



The Firebird Screams

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

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February Dates to Remember:

Jan 31 - Feb 3, HS Homecoming Spirit Days
 Feb 2 - New Family School Tours, 9:00am
 Feb 3 - Student Letter of Intent Sent to Parents via Jupiter
 Feb 3 - HS Homecoming Pep Rally
 Feb 3 - Athletics Senior Night
 Feb 4 - Homecoming Dance, 7:00-9:00pm
 Feb 6-10 - National School Counseling Week
 Feb 7 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
 Feb 9 - New Family School Tours, 9:00am
 Feb 10 - MS Valentine's Dance, 7:00pm-9:00pm
 Feb 13 - PTA Board Meeting, 6:00pm
 Feb 13 - PTA General Meeting, 7:00pm
 Feb 16 - New Family School Tours, 9:00am
 Feb 17 - Teacher workday - No School for Students
 Feb 17 - Letters of Intent Due
 Feb 18 - BINGO
 Feb 20 - Holiday - President's Day - No School
 Feb 21 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm - (if called)
 Feb 22 - HS Spring Band Concert, 6:30pm HS Gym
 Feb 22 - Athletic Booster Club Meeting, 6:00pm, HS Lobby
 Feb 23 - New Family School Tours, 9:00am
 Feb 23 - Kindergarten Tour, 6:00pm
 Feb 23 - FLARTS Meeting, 6:00pm, Room 602
 Feb 24 - Theatre Improv Coffee House, 7:00pm, HS Gym
 Feb 28 - PAC Meeting, 6:00pm

Message from Mrs. Keith

Dear Firebird Families,

We are excited to announce that beginning February 1st, FLA will be partnering with Butner Public Safety for all of our Student Resource Officer needs. Below you will find introductions from our two new resource officers. Officer Tabitha Morgan will be the main officer on campus. School safety is one of our top priorities and we are looking forward to this partnership with Butner Public Safety. Please give these two SROs a warm firebird welcome when you see them around campus.

Thanks,
Ashley Keith



Hello Falls Lake Academy!

I am Officer Tabitha Morgan and I am excited to join the Falls Lake Academy Family as your new School Resource Officer! I graduated from Vance Granville Community College Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy in 1996. I began employment with Butner Public Safety on February 3, 1997 where I have served as a Public Safety Officer for 26 years. In addition to my FireFighter I and II certifications, I hold my CPR/AED, "Safe Kids", Criminal Investigations, Domestic Violence, and Pedestrian Safety certifications. I also had the privilege to serve as Butner Stem Middle School's D.A.R.E. Officer for a few years. In 2005 I was awarded "Officer of the Year" by the North Carolina Secretary of State. I am married to my wonderful husband of fourteen years; together we have five beautiful children, one handsome son in law and two lovely grandchildren. I look forward to serving and protecting the Firebirds!



Hello to all Falls Lake Academy students, family, & staff members, I would like to introduce myself as one of the newly assigned officers assigned to the school. I'm Sergeant Brandon Lomena. I'm currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit at Butner Public Safety. I have been working within the Butner Community for over 7 years. I'm a Granville County native graduating from South Granville High School. I have been on a volunteer fire dept for 13

years serving the citizens within Granville County. I have kids of my own so school safety is a high priority. I'm excited to meet everyone along with having the opportunity to help guide and mentor the children within Falls Lake Academy.



Tuesday, February 7th @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, February 21st (if called) @ 6:30pm

Link to Live Stream:

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

Reminder NO SCHOOL

Teacher Workday February 17th

Holiday - President's Day February 20th

Letters of Intent



Letters of intent for all current students will be sent out through a Jupiter Message to parents/guardians on Friday, February 3rd. The google doc form must be completed by **Friday, February 17th** in order to guarantee your current student a place at FLA next year.

Link to Form: <https://forms.gle/bprveRufE75yeMmk9>

Paper copies are available in our offices if you are unable to complete the form online.

Enrollment for 2023-2024

We are now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications must be completed electronically through the link found on our website at www.fallslakeacademy.com on the Enrollment page. The application deadline is 5:00pm on March 1, 2023. Applications received after the deadline are not entered into the lottery, they will be placed at the end of the grade level waiting list. The lottery will be held on Friday, March 17th.

Reminder: 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.

We will be having a new family tours ever Thursday during the month of February beginning at 9am.



Valentine's Day Deliveries Not Allowed!

This is a reminder that we are as **NOT** allowing flowers, balloons, gift baskets, etc. to be delivered to school for Valentine's Day. This becomes a huge distraction for our instructional time. If you wish to send your student flowers or a special gift for Valentine's Day we ask that you please have it delivered to your child's home.

Thank you for your understanding!



MS Valentine's Day Dance

February 10th
6:00pm - 8:00pm
MS Gym

Project-Based Learning in the Middle School

The 7th-graders hosted the first-ever Falls Lake Renaissance Festival on Friday, January 13th. Students of all age levels from Kindergarten through high school came and visited the different booths set up to teach about the Renaissance. Students explained, conducted demonstrations, and had performances about such topics as water quality in Renaissance times, influential banking families, jousting, famous artists, women of the Renaissance, and much more. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported this effort.

On January 27th the 8th-grade hosted the "FLA Hospital" our Firebird families and students were able to walk through the gym and watch various student-written skits being performed to teach us about diseases of the past. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported this event.

The 6th graders are currently beginning to make their products for the upcoming Firebird Flea Market which will be held on Friday, February 24th. They have written commercials and made advertisements for their products. Over the next couple of weeks, 6th-grade students will be creating their products and filming their commercials.

Off Campus Afterschool Care Reminder!!

If your child attends an afterschool care program (off campus), PLEASE notify the afterschool care program if your child is sick/absent from school, has tutoring or for any reason, will not be picked up by that facility on that day. This is very important that you communicate this to teachers and to the facility to ensure that your child is accounted for during dismissal.

Thank you!





FLA PTA'S BINGO NIGHT IS BACK!

Saturday, April 22, 2023

More details to come. If interested in serving on the planning committee, email the PTA at fallslakeacademypta@gmail.com.

THE FLA PTA NEEDS YOU!

Interested in helping to plan events for FLA students, staff, and the community? The FLA PTA has lots of opportunities to get involved. Serving on a committee is a great way to get family involvement hours! If interested in being a part of a PTA planning committee for the Spring semester, email the PTA at fallslakeacademypta@gmail.com.



Committee Opportunities include:

Bingo Night Planning Committee – Help plan for this FUN event that is open to the whole community!

Hospitality Committee – Help plan events focused on showing our amazing FLA faculty and staff some love, including the upcoming Teacher Appreciation Week.

Advocacy Committee – Help plan activities and programs focused on building relationships between staff and families, and on educating families on issues related to the educational success of their children.

Elementary Committee – Help plan fun events and activities for our FLA elementary students.

Middle School Committee – Help plan fun events and activities for our FLA middle school students.

High School Committee – Help plan fun events and activities for our FLA high school students, including our popular Adopt-A-Senior event.



COME JOIN US!

Not yet a FLA PTA member? Visit <https://fallslakeacademy.memberhub.com/store> to join TODAY. Being a member gives you a voice in your local PTA.



Falls Lake Academy Middle and High School Students are going to Greece!!

When: June of 2024

Who: Middle and High School Students

What: 7 Day Trip to Greece through EF Tours

Information Sessions will be held

➔ February 2nd at 6:30pm
in the POL room in the lower building

➔ February 23rd at 6:30pm
in the POL room in the lower building

You can reach out to Mrs. Graham with questions



*Well that's all for this addition of the Screamer, until next time.....
-Fred the Firebird*

