



The Firebird Screams

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

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May Dates to Remember:



May 1 - School Principals' Day
May 1-4 - BOGO Book Fair
May 1-5 - Teacher Appreciation Week
May 5-7 Theatre Arts Production, 7pm, HS Gym
May 2-11 - Seniors Paint Parking Spot Back
May 2 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
May 4 - Elementary Field Day
May 8-12 - Nurse Week
May 8-12 - Senior Week
May 8 - PTA Board Meeting, 6pm
May 8 - PTA General Meeting, 7pm
May 9 - Senior Walk, 9am
May 10 - Summer Band Concert, 6:30pm, HS Gym
May 15-26 - EOG / EOC / NCFE Testing
May 16 - Board Meeting (if called), 6:30pm
May 18 - HS Spring Art Expo, 5pm
May 22 - Kindergarten Awards
May 23 - 1st grade Awards
May 23 - MS Athletic Awards, 6-7pm, HS Gym
May 23 - Final PAC Meeting, 6pm
May 24 - 2nd Grade Awards
May 25 - Middle School Field Day
May 25 - High School Athletic Awards, 6-7pm, HS Gym
May 26 - Make-Up Exams
May 26 - Last day of School
May 26 - Early Release for Students & Staff

Message from Mr. Johnson

The End of a School Year, the Beginning of An Opportunity

We have arrived at the end of another school year. What a wonderful year it has been!

I am extremely thankful for your support to all staff and students. Our Firebird families are amazing and propel us to reach new heights year after year. Our staff are incredible. They perform at a high level every single day and commit more than just mere hours of the day. Our staff continually pour out from themselves emotionally, mentally, and academically. Our school is what it is because of our staff. I love this quote from former president Theodore Roosevelt. He said, "Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty..." Of course we never want to go through tough times, but we can celebrate knowing it will make us better and stronger. Over the past few years, we have been faced with many difficulties in education. I am happy that we are seeing great accomplishments in the lives and families of our students. I am glad we are on this journey together! Thank you for being THE FIREBIRD FAMILY!

In the short time I have been back, I have seen students grow in wonderful ways. They have physically, mentally, and emotionally matured, continued to develop in their confidence, and excelled through resiliency. Reflecting on this growth, I can only image the depth of opportunity that stands before them. Opportunity is just that though. It is not something guaranteed or easily obtained. It takes work, dedication and commitment. I was recently reading a book from Paul David Tripp that said we could even miss an opportunity if we have no tenderness in our relationships, no cordiality, and merely only tense distance. This is a great reminder to me and all of us as we face these opportunities. We can do our best but we also need to approach opportunities together.

We are at the end of a school year, but remember great opportunities are just beginning. Whether it is a student achieving high levels, moving up to another grade level group, or even graduating, there are wonderful opportunities in front of us all. Let's achieve success by walking alongside each other towards each opportunity. This is the FIREBIRD way and our desire to capitalize on every opportunity!

Our students are going to do wonderful on their end of year testing! This testing will be a time for them to show how amazing they are. Enjoy your summer! I hope it is amazing!

END OF GRADE TESTING SCHEDULE

Below you will find a schedule of the testing sessions: (subject to change)

Elementary School

Monday, May 15, 2023– Reading EOG for Grades 3, 4, and 5

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 – Math EOG for Grades 3, 4, and 5

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 – Science EOG for Grades 5

Middle School

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 – Science EOG for Grade 8

Thursday, May 18, 2023 – Reading EOG for Grades 6, 7, and 8

Friday, May 19, 2023 – Math EOG for Grades 6, 7, and 8

High School

All AP, elective and non-EOC math courses will have exams on May 18th and May 19th

Monday, May 22, 2023 – All English Exams

Tuesday, May 23, 2023– All Math EOC Exams (Math I, Math III only)

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – All Science Exams

Thursday, May 25, 2023 – All History Exams

EOY Lunch Reminder



Please note there will be NO catered lunches delivered from May 15th through May 26th. This also means that we will not have Lunchables available for students who forget their lunch. Due to end of the year testing it is important that ALL students bring their lunches from May 15th through May 26th. We will have students testing in the office during those days, therefore we ask that you do NOT drop off any food during this time.

