The Firebird Screams

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

MAY 1, 2024

<u>May Dates to</u> <u>Remember:</u>



May 1 - School Principals' Day May 2 - Senior Walk, 9:00am May 2 - Theatre Club Field Trip, 1:00pm-4:30pm May 3 – Teacher Workday May 3-4 - Spring Theatre Arts Production, 7:00pm, HS Gym May 6-10 - National Nurses Week May 6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week May 6–10 – Bookfair May 6-7 - AP Exams May 6 - Rising 6th Grader Orientation, 6:00pm, ES/MS Gym May 7 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm May 9-10 - AP Exams May 9 - Kindergarten Field Trip May 9 - Art Expo, 9:50am-3:35pm, HS Gym. May 9 - MS/HS Summer Band Concert, 6:30pm, HS Gym May 9 - 1st Grade POL - Habitats May 9 - Elementary PTA Committee Meeting, 6:00pm May 10 - Elementary Field Day May 13 - PTA Board Meeting, 6:00pm May 13 - PTA General Meeting, 7:00pm May 13-24 - EOG / EOC/ NCFE Testing May 14 - AP Exams May 17 - Senior Trip May 17 - ES EOY Dances, K-2 5:00-6:30pm, 3-57:00pm-8:30pm May 21 - Board Meeting (if called), 6:30pm May 21 – MS Athletic Awards, 6:00pm, HS Gym May 22 - HS Athletic Awards, 6:00pm, HS Gym May 23 – MS Field Day May 24 - Last day of school for Students May 24 - 3rd-8th Grade Awards May 24 - Report cards go home (K-8 Grades) May 24 - Early Release for Students and Staff May 27 - Holiday - Memorial Day May 28–31 – Teacher Workdays May 31 - Graduation Practice & Senior Luncheon, 9:00am-1:00pm, HS Gym Jun 1 – Graduation, 10:00am, HS Gym

Message from Mr. Johnson

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We are winding down on the 2023-2024 school year. Congratulations on great accomplishments and learning for all!

As we end this school year, we are also quickly planning for next year. The Board of Directors and Administration is working hard to make the 2024-2025 school year even better! Each school year, I like to designate a theme that gives us something to focus on. The theme for our current school year was "Igniting your Passion." I loved seeing that in our students and staff throughout the year. I think it also served as a guide as we took PBL learning to new levels throughout our school.

I want to extend our passion in education and carry it into the theme for next year. I have settled on the theme for next year as "All 4 One." This theme impacts every Firebird family and it relates back to the mission of our school. The mission asserts the primary basis for our existence and that is education for all. I envision this theme as bringing our passion to the table as we unify around one goal and one purpose. It also signifies that we all come together to work hard for that one student, one family, and support that one staff member when it is needed. We all have different needs and function differently, but that is the beauty of life. We need to embrace that and all draw together to lift up one another. This theme focuses on carrying each other forward in life. I am excited about the impact we can make as a school when our focus is on helping others. I am also excited that this theme relates back to the original design of our school by the founding Board members as they envisioned our school prioritizing service in our community. This is all for the education of our students and families. Let us be "All 4 One" as we finish strong this year and roll into next school year!



Tuesday, May 7th @ 6:30pm

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

END OF GRADE TESTING SCHEDULE

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

Elementary School

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 - Science EOG for Grade 5 Thursday, May 16, 2024 - Reading EOG for Grades 3, 4, and 5 Friday, May 17, 2024 - Math EOG for Grades 3, 4, and 5 **No School May 16th and 17th for students in grades K-2. Early Release at 12:30pm for 3-5 students on May 16th and 17th**

Middle School

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – Science EOG for Grade 8, Extend 1 Thursday, May 16, 2024 – Reading EOG for Grades 6, 7, and 8 Friday, May 16, 2024 – Math EOG for Grades 6, 7, and 8 **Early Release at 12:30pm for 6-8 students on May 16th and 17th.**

<u>High School</u>

Monday, May 6, 2024 - AP US Government Exam, 8:00am Tuesday, May 7, 2024 - AP Stats Exam, 12:00pm Thursday, May 9, 2024 - AP Environmental Science Exam, 8:00am Thursday, May 9, 2024 - AP Psychology Exam, 12:00pm Friday, May 10, 2024 - AP Calculus Exam, 8:00am Friday, May 10, 2024 - AP US History Exam, 8:00am Tuesday, May 14, 2024 - AP English Language Composition Exam, 8:00am

Monday, May 20, 2024 - 1st Period HS Exams Tuesday, May 21, 2024 - 2nd Period HS Exams Wednesday, May 22, 2024 - 3rd Period HS Exams Thursday May 23, 2024 - 4th Period HS Exams



EOY Lunch Reminder

Please note there will be NO catered lunches delivered from May 9th through May 24th. 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 13th through May 24th. 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!

