



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. 1 - Holiday - New Year's Day
Jan. 2 - Lottery Opens
Jan. 2 - Teacher Workday, No school for students
Jan. 5 - Report Cards go home
Jan. 8 - PTA Board Meeting, 6:00pm
Jan. 8 - PTA Spring Fling & Elementary Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
Jan. 8-26 - Toy/Coat Drive
Jan. 10 - Athletic Booster Club Meeting, 6:00pm, HS Lobby
Jan. 15 - Holiday - MLK Day
Jan. 16 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
Jan. 22-26 - National School Choice Week
Jan. 24 - 3rd-8th Grade Check-Ins Reading
Jan. 25 - 3rd-8th Grade Check-Ins Math
Jan. 25 - Spelling Bee, 3:30pm, MS Gym
Jan. 29 - Teacher Workday, No school for students

Message from Mr. Johnson

Happy New Year!

We are excited to usher in another year here at Falls Lake Academy!

The start of a new year is a great time to set goals and aspirations. As a school, we are filled with the hope of making remarkable learning progress for our students and our staff. We realize the value in learning each and every day and we strive to become better through our knowledge and care for each other!

This year, I have established a goal to spend at least 10-15 minutes of designated technology free time with my family each day. As busy as we are all the time, this is a good goal for me and us. I know that many of you may also have a need like this too. I encourage you to establish a period of time that is free from distractions to be with your children. They may say they do not want too, or that they have other things to do, but the value you place in this intentional time together will make a huge impact on your children. This is one of the reasons our school decided to stop giving homework over the weekends and holidays. This was designed to give time back to you as a family unit. Family is important and we know none of us take enough time to just be together.

With the start of 2024, I encourage you, and all our Firebird families, to be intentional in impacting your family. They are worth it! It will make the most difference! Have a wonderful 2024! I love that you are a part of our Firebird family!

Scheduled Board Meetings



Tuesday, January 16th @ 6:30pm

Message from Board of Directors

Falls Lake Academy is now seeking applications 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 attend an interest meeting on Thursday, January 11th at 6:00pm.

To apply to the Board send your resume to kevinolte@fallslakeacademy.com.

2024 - 2025 ENROLLMENT

Falls Lake Academy is now accepting applications for the Lottery. Apply by 5pm on March 1, 2024 to be entered into the lottery. Applications will be accepted for Kindergarten through 12th grade for the 2024-2025 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 by 5pm on March 1st to receive that preference.

REMINDER NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 1st - Holiday - New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 2nd - Teacher Workday - No school for students

Monday, January 15th - Holiday - MLK Day

Monday, January 29th - Teacher Workday - No School for students

Inclement Weather Reminder



The winter season is upon us once again. Just 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

When there is snow or ice on the ground or in the air, we try to put out information about our opening or closing status no later than 6:00am. If possible, we will put it out earlier than that, even the night before if we can make a decision in time.

But remember: 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. 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 judgement 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.

