros. Auctioneers', 800 Business Park Drive, Butner, NC. This event is open to everyone in the community, including all of your family members. Kids are welcome to play bingo too. The PTA sent home an event flyer that had an envelope attached for parents that wanted to pre-order bingo sheets. This would allow you bypass any wait in long lines at the door and you get a free sheet when you pre-order.

The pre-order packages can be ordered by check or cash using the form on the flyer. If you wish to use a credit or debit card, go to <https://squareup.com/market/falls-lake-academy-pta>.

The **pre-order** package prices are as follows:

- * 16 sheet bingo package for \$15
- * 11 sheet bingo package for \$10
- * 1 sheet bingo package for \$1

NOTE: We have 15 bingo games planned and each bingo sheet will be 3 games per sheet. Each sheet gives you 3 chances to win per game for a \$1. You can still purchase bingo sheet packages when you arrive, but the "free sheet deal" will not be available.



Prices for bingo sheets (cash, check, or charge) at the door are: 15 sheet bingo package for \$15, 10 sheet bingo package for \$10, 1 sheet bingo package for \$1.

If you would like to preview the raffle baskets and bingo prizes, they're posted on the FLA PTA's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.228716773919451.1073741846.216795028444959&type=1&l=9a20474a6a>

If you would like to volunteer at the Winter Jubilee Family Fun night, we've created an online signup sheet located here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FADA82DA3F58-winter>

If you have any questions, please feel free to send us an email at the email address listed below. Let's all have fun hanging out playing bingo, eating some good food and just having an overall awesome time!!!!

Thanks,
Kim Holmes, event coordinator
Jody Haynes FLA PTA President
fallslakeacademypta@gmail.com

Parent Volunteer Hours

Redeem Your Volunteer Hours: send an email to the following address: volunteer@fallslakeacademy.com

The information we need in the e-mail:

- Subject Line: < Name > Volunteer Hours
- In the Body of the email:
 - Name: < Name >
 - Date you Volunteered: < Date >
 - Number of Hours: < # of Hours >
 - Volunteer Task Description: < Task Description >

Hours that aren't e-mailed in don't get recorded, and you can't get credit for them. And you should definitely want to get credit for all your service hours, because we plan to recognize our most active volunteers at the year-end awards program, including the Volunteer of the Year award!



FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, CONTACT YOUR PAC GRADE-LEVEL REP OR MS. FORD IN THE FLA MAIN OFFICE!

Campus Visitors



Recently we have been taking a close look at our safety and security practices. The “modular campus” we are currently in offers some challenges to setting up procedures to keep our kids safe, and we have noticed a few places where we need to tighten up. So starting immediately, everyone who comes into the main building or any of the “outside trailers” **for any reason** during regular school hours must first sign in at the office and receive a visitor's badge, which must be displayed while on campus. This includes parents who are “just dropping off” something, or who are driving for field trips (if they actually come into the building – not necessary if they wait outside). Thank you for understanding, and for supporting our efforts to keep our kids safe!

Early Arrivals

Lately we've noticed a number of parents who arrive before 7:30am and let their kids out of the car before we have either parents on drop-off supervision duty or teachers on duty in the classrooms. This is not safe for kids, so we respectfully request that parents who arrive early please keep your kids in the car until 7:30 before letting them out. Thanks!

PRIORITY #1
Our Children's Safety



PBL/SLC

Wasn't the recent PBL presentation and Student-Led Conference day a huge success? *"Of course it was!"* SCREAMed all the parents who we've talked with! Everyone agrees, this is a great process. Dr. D guarantees that it will only get better with time: by the time our kids are presenting their senior graduation projects, we will be amazed and astonished at how much our kids have learned and how well they can present it! [College admissions people will be impressed, too!] Thank you for taking the time to come and support your kids as they learn how to navigate these critical processes!



Engrade



Sometime during this past week, all the grade 3-7 PAAs sent home a letter to parent with instructions on how to log in to "Engrade," FLA's grade-management website. Every student has a log-in code that will give parents access to all his or her grades, in every class. Those codes were sent home with students with instructions to give them to parents. If you didn't get your log-in code, check with your child first to make sure it's not wadded up in the bottom of his/her bookbag! If you find that it just didn't make it home, you can contact Ms. Maxson at FLA for your log-in code. We encourage all parents to make frequent use of Engrade to follow their kids' progress between PAA calls!

Snow and Ice Removal—UPDATE

Reminder: if you'd agree to be on our volunteer team call list for clearing snow and ice, please call either Ms. Ford at the FLA main desk or call Stephen Averette directly at 919-906-4943. Of, if you prefer, you can e-mail Stephen at Sodman238@aol.com.

