



# The Firebird Screams

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

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## October Dates to Remember:



Oct 2 - School Custodian Appreciation Day  
Oct 3 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm  
Oct 4 - 3rd-8th Grade Check-Ins Reading  
Oct 5 - 3rd-8th Grade Check-Ins Math  
Oct 5 - Athletics Booster Club Meeting, 6:00pm, HS Lobby  
Oct 6 - 1st Grade POL  
Oct 6 - Math 3 Check-Ins  
Oct 9 - PTA Board Meeting, 6:00pm  
Oct 9 - PTA Elementary Committee Meeting, 7:00pm  
Oct 10 - End of 1st Quarter  
Oct 11-13 - Fall Break/Intersession  
Oct 16 - Senior Package with Jostens  
Oct 17 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm  
Oct 20 - Report Cards go home  
Oct 23-27 - Red Ribbon Week  
Oct 23 - Teacher Workday  
Oct 25 - pSAT  
Oct 26 - K-2 Field Trip  
Oct 26 - English II Check-Ins  
Oct 30 - Nov 1 - Book Fair  
Oct 31 - MS Science Chemistry Show  
Oct 31 - Fall Production Rehearsal, 4:00pm

## Message from Mr. Johnson

October is here!

It is a wonderful time of the year! The leaves are starting to change, the temperatures are cooling off, and the school year is well on its way. As we enjoy all the things Fall has to offer, it is a great time to enjoy family and friend time.

We are nearing the end of the first quarter at school. This is a great time to reflect on the start of the school year and how our students are progressing. If you are like me, it is also a great time as a parent to think about the progress of my children and how they are developing into all that I want them to be as an adult. We desire for our children to build a strong foundation that will serve them well in their careers. This foundation is built on certain traits that are needed to succeed. Traits like Independence and Networking, Problem-Solving and Self-Advocacy. We also want our children to present and speak well when needed. These are many of the traits we are trying to build through Project-Based Learning here at Falls Lake Academy.

As I have said before, we are only successful with the help of our family unit. This help is needed in each and every Firebird home. If we are working to build these traits, and you are at home as well, we will make the most impact on every child. I want to encourage you as a parent to communicate regularly with your child's teacher, know what is going on with his/her grades, encourage homework and make time for device-free family time. One thing we changed this year was no homework over the weekend or tests on Mondays. This was intended to help give you more time to devote to your family unit. Please use that! I encourage you to restrict your child's time on their devices (ie: phone, computer, ipad). Too much device time allows the child's focus to be on so many other things besides academics or learning. Don't get me wrong- It can be useful at times, but when we allow unlimited use and unmanaged time, students will fall to the temptation and stray away from academic work most of the time. From what we see daily here, devices are involved in some way in more than 80% of our behavior incidents. When students come to school and are required to put devices away for class, there is also a hesitation and/or slight defiance because this is not something they are used to. Help us help our students. This is what will be required when they enter their careers.

Lastly, give your child so much encouragement. Let your child struggle with answers at times and don't just tell him/her the answers. Encourage them through it. Be their biggest cheerleader but be careful not to remove all their academic struggles. These struggles force them to find answers, discover resources, and discover solutions to problems. These are all valuable skills for your student to develop as they grow into successful adults. Ask your students questions to help them think like: How are you going to find the answer? What resources can you use to get help? Why do you think this is the answer and not something else? Questions like this force students to think and come up with a reason for their answer. This builds inquiry and stamina to find out answers to things they don't know. We are seeing this as a weakness for a large number of our high school students. Use this time together and make it fun! If we set time aside in our schedules and just commit to spending time with the most important things in our lives- OUR CHILDREN- then we will receive the biggest blessings. This time spent together also allows you to model good behaviors and show them how they can be respectful and nice to others. If you are not being the teacher at home, then I am afraid your child's device will. Please, please, please don't miss out on this opportunity while you have it.

Thank you for being a Firebird! I am so glad to have you as part of our family!

