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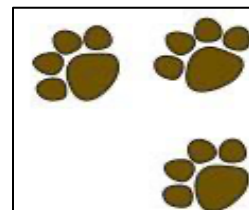
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2/4 Nicole Fletcher

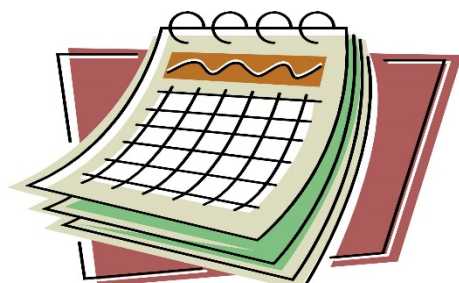
2/22 Angela Hagan

2/25 Tracy Sekesky



CALENDAR

- 2/4 Progress Reports
- 2/10 School Board Mtg, Moore Elem.
- 2/13 PTO Meeting @ 8:45
- 2/14 SRO Appreciation Day; Early Dismissal Day @ 12:30
- 2/17 No School for Students, Districtwide Professional Learning



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ROAR REMINDER AND UPDATE:

We had 5 office referrals for the months of November and December.

Keep **roaring** FES bear cubs!

Principal's Message

By: Dr. April Carrigan

I hope your family and you had a great week! Our students and faculty enjoyed celebrating the 100th Day of School on Wednesday! It was fun to see our students' outfits for the day. Our students participated in 100th Day of School activities throughout the day.

On Thursday, our faculty celebrated and recognized Kevin Townsel, one of our school board members. We enjoyed breakfast with him, and he spoke to our students on announcements. We truly appreciate his work and dedication to our school and district.

Our Gathering with Girlfriends is February 20 at 7:45 – 8:15, so mark your calendars!

Assistant Principal's Tip

By: Lauren Simpson

We will be honoring Black History Month during the month of February. Listed below is what our students will be learning in Related Arts. In addition, we will have a few guest readers throughout the month to read to our students during morning announcements.



Art

- Kindergarten: Will learn about the artist Alma Thomas and create colorful abstract artwork inspired by her.
- 1st Grade: Will learn about the contemporary artist Jessi Raulet who creates colorful, whimsical art under the brand Ettavee.
- 2nd Grade: Will learn about the contemporary artist Reggie Laurent and create an abstract piece of art using organic and geometric shapes.
- 3rd Grade: Will learn about the artist Howardena Pindell and create a piece of abstract art using circles inspired by her.
- 4th Grade: Will learn about the contemporary artist Kehinde Wiley who painted former President Obama's portrait and will create their own self-portrait based on his artwork.

Library

- All Grades- The library will set up a display for students and faculty to check out books written by African American authors, illustrators, famous Americans, characters and history. Library classes will listen to

stories featuring African American characters, authors, and illustrators.

- **Music**

- Kindergarten – Will incorporate famous Motown and jazz songs into movement opportunities to demonstrate the beat, form, and expression.
- 1st Grade - Will sing the song "Sing About Martin", an echo song, and discuss the life of Martin Luther King Jr.
- 2nd Grade- Will learn the song "Eyes on the Prize" and about how music was used during the Civil Rights Movement.
- 3rd Grade- Will learn the song "Follow the Drinking Gourd" and discuss how the song was used to find the Underground Railroad. Will also talk about what the Underground Railroad was.
- 4th Grade- Will learn "We Shall Overcome" and discuss how music was used in the Civil Rights Movement and how music is used today to convey messages. Will also learn "Sir Duke" and discuss the lives and listen to many of the Jazz greats mentioned in "Sir Duke."

Coordinated School Health News

By: Lisa Chatman, FSD School Health Coordinator

Before the holiday break in December, Coordinated School Health served smoothie samples during breakfast at FES.

The recipe for this simple smoothie is:

- Frozen strawberries
- Frozen mixed berries (blueberries, blackberries, strawberries)
- Cranberry juice

Using frozen, prepackaged fruit eliminates the need for ice. If you prefer fresh berries in your smoothie, add 1 ½ cup of ice cubes. Enjoy!



