



The Firebird Screams

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

OCTOBER 3, 2024

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October Dates to Remember:



Oct 1 - 3rd-8th Grade Check-Ins Reading
Oct 1 - National Night Out at BAP, 5:00pm-8:00pm
Oct 1 - Booster Club Meeting, 6:00pm, HS Lobby
Oct 2 - 3rd-8th Grade Check-Ins Math
Day(s) Date(s) Calendar Event
Oct 2 - Mrs. Bruno's 1st Period Class Field Trip - ACIM Food Pantry, 8:00am-9:30am
Oct 4 - 1st Grade POL - Community, POL Room
Oct 7 - Jostens Senior Package (ordering), 11:15am-12:35pm
Oct 8 - End of 1st Quarter
Oct 8 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
Oct 9-11 - Fall Break/Intersession
Oct 14 - Jostens Senior Package, 11:15am
Oct 15 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm - (if called)
Oct 16 - Mrs. Bruno's 1st Period Class Field Trip - ACIM Food Pantry, 8:00am-9:30am
Oct 18 - Kindergarten Field Trip - Hill Ridge Farm
Oct 18 - Busch Gardens Williamsburg Field Trip - Mr. Overholt's 1st & 2nd Period Classes Only
Oct 18 - Middle School Dance, 6:00pm-8:00pm
Oct 18 - Report cards go home
Oct 21 - Teacher Workday (K-8 Parent Conferences)
Oct 23 - HS PSAT
Oct 24 - 6th Grade POL, POL Room
Oct 25 - 6th Grade POL Kick-Off, POL Room
Oct 25 - Mrs. Medlin's 2nd Period Class Field Trip - NC State Wilson College of Textiles, 8:15am-1:30pm
Oct 26 - Fall Festival
Oct 30 - Fall Make-Up Picture Day (Grades K-11)
Oct 30 - Senior Make-Up Picture Day
Oct 30 - Mrs. Bruno's 1st Period Field Trip - South Granville Senior Center, 8:15am-12:30pm
Oct 31 - MS Science Halloween Lab, POL Room

Message from Mr. Johnson

I am so proud of what we can accomplish together! Last week, we released our school report card grade. We scored a "B" and exceeded growth for the 2023-2024 school year. That is a job well done by all!

For a school to succeed, it takes many pieces working together in harmony. We have fantastic students working hard and learning to interact and work with others to achieve high levels. We have staff that turn in endless hours of instruction during the day and reflection, planning, and grading during the nights and weekends. We have parents and families that sacrifice to get their students here and invest much into helping everyone succeed at our school. We even have parents that give many hours serving in parent organizations and on our governing boards to help provide direction and community support for our school.

As we are approaching the Harvest season, it is a great time to be thankful for so much. I am so thankful that our Board of Directors provide additional supportive staff that other schools do not normally provide. These staff are incredible and our students reap the benefits! These staff include Teacher Assistants for almost all Elementary classrooms. They include a strong student support team and intervention staff that work with most student needs. These staff also specifically support our PBL areas and the mission of our school. Again these are staff that we employ to help our students above and beyond what some other schools do. We also have staff that meet our student's disability needs as well as staff designated to support social and emotional needs. We are working to do so much at our school, and we are fortunate to be reaping the success of our efforts.

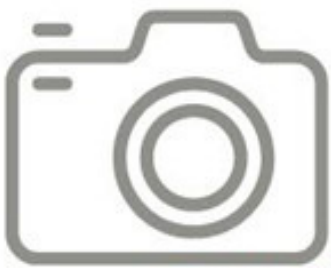
This fall, I encourage you and your family to take time to look at the blessings in front of you as well. I hope you, your family, and our school get to experience continued success and thankfulness!

Scheduled Board Meetings



Tuesday, October 8th @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 15th @ 6:30pm (if called)



**SCHOOL
PICTURES**

Picture Make-Up Day

K-11 & Senior Portraits

Wednesday, October 30th

No School
Fall Break!

OCTOBER 9 - 11

Meet your Elementary Specials Teachers

Students in grades K-5 visit specials for 50 minutes each day.