# Scheduled Board Meetings



Tuesday, October 3rd @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 17h @ 6:30pm

## Picture Make-Up Day

K-11 & Senior Portraits

Wednesday, November 1st





# Theatre Arts

We're not in Kansas anymore... Come out and see *Oz* by Don Zolidis on November 3rd at 7pm in the High School Gym! Tickets are \$5 and this outstanding show is open for **ONE NIGHT ONLY!** The cast has been working tirelessly on this production, and you won't want to miss it. This is FLA Theatre's competition show for the North Carolina Theatre Conference, so come out and support them before they take this show on the road! Click your heels three times and hold onto your little dogs, before this twister of a show takes you somewhere over the rainbow!



FALLS LAKE  
ACADEMY

**RED  
RIBBON  
WEEK  
2023**

**October 23-27**  
**Spirit Week**  
**TBD!**

**BE KIND TO  
YOUR MIND**





# HOMECOMING DANCE

Tickets will be on sale  
October 16th - November 17th





# FALLS LAKE ACADEMY

## ANNUAL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB VENDOR FAIR

NOVEMBER 18TH 10AM-3PM

FLA MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

ADMISSION: 1 NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM

CHILDRENS CLOTHES

SCENTSY★

SEINT CLAY EARRINGS

TUMBLERS MARY KAY®

FRONT DOOR DECOR

FAIRY HAIR

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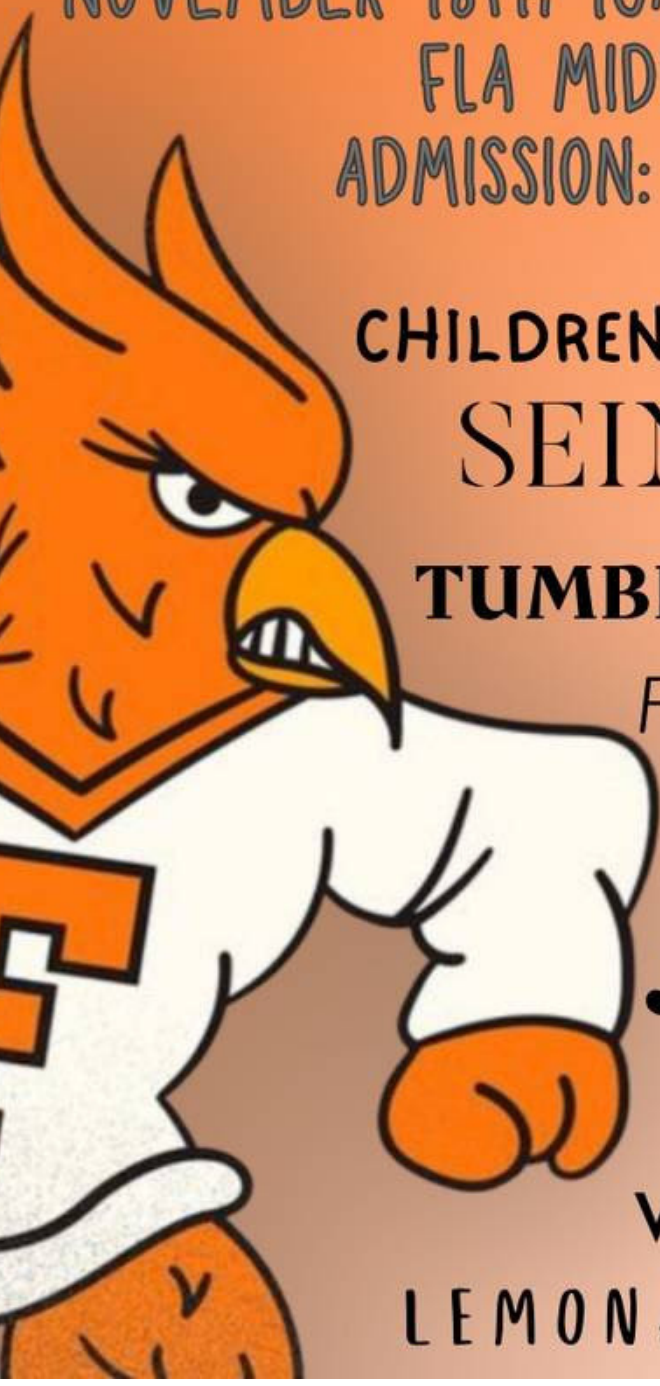
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BAKED GOODS

CATHY'S CRAFTY CRAFTS





# FLARTS Booster

FLARTS is seeking booster club members for the 2023-2024 school year.  
If you are interested in joining please complete the google form below.