Math Olympiads Medalists



Congratulations to the March Math Olympiad Event 3 Medalists:

Gold- Nora Beschta, Owen East, Miles Nejdl, & Wesley Smith

Silver- Riggs Aeverman, Robert Redman, Simon Strasser, Cora Sullivan, & Holden White

Counselor's Corner

By: Andrea Gillette, School Counselor



Happy Friday! I hope you had a nice week. The character word for the month of January is courage. Courage is doing the right thing even when it is tough. As we begin the month of February, we will be learning about the character word citizenship. Good citizenship means doing your share and following the rules. The first, second, and fourth grades came to my class this week. The first grade students learned the effects of smoking, and the second grade students learned about peer pressure. The fourth grade students continued learning how drugs (marijuana and cocaine) affect the body, mind, and relationships. Next week, the kindergarten and third grade students will come to my class. The kindergarten students will learn about making healthy decisions particularly taking medicine only from a trusted adult, and the third grade students will continue learning how drugs affect the body. We will be discussing a variety of drugs. I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

We have exciting news about our 4th Grade Cub Crew! Cub Crew is a service club of fourth grade students who serve as tutors, greeters, cafeteria helpers, and library helpers. The students were able to apply for the job that interested them. After looking over the applications, here is the second group of Cub Crew members.

Ridge Simpson
Jackson McDonald
Audrey Keaton
Ayriel Booker
Maddy Johnson
Ava Vereen
Emery Egerton
Scottlyn Bennett
Max Dodson
Jayla Walton
Nora Harty
Natalie Sheehan
Olivia Hatcher

Cam Lasda
Naomi Mizner
Eloise Donnelly
Natalie Peterson
Colin Gunnel
Owen East
Wesley Smith
Jack Fontanetta
Alex Tiongco
Hannah Jones
Kate Walters



Congratulations to our students who were chosen for the month of December for being CARING!

K Cady Wegrzyn
1st Harrison Spiehler
2nd Ana Sofia Guzman
3rd Axel Rosas
4th Wesley Smith



PTO Happenings

By: Callie Alexander, PTO President

February is a month full of exciting events! Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 20th for our annual Gathering with Girlfriends. Come enjoy donuts and beverages with your kiddos from 7:45-8:15am in the school cafeteria. As a friendly reminder, a photo ID will be required to enter the building.

Staff Appreciation Week is February 24th-28th. Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to the Staff Appreciation Drive! We hope that you are enjoying those Franklin Elementary stadium cups. We met our fundraising goal and feel confident our staff will enjoy a fun filled week of surprises. If you would like to participate in the planning of this event please contact Katy Dodson at: marykdodson@gmail.com or Aria Witherow at: aria.eaton@hotmail.com.

Looking ahead into March, PTO has also begun initial planning for our Fine Arts Night. This event is always a highlight of the year, but PTO is seeking volunteers. Many hands make for light work, and we hope to gain assistance in hanging art throughout the halls of our school. A sign up will be sent out via Parent Square, so please be on the lookout for that in the weeks ahead.

In addition, PTO aims to organize a group of volunteers to assist with our Silent Auction. If you or someone you know might have an item, experience, or donation you're willing to contribute to this event that would be much appreciated! We love our fine arts departments here at FES! All the proceeds raised from the auction will go right back into these programs offering further enrichment opportunities for our students. If interested, please contact Jenny Vazquez at: jennyv615@gmail.com.

Thank you to all our volunteers! You are the backbone of every event here at FES! There are many opportunities to volunteer in person, but also from the comfort of your own home. If you've been on the fence about volunteering, I encourage you to jump in because every little bit helps!

Lunch Menu

Franklin Elementary / Lunch					FEBRUARY 2025				
Mon	3	Tue	4	Wed	5	Thu	6	Fri	7
Hamburger/Cheeseburger Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Salad Bar Sweet Potato Fries Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles Assorted Fruit		Walking Taco Cheese Nachos Salad Bar Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa Refried Beans Assorted Fruit Treat Tuesday		Chicken Smackers BBQ Chicken Salad Bar Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Roll Assorted Fruit		Macaroni & Cheese BBQ Sandwich Salad Bar Coleslaw Peas Assorted Fruit		Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Hawaiian Pizza Romaine Tossed Salad Salad Bar Baby Carrots Assorted Fruit	
Mon	10	Tue	11	Wed	12	Thu	13	Fri	14
Hamburger/Cheeseburger Buttery Noodles Salad Bar Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles Tater Tots Assorted Fruit		Chicken Fajita Meatball Sub Salad Bar Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa Corn Assorted Fruit Treat Tuesday		Chicken Smackers Baked Chicken Salad Bar Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Roll Assorted Fruit		Wings of Fire Hot Dog Salad Bar Cheesy Broccoli Emoji Potatoes Assorted Fruit		Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Caesar Salad Salad Bar Assorted Fruit	