My name is Mrs. Weldon and I am the K-5 Library teacher. In the library we read and discuss story elements (characters, feelings, settings, problems, solutions, making connections...), genres (adventure, realistic fiction, fantasy...), complete research, check out books, and so much more! In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, camping, hiking, and reading!

Lacey McWatters is the Music Teacher. She's been teaching music at Falls Lake Academy since the school opened in 2013. Before that she taught in West Virginia. She received her Bachelors of Music Education at West Virginia University. Her classroom focuses on the Orff-Schulwerk method: Move, Sing, Play. This year's theme in music is the 5 Families of Instruments: Woodwind, Brass, String, Percussion and Keyboard.



My name is Tracy Hill. I am a dedicated teacher with five years of experience as the project-based learning (PBL) teacher and support coach for the elementary school. With two wonderful children and 25 years of marriage, family plays a central role in my life. I am deeply passionate about fostering learning and kindness in children, striving to create a positive, supportive environment where they can thrive both academically and emotionally. My goal is to inspire my students to be lifelong learners and compassionate individuals

My name is Coach D. I teach k-5 Physical Education. I graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in K-12 Physical Education/Health. I enjoy spending my time with family and friends at the beach, lifting weights, and fishing.



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I'm excited to be in my second year as a PBL (Project-Based Learning) support teacher at FLA, where I've had the privilege of working for the past seven years. I truly enjoy the hands-on, creative approach that PBL brings to learning, as it allows students to engage deeply with the material in a way that encourages critical thinking and collaboration.

Outside of school, I stay busy with my three boys, all of whom attend FLA in 8th, 6th, and 1st grades. As a family, we love to travel and explore new places together, creating memories that enrich our lives and perspectives.

I'm looking forward to another exciting year, supporting students and helping them grow through meaningful projects!

Mrs. Swartz is the art teacher.





UNITY DAY

Wear and Share

ORANGE

Tuesday, October 8th

Encourage

kindness, acceptance & inclusion



[Pacer.org/unityday](https://pacer.org/unityday)

K-8

OCT 21 - OCT 25

BE KIND TO YOUR MIND

You Can
Do THIS

MONDAY

Teacher Workday!

TASTY TUESDAY

Healthy eating habits:

Wear the color of your favorite fruit or vegetable!



WELLNESS WEDNESDAY



Fitness & exercise:

Wear workout clothes!

TRANQUIL THURSDAY

Sleep habits:

Wear your pajamas!



FUN FRIDAY

Be who you want to be:

Dress any way that brings you joy! Halloween costumes welcome (within dress code)!

PTA NEWS

Our PTA has some big things planned for the year and some even bigger goals!

We're still supporting our staff and planning fun events for the students, while fundraising for a carpool awning and other shade projects needed around campus.

Please support our efforts in any way you can, but we understand that not all families can help with all events/fundraisers.

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Together we can soar to
new heights!

**Connect with Us
for Updates**



Don't miss out!

**BE AN
ACTIVE
MEMBER!**

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Facebook**



**Visit our
Website**



We need your Vote!

Check out our upcoming events! Please note these are subject to change.

Falls Lake Academy PTA

Discussing our Annual Budget



Special Meeting



October 8 | 7:00 pm

All welcome In Person - Please Meet in the POL room
Virtual Will Be Available to PTA Members on Zoom



EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Parents



Teachers



Staff



Come build community and support uour kids by
learning how you can partner with the PTA to make a
difference at Falls Lake Academy

Hope to see you soon!