<https://forms.gle/hYfVMqDQQDuJrtkg9>

In honor of Bullying Prevention, FLA is participating in "Unity Day." Please wear orange on October 18th to show your kindness, acceptance, and inclusion!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS – ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL ON NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>

FLA PTA's Annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. You do not want to miss this year's event! Online wristband sales are going on NOW through November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bundle discounts are available for advance online purchases only, so don't delay! Be on the lookout for more event details via Jupiter and social media! Also, we've created an event page this year where you can access all event details in one convenient location! Just scan the QR code below to find links to our online store for online wristband purchases, our Facebook event page, and more.



**Falls Lake Academy's Annual FALL FESTIVAL**  
*Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023 5-9pm*  
*Mark Your Calendars for this Great Event!*

**Carnival Games 5-8pm**  
**Spooky Hayride 5-9pm**  
**Haunted House 5-9pm**  
**Pie Face 5-7pm**  
**Costume Contest 6:30pm**  
(with Pumpkin Carving Contest directly after)

**HISTORIC HOBGOOD 7:30-10pm or later**

**Falls Lake Academy**  
**1701 E Lyon Station Rd, Creedmoor, NC**



**Falls Lake Academy's Annual FALL FESTIVAL**  
**TICKETING INFORMATION**

Parents do NOT need a wristband for Fall Festival Activities!  
EVERYONE needs a wristband for the Historic Hobgood Trail Ride!

**PURCHASING TICKETS AT THE TICKET BOOTH:**  
(NO BUNDLE DISCOUNTS ON DAY OF EVENT)

-  **White & Orange Wristband Package - \$20**  
Unlimited Fall Festival Activities (1 White),  
One Historic Hobgood Trail Ride (1 Student and 1 Adult - 2 Orange)
-  **White Wristband - \$15**  
Unlimited Fall Festival Activities, No Historic Hobgood Trail Ride
-  **Orange Wristband - \$5**  
One Historic Hobgood Trail Ride only

**PURCHASING TICKETS ONLINE**  
(DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE)

-  **Orange & White Wristband Package - \$20**  
Bundle of 5, \$80 (save \$20)    Bundle of 4, \$65 (save \$15)  
Bundle of 3, \$50 (save \$10)    Bundle of 2, \$35 (save \$5)
-  **White Wristband - \$15**  
Bundle of 5, \$55 (save \$20)    Bundle of 4, \$45 (save \$15)  
Bundle of 3, \$35 (save \$10)    Bundle of 2, \$25 (save \$5)
-  **Orange Wristband - \$5**



**Join the**  
**DTAA**

**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. PTA members also get first access to volunteer  
opportunities at PTA events, and they receive a monthly  
newsletter full of useful information.



# Falls Lake Academy's Annual **FALL FESTIVAL**



## **PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST**



Entries should be carved/painted prior to the Event



Contestant shall provide a non-flame battery powered light source within each pumpkin



Register at the Volunteer Check In Tent at the front of the School at 5pm



Winners announced directly after the Costume Contest which takes place at 6:30pm



3 Awards - Funniest, Scariest and Most Creative  
Prizes are Trophies and \$25 Gift Cards



Obscene or Offensive designs or language will be disqualified



Pumpkins must be picked up by 9pm or will be discarded





# *Falls Lake Academy's Annual* **FALL FESTIVAL**

November 4, 2023

## **Costume Contest** **6:30 pm**

**Contest Registration is from  
5pm-6pm at the Volunteer Booth.  
Participants must check in at 6:15.**



**Prizes awarded to 4 winners  
(Elementary, Middle School, High School  
and Family/Group)**



**Costumes from all genres of Fandom and  
Non-Cosplay Halloween costumes are  
acceptable. Costumes must be Family  
Friendly and appropriate for all ages.**

***Good Luck!***