Thank you for your understanding!

Final Report Cards

Final report cards for students in K-8 will be send home on the last day of school, students in grades 9-11 can pick them up form the ES/MS office between June 8th-12th.

If you would like your student's report card to be mailed to you please turn in a pre-addressed and pre-stamped envelope to your student's PAA before Friday, May 19th, and a copy will be mailed to you.

UPCOMING 7TH AND 12TH GRADERS



Just a reminder for those students who will be entering 7th and 12th grade next 2023-2024 school year:

7th grade immunization requirement is 1 dose of Tdap and 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine

12th grade immunization requirement is a another dose of Meningococcal vaccine

These must be completed within the first 30 days of school or your student may not return until they are complete. The summer is a great time to get these completed to be ready for the 2023-2024 school year. Any questions or concerns please email the school nurse at traceyruffin@fallslakeacademy.com.



Elementary - Thursday, May 5th

Middle School - Thursday, May 25th

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

May 26th – Last Day of School for Students;
Early Release Day for Students & Staff

Lost and Found

We have LOTS of items in our lost and found. Please make sure you check for your belongings before May 26th. Any items left after May 26th will be donated to the Good Will Foundation.



FLA THEATRE PRESENTS

ALICE IN WONDERLAND



MAY 5-6 AT 7PM

MAY 7 AT 2PM

FLA HS GYM

ADULTS \$10

CHILDREN \$8

FALLS LAKE ATHLETIC

AWARDS

MS Athletic Awards

5/23 6pm HS Gym

HS Athletic Awards

5/25 6pm HS Gym

-All FLA athletes are asked to attend

-Athletes must dress nicely (not gym clothes)

This is a special occasion.

-Parents, families & friends are invited

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Volunteers Needed

Campus Beautification Day - May 13th
from 9am - 1pm

Sign up and details will be sent via Jupiter

PBL Information

Project-based learning is in full swing in the middle and high schools as we approach the end of the school year. The sixth grade is currently finishing up their birdhouse project. Students have designed, painted, and built birdhouses to auction off for a local charity. We will hold a silent auction the week of May 1 for people to come by and view the birdhouses and place bids. Students will present on Monday, May 8th. Seventh grade has finished writing comic books that teach a math concept and have shared these with our fourth-grade friends. These comic books will be placed in the library for other students to enjoy. The eighth graders have been having fun with a design-build challenge in class over the last week and a half. In the high school, Strength and Conditioning students have formulated a plan for volunteer staff members to help them achieve their fitness goals and presented these to these teachers last week. Ms. Allen's Civics class had a super interesting POL to answer the question, "Where have we been?" looking at key events in our nation's history that shaped laws. Mr. G's physics students shared their "crash test cars" with Mrs. Thomas's STEAM students on Tuesday. Mrs. Black's photography and Art students are working hard to prepare for the Art Expo coming up on May 18. Mrs. Medlin's Sewing class will be showing off their products that help combat textile waste on May 17th. Senior Project Presentations were last Tuesday and students did a great job with their projects. This is just a sampling of all of the great things taking place in grades 6-12.



Falls Lake Middle School Girls Volleyball Camp

For: Rising 6th grade up to rising 8th grade

Date: June 14th and 15th

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm or 1pm to 4pm (choose one)

Cost: \$60

Please complete form below and turn in with payment to Falls Lake Academy by **May 19th**.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Student: _____

Morning Session _____ OR Afternoon Session _____

Please contact Coach Ruffin for any questions 919-964-9003 ext 119 or
traceyruffin@fallslakeacademy.com

*Spots are limited so do not delay!!