24-25 FLA PTA DATES TO REMEMBER

EVENTS

Oct 1 - National Night Out

Oct 8 - Special General Meeting (Budget)

Oct 18- Middle School Dance (rescheduled)

Oct 21 - (Proposed) Fundraiser Pickup

Oct 26 - Fall Festival

Dec 18 - Cookies & Crafts w/ Santa

Feb 7 - Elem Someone Special Dance

Feb 12 - Middle School Dance

Feb 22 - Volunteer Fair

Apr 26 - Spring Fundraiser

April-May - Adopt-a-Senior

May 1 - High School Field Day

May 22 - MS Field Day Cookout

Other Events we're planning

Calendar Fundraiser

Toy/Coat Drive

Brick Fundraiser

Supply Drive

Fun Run

Elementary Royal Ball

General Meetings (all at 7pm)

November 12

February 11

May 13 (ELECTION DAY)

Questions? Email fallslakeacademypta@gmail.com



Night under the Stars

Rescheduled to:

Friday, October 18th,

6PM-8PM

Middle School Gym

*Concessions will be available
for sale*

**FALLS LAKE
ACADEMY PTA
HOSTS IT'S ANNUAL**

Fall FESTIVAL

**SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 26TH 5PM-9PM**

There will be Carnival Games, a
Haunted House, Food Trucks,
Vendors, Slime, Bounce House,
Trunk or Treat, Costume contest,
Historic Hobgood Trail and **MUCH
More!**

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

We are still accepting applications for vendors. Cost is \$25 per 10' x10'
space for vendors.

We are also looking for food trucks as well.

Email Fallslakeacademypta@gmail.com for more information



THE FINAL RIDE

OCTOBER 26, 2024

If you know a business that is able to donate to our silent auction, please let us know!
All money raised through the silent auction will go directly to the classrooms/grade levels/departments of the school or to our carpool awning fund!



**Falls Lake Academy PTA's
Annual Fall Festival**

SILENT AUCTION

**WE NEED
YOUR
DONATIONS!**

**DOES YOUR
COMPANY MATCH
DONATIONS?
CONTACT US IF SO!**

**OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE AT LEAST \$100,000 IN THE
NEXT COUPLE YEARS TOWARDS A CARPOOL AWNING
AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

LET'S TAP INTO OUR RESOURCES!

CONNECT WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY, CLASSMATES, NEIGHBORS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATES.

**CAN YOUR
COMPANY
DONATE
AN ITEM?**

MOST WANTED ITEMS:

ARTWORK	THEMED GIFT BASKETS	NEW TOYS & GAMES
PERSONAL TRAINER	DINNER FOR TWO	AUTO DETAILING
MUSIC LESSONS	AUTOGRAPHED MEMORABILIA	STORE CERTIFICATES
ROUNDS OF GOLF	JEWELRY	MOVIE TICKETS
GIFT CERTIFICATES	NEW ELECTRONICS	GIFT CARDS
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS	SWIM LESSONS	ANYTHING YOU CAN THINK OF!
	SPORTS TICKETS	

PLEASE CONTACT:

FALLSLAKEACADEMYPTA@GMAIL.COM

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

**ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU NEED A FORMAL LETTER FROM THE PTA
FOR YOUR COMPANY, PLEASE GIVE US THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION AND
WE WILL GENERATE AND MAIL OUT A LETTER FOR YOU.**

**YOUR DONATIONS MAY BE TAX
DEDUCTIBLE!**

Stay tuned for Membership Drive and Believe Kids Fundraiser updates! Orders can still be placed online until October 15th! Donations can also be made on Givebacks! These orders and donations can count toward's your child's fundriaser items!

COMMITTEES

OCTOBER 2024

Join us for a
Committee or
two! These
dates/times, too,
are subject to
change.

THURS 3 6PM FALL FESTIVAL

WED 9 6PM FUNDRAISING

THURS 10 6PM FALL FESTIVAL

TUES 15 6PM FALL FESTIVAL

TUES 22 5PM COMMUNITY
OUTREACH

THURS 24 6PM FALL FESTIVAL
7PM BEAUTIFICATION

FALLS LAKE ATHLETICS INVITES YOU

Come out and take a test drive at IronOak Chevrolet. For each test drive taken, IronOak Chevrolet will provide \$25 in sponsorship dollars to Falls Lake Academy on your behalf (up to \$500).

***When visiting the dealership, make sure you mention FLA athletics and the Chevy Youth Sports Program!**



Well that's all for now, until next time...

-Fred the Firebird