Needed:

- tractors with blades
- snow shovels (flat ones work also)
- Bobcats/skid-steers/ front end loaders
- commercial spreaders
- volunteers to dig, spread, and operate equipment

Don't wait until the day we are blocked in under three feet of snow and ice, that will be too late – please contact Steve ASAP to be put on the bad weather contact list if you would like to help. Thank you!!



Parenting for Academic Success Session 2: Literacy

Our first Parenting for Academic Success session for middle school parents was such a resounding success that we're answering the call to do another one! This one will be geared toward helping your middle school kids this year AND next year with literacy, one of the most crucial skillsets they will have to master to be academically successful. The 5th grade will be moving into the middle school next year, so the parents of both 4th and 5th grade students are invited to join parents of current 6th and 7th grade students in Mr. Decker's room on Thursday evening February 6th from 6:00-7:30. This workshop will provide general information about the curriculum, how you can work with your student at home, and ways to increase your child's literacy and comprehension skills.

We promise: the information you'll get at this session will be valuable to you in ways you can't even imagine yet.

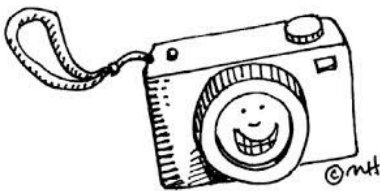


Report Cards



Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, January 31st. This is your copy to keep. Your PAA will ask you to email them to let you know you received it. Then during your Parent Conference on either Feb. 13th or 14th, you will be able to sign a copy of your child's report card that we will keep on file. If you have any questions, talk to your child's PAA.

Yearbook Photos



The Yearbook staff is working on planning, organizing, and producing Falls Lake Academy's first yearbook. We need your help! Please upload any photos from FLA events and activities that have take place this year to www.classjump.com. Full instructions for uploading photos that may be used in the Yearbook are on the Falls Lake Academy website (www.fallslakeacademy.com).

Yearbook Sales

The Yearbook is now on advance sale. Advance sales only, no extra copies will be ordered. If you'd like a copy of this school's very first yearbook, send a check for \$15 made out to Strawbridge Studios – we will collect orders and send the total (plus checks) to Strawbridge.



Flight Crew Presents: PAMPERED CHEF

The Falls Lake Academy Athletics Booster Club (the "Flight Crew") is kicking off 2014 with our first fundraiser of the year to benefit FLA Athletics. When we think Athletics, we think healthy... fit... strong! Our Pampered Chef "Healthy Eating" fundraiser show is the perfect start for a New Year... and a new you! The show is on Saturday, February 8th (11am - 3pm) at Bible Baptist Church in Creedmoor, NC. We are highly encouraging pre-orders too, so for all those "can't live without" Pampered Chef products that you must have for the upcoming grilling season - visit <http://www.pamperedchef.biz/michaelreeves?page=host-search-results&showld=4330783> to place your order!

Bake sale, raffles, and door prizes will be at the show! Come... eat... shop... help the school! BRING FRIENDS! Grand door prize is a Pampered Chef item valued at \$50! Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance from FLA Flight Crew officers (you do not have to be present to win). There are two raffles - one being a Pampered Chef prize raffle (FREE PC ITEMS OF YOUR CHOICE): tickets are \$2 for (1), \$5 for (3), or \$10 for (7). 50/50 raffle tickets (you get 50% of the cash for whatever we collect in this raffle): \$1 for (1) OR \$5 for (6).



Information on how to contact any FLA officer to purchase raffle tickets before the show can be found here: <http://www.fallslakeacademyathletics.com/flight-crew-booster-club.html>

Athletic News

Stay "in the know" about FLA Athletics and Flight Crew activities! Check out the two websites below. Any and all updates to the athletics website will be made on the Facebook page as well. In addition to this, any changes or updates to the Booster schedule will be made on the Booster club's website. Pretty self-explanatory. [Note: "Like" these sites so you won't miss anything!]:



<https://www.facebook.com/fallslakeacademyathletics>
<https://www.facebook.com/flaathleticsboosterclub>

IMPORTANT Calendar/Date Changes

Please note the following changes to the calendar (These have been updated on the School Website):

May 22nd - Early Release for PBL Project Presentations and Student Led Conferencing

May 23rd - Field Day for Grades K-7

May 26th - No School - Memorial Day Holiday

May 29th - 3rd Grade Reading EOG

May 30th - 3rd Grade Math EOG

June 4th - Last Day of School for Kindergarten and 1st grade students (Full Day of School)

June 5th - 4th and 5th grade Reading EOG / 6th and 7th grade Social Studies Common Exam

June 6th - 4th and 5th grade Math EOG / 6th and 7th grade Science Common Exam

June 9th - 6th and 7th grade Reading EOG / 5th grade Science EOG

June 10th - 6th and 7th grade Math EOG / 3rd grade Reading EOG Retest

June 11th - Last Day of School for 2nd grade - 7th grade students (Early Release Day)

