



The Firebird Screams

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

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February Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 3 - Student Letters of Intent Electronically Sent to Parents
- Feb. 4 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- Feb. 5 - Mr. Allen's 4th Period Botany Class Field Trip - Horton Grove Nature Preserve, 1:55pm-3:30pm
- Feb. 5 - Booster Club Meeting, 6:00pm, HS Lobby
- Feb. 6-7 - HS Band Field Trip (Only Students Nominated), Vance Granville Community College Honor Band
- Feb. 10 - 8th Grade HS Info Night/Elective Showcase, 4:30pm-5:30pm
- Feb. 11 - PTA Board Meeting, 6:00pm, POL Room
- Feb. 11 - General PTA Meeting, 7:00pm, POL Room
- Wednesday February 12 Mr. Allen's 4th Period Field Trip - Lake Rogers Park, 2:05pm-3:30pm
- Feb. 12 - Senior Food Truck Rodeo, 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Feb. 12 - MS Semi-Formal - Snowball, 6:30pm-8:30pm, ES/MS Gym
- Feb. 13 - Teacher Workday
- Feb. 14 - Student Letters of Intent Due
- Feb. 14-18 - Break/Intersession
- Feb. 20 - Family Tours, 9:00am
- Feb. 21 - Snowball Gala (Grades K-5) - PTA Event, 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Feb. 21 - Improv Show, 7:00pm-8:30pm, HS Gym
- Feb. 22 - Volunteer Fair (PTA Event)
- Feb. 25 - Family Tours, 5:00pm and 5:45pm
- Feb. 25 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm - (if called)
- Feb. 27 - HS Honor Society Inductions, 5:00pm
- Feb. 28 - Kindergarten POL - Weather

Message from Mr. Johnson

Isn't the year flying by! We are already in February and we are making some great progress in learning!

I am excited to emphasize Black History Month during February. This is a great time to reflect on the amazing impact African Americans all around the world have made in our nation, state, and even in our local community. If you are like me, you personally have African American friends that are amazing people and that have made a huge difference in your life. I remember playing baseball when I was little, right here in Butner. I had an African American coach who I looked up to and who took me in like I was his own. He made a huge impression on me because he cared for me, he invested in me, and he took time with me. He was my mentor and I am still so thankful for him. I have many stories like this that build more and more each day. This month is a great time to reflect on the positive impact of everyone around us. There is enough love to share with every single person around the world. February is a great time to do that!

Unfortunately, some times have changed. Today, there is so much influence on our society through videos (ie:TikTok), social media outlets, and songs. We see that almost anything gets posted and very few stand up for what is right and pure. Kids are constantly getting an education from the 'wrong' ways. Through these avenues and at a very early age children see bad behavior as popular and desirable. Unfortunately, our children are not getting good teaching. Social media and songs are making racial slurs look like they are ok, explicit content is being shared, and mean behaviors are being portrayed in a 'cool' light. I cannot urge you enough to be sure to be very involved in your child's online activities. You have to correct what they are seeing and hearing. Please invest in them enough to discuss what is appropriate or not. It is also important to explain over and over how to treat others. We cannot excel as a school if our students are learning improper behaviors and language outside of our school. This is inclusive of the home environment as well. Make sure your family is talking and acting appropriately at home. Your children are sponges and they soak it all up. What are you soaking them with? Everything your child learns will be shown at school at some point. If it is mean or bad behavior, then it translates to discipline measures that have to be handed out. No staff member wants to issue disciplinary consequences to students. We want every child to have a positive experience and get the most out of the learning environment. We are asking for your help at home and with online content. Please help us help them! Thank you for helping us to make sure your child is successful at all levels! Go FIREBIRDS!

Scheduled Board Meetings



Tuesday, February 4th @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, February 25th @ 6:30pm (if called)

REMINDER NO SCHOOL

Thursday, February 12th - Teacher Workday - No school for students

Friday, February 13th - Tuesday, February 17th - Break/Intersession -
No School for staff and students

2025 - 2026 ENROLLMENT

We are now accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year. Applications must be completed electronically through the link found on our website at www.fallslakeacademy.com on the Enrollment page. The application deadline is 5:00pm on March 1, 2025. Applications received after the deadline are not entered into the lottery, they will be placed at the end of the grade level waiting list. The lottery will be held on Friday, March 21st.