UPCOMING 7TH AND 12TH GRADERS



Just a reminder for those students who will be entering 7th and 12th grade next 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 school year. Any questions or concerns please email the school nurse at traceyruffin@fallslakeacademy.com.



Elementary - Friday, May 10th

Middle School - Thursday, May 23rd

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

May 24th – Last Day of School for Students; Early Release Day for Students & Staff

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 3rd-7th.

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 17th, and a copy will be mailed to you.

FLA's Art Expo

We as the FLA Music Department are thrilled to invite you to a very special event at Falls Lake Academy's Art Expo on May 9th at 6:30 PM in the FLA High School Gym. Our talented FLA Bands and Guitar II Ensemble will be presenting the world premiere of "Firebirds," a captivating piece of music commissioned specifically for our school's MS and HS music programs in memory of Hailey Brooks, Nathan George, and Mr. Chris "THE BOSS" Williams.

"Firebirds," composed by the renowned band composer Randall D. Standridge, has never been heard or seen by anyone outside our school and the composer himself. This premiere is an exclusive opportunity to witness the debut of this unique composition, dedicated to celebrating the lives of these exceptional individuals and their impact on our community.

We invite you to join us for an evening filled with joy, triumph, and upbeat melodies—no somber music, just a celebration of the wonderful spirits these three amazing individuals brought into our lives.

Admission to the concert is free, but we kindly request that attendees bring a donation or canned goods for our food drive benefiting the local ACIM Food Pantry. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference in our community.

Let's come together to honor their memory and enjoy a remarkable musical experience. We look forward to seeing you there!

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	Commissioned by: The FLA MS and HS Bands and Mr. Jaron Cox, M.A.Ed.	
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	May 9th, 2024 at 6:30pm	

MAY 6, 2024 6 PM in the K-8 Gym

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Falls Lake Academy Elementary School Presents

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Falls Lake Academy 7pm on May 3 & 4 2pm on May 5 Students: \$8 Adults: \$10 Buy Tickets Here:



Our BOGO Literati Bookfair coming soon! Please mark your calendars for May 6th-May 10th

Yes, BOGO means Buy-One-Get-One-Free!

Stock up on Summer Reading! and/or Help your teachers build their classroom libraries!

We will be open from 7:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You can buy gift cards at <u>efairs.literati.com/?</u> <u>school=falls-lake-academy-creedmoor-nc</u> for your student. You can also buy gift cards for your child's teacher(s) at this same link. In addition, you can share this with family and friends who may not be able to shop the in-person fair.

SIGN UP TO HELP: <u>www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F48A9A62CA4F49-</u> <u>49436362-bookfair</u> * volunteers do need to have a background check on file.

Our online fair is already open. <u>efairs.literati.com/?</u> <u>school=falls-lake-academy-creedmoor-nc</u>

FALLS LAKE ACADEMY SUMMER CAMP '24

From 7:00 am til 5:30 pm Cost \$130 a week / \$104 for the week of June 17th (\$494 for the entire camp)

FAST will be offering a fun and exciting summer camp this summer for students in grades 1–5. Incoming Kindergarteners are welcome, if they have a current sibling attending FLA. Space is Limited!

Kids must bring a snack and lunch every day.

Come join us for a day full of fun and excitement!

Email LisaWatkins@fallslakeacademy.com with questions or to request a registration form.

Return payment to Mrs. Watkins or the front office. Checks made payable to Falls Lake Academy





Our general election will occur at the meeting to elect next year's PTA board. You MUST be a member* to vote *you can become a member at the meeting*



FLA Summer

Book Checkout

Checkout up to 5 books for this summer!

Book Selection Rising 1st - 6th Graders during school day Monday May 20th - Thursday May 23rd **Rising 1st - 12th Graders** Monday May 20th - Tuesday May 21st, 3:30 - 4:30



There are mid-summer **Return & Checkout** options!



Interest/Permission Form https://forms.gle/uj1pqpSiKciezEme7



ALL Books due on or before August 12th to the Library.

Whit and Cold War EUROPE VISIT 5 COUNTRIES ON THIS UNFORGETTABLE TRIP WITH STOPS IN BERLIN, PRAGUE, KRAKOW AND

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THE TRIP WILL TAKE PLACE SPRING BREAK OF 2025.

WWII and Cold War History will come to life as you visit these ancient cities that are now more vibrant than ever.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TRIP INCLUDE:

- visit remains of the Berlin Wall.
- Topography of Terror Museum
- visit Auschwitz and Birkenau.
- the Tatra Mountains of Slovakia.
- visit Wawel Cathedral
- the Hungarian Parliament building.

FOR MORE INFO REACH OUT TO AMBER ADCOCK OR LINDSAY GRAHAM!

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Well firebirds, that is all for this school year and this edition of "The Screamer". This is Fred the Firebird wishing you all a farewell until next school year!

