



The Firebird Screams

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

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January Dates to Remember:

Jan 2 - Holiday - New Year's Day Observed

Jan 2 - Lottery Opens

Jan 3 - Teacher Workday

Jan 3 - Board Meeting, 6:30 pm

Jan 4 - Kindergarten Field Trip

Jan 6 - Report Cards go Home

Jan 9 - PTA Board Meeting, 6pm

Jan 9 - PTA General Meeting, 7pm

Jan 16 - Holiday - MLK Day

Jan 17 - Board Meeting (if called), 6:30pm

Jan 23-27 - National School Choice Week

Jan 23 - Booster Club Meeting, 6pm

Jan 24 - PAC Meeting, 6pm

Jan 26 - FLARTS Meeting, 6pm

Jan 30 - Teacher Workday

Message from Mrs. Keith

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

As the winter season gets into full swing, we begin to think about SNOW. If we have winter weather this season, below is a brief reminder of how you'll now what's going on when Falls Lake Academy opens late, dismisses early or closes for inclement weather - information will go out to parents via the following:

- * FLA Website
- * Jupiter Message to Parents
- * Phone Message to Parents
- * Facebook
- * Local News Stations
 - WRAL Channel 5
 - ABC Channel 11

Our winter weather plans are **NOT** aligned with other district public schools. Falls Lake Academy operates independently of local school districts and may have school when other schools do not. We do not operate buses and have more flexibility to open school when it is safe to do so. Please always check Jupiter, Facebook, or our website if there are questions about closings or delays. These messages are posted as soon as decisions are made. We serve families in 9 different counties, so there will be times that the roads may be clear around our school but are not clear near your home. Always use your best judgment when deciding to transport your child to school and never travel if you feel it is unsafe to do so. Weather related absences are excused with a note to your child's PAA.



Tuesday, January 3rd @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 13th (if called) @ 6:30pm

Link to Live Stream:

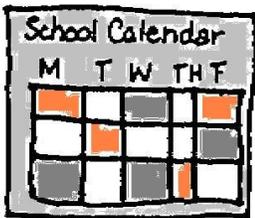
<https://live.myvrspot.com/player?udi=ZmFsbHNsYWtiYWVhZGVteQ%3D%3D&c=ZmxhMQ%3D%3D>

Message from Board of Directors

Falls Lake Academy is now seeking applicants for our Board of Directors. We are seeking interested applicants with diverse backgrounds who have a passion for the school's purpose and mission. Those interested in seeking a position on the Board are invited to apply.

You can apply to the Board at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCNJODM0-5AFSI0Dbta5g8H8MEEreWFcusdXIPEZzsGmNfaw/viewform>

2023-2024 School Year Calendar



The Board of Directors has approved the calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. It can be found on our website at www.fallslakeacademy.com. It is also attached in the Schools Newsletter - the Screamer email.

2023-2024 Enrollment

Falls Lake Academy will be taking applications for the Lottery beginning January 2nd, 2023 and ending at 5pm on March 1, 2023. Applications will be accepted for Kindergarten through 12th grade for the 2023-2024 school year.

This is also a reminder that siblings of students who have attended FLA this current school year have preference in the lottery. However, you must apply online through SchoolMint before March 1st to receive that preference.

Reminder NO SCHOOL

- * Monday, January 2nd – Holiday – New Year's Day Observed
- * Tuesday, January 3rd – Teacher Workday – No school for students
- * Tuesday, January 16th – Holiday – MLK Day
- * Tuesday, January 30th – Teacher Workday – No school for students

PBL

Students across our middle and high school have been busy with projects lately. Our middle school students are currently planning three big events for the winter and working hard on these. Next month, our 7th graders will be hosting a Renaissance Faire on Friday, January 13 in our middle school gym. Students will be depicting parts of Renaissance life and our Firebird Family is invited to attend! Eighth graders are currently learning about infectious diseases of the past and present. They will be having an event in the gym on Friday, January 27th. Our student body and guests will be able to walk through and see different skits and student-made sets depicting how these diseases have been handled throughout history. A Firebird Flea Market will be taking place on Friday, February 24th. Our sixth-grade entrepreneurs have been working hard on developing business plans and are starting to create our products to sell to our community soon! We invite you all to come and shop at our middle school gym that day.

High school has been wrapping up its semester with lots of presentations over the past few weeks. We have experienced English Tea in Mrs. Medlin's English classes, learned about the accessibility of healthy food choices in healthful living, heard about the grades that our school would earn on an environmental report card in Mr. Allen's Earth and Environmental Science classes, and created a "Last Library on Earth," with Mrs. Nelson in English I. Our high school PEPI students have been researching sensory pathways and developing ideas on how to incorporate this into our elementary school. This is just a small sampling of the amazing things happening through our high school projects.

Riley Chalifour collected food items from his fellow Firebirds to donate to the local food bank in Creedmoor. It was a huge success! Riley would to thank all the FLA students and staff who contributed to the drive. No one should ever go hungry if we all do our part.



Computers for Sale

Price: \$400, includes monitor, wired keyboard and mouse, and all power cords needed.

Specifications

- *Lenovo ThinkCentre, M-series Desktop computers*
- *i5 processor, 8GB RAM & 1Tb SSD, Win10Pro, 2.4 GHz*
- *6 usb ports, one USB-C port, DVD drive.*



Interested? Scan the QR code or go to <https://forms.gle/f5MhD8f21DsVZ9eu5>

These were bought in 2019 for \$900, new, with an education discount. They were only used for a little more than one year before we moved the library/computer lab.

First Come, First Served

Firebirds Helping the Community



Third grade was able to stuff over 75 stockings for the Butner Church Council Food Pantry for children less fortunate. Kindergarten helped them stuff the stockings.



The school was collecting coats and toys to give to those less fortunate. All donations were given to the Butner Church Council food pantry. There were over 8 bags of coats collected and enough toys for all families to select 2 toys for each child.



Bye for now.....until next time.....-Fred the Firebird