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.



LETTERS OF INTENT

Letters of intent for all current students were sent out through a Jupiter Message to parents/guardians on Monday, February 3rd. The google doc form must be completed by Friday, February 14th in order to guarantee your current student a place at FLA next year.

Link to Form: <https://forms.gle/fRnzmgDNmfgtmHSE9>

Paper copies are available in our offices if you are unable to complete the form online.

Valentine's Day Deliveries Not Allowed!

This is a reminder that we are as NOT allowing flowers, balloons, gift baskets, etc. to be delivered to school for Valentine's Day. This becomes a huge distraction for our instructional time. If you wish to send your student flowers or a special gift for Valentine's Day we ask that you please have it delivered to your child's home.



Thank you for your understanding!

Kindergarten POLs

Friday,
February 28th

Parham: 11:00am
Tunstall: 12:00pm
Smoak: 12:30pm
Rivera: 1:00pm

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Falls Lake Booster Club will have a Captain's Choice (Superball) golf tournament at South Granville Country Club on May 3, 2025, with a 1:30 start. The booster club supports all athletic teams to pay for equipment, uniforms, field rentals, and upkeep of facilities. How can you help; by entering a team to play in the tournament or buying a hole sponsorship. For more information or brochures, please contact a Booster Club member or one of the Athletic Directors. We need your support!



Snowball

Grades 6 through 8 Semi-Formal

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
FROM 6:30-8:30.**

THIS IS THE DAY BEFORE YOUR WINTER BREAK!

WHERE: FLA LOWER BUILDING GYM

**COST: \$5 IN ADVANCE OR \$7 AT THE DOOR
CONCESSIONS WILL BE SOLD!**

See Miss Adcock in Room 511 to purchase in advance.

PTA Corner



Falls Lake Academy PTA

General Meetings

FEBRUARY 11TH, 2025

MAY 14TH, 2025

POL ROOM

7:00-8:00 PM

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

Kindergarten- 5th Grade

Snowball Gala

February 21, 2025

6pm-8pm

Presale tickets: \$7:50 per person.

*Tickets at the door: \$8 per
person*

Presale ends on 2/20 at 12am

NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

WANT TO CONNECT TO NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY?

NOT SURE HOW TO START VOLUNTEERING?

WE HAVE THE EVENT FOR YOU!

COME OUT ON FEBRUARY 22ND AND MEET ORGANIZATION LEADERS THAT NEED VOLUNTEERS, FIND INFORMATION ABOUT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, GET IDEAS OF HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR HOURS, AND MAYBE EVEN GET AN HOUR OR TWO THAT DAY!



VOLUNTEER FAIR

Seeking

ORGANIZATIONS THAT NEED VOLUNTEERS



SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 22ND



FALLS LAKE
ACADEMY

MORE INFORMATION
fallslakeacademypta@gmail.com





WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are now accepting nominations for the 2025-2026 PTA board. Please use the QR code to fill out the form if you know someone who would be awesome for a position or to nominate yourself!

Nominations Due: 2/28

February Committee Meetings

Quarter Auction

February 5th 6PM
February 19th 6PM

Nominating

February 13th 5PM

Community Outreach

February 7th 5PM
February 11th 5PM
February 20th 5PM

Fundraising

February 6th 7PM

Other committees may schedule meetings as well. Please communicate with your committee chair about when they plan to meet.

Note: Meeting dates are subject to change. Please communicate with your committee chair if you need to miss a meeting or have a proposed change to the scheduled meeting time(s).

24-25 FLA PTA DATES TO REMEMBER

Events

Feb 10-12- "Show the Love" Staff appreciation

Feb 21- Snowball Gala 6pm-8pm

Feb 22 - Volunteer Fair

Feb 24-Firetime Funday (HS)

Feb 28- 5th grade DARE graduation

April 4- MS dance

Apr 26 - Quarter Auction

April-May - Adopt-a-Senior

May 1 - High School Field Day

May 22 - MS Field Day Cookout

Other Events we're planning

Fundraiser for Awning

Brick Fundraiser

Supply Drive

Elementary Royal Ball

More spirit nights

General Meetings

(all at 7pm in POL room)

February 11th (NEW
DATE)

May 14th (Election Day)

Questions? Email fallslakeacademypta@gmail.com

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

-Fred the Firebird

