



# The Bear Facts

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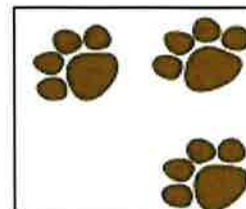
## Important Numbers

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## BIRTHDAYS

3/20 Kristen Carter  
3/30 Aimee Servais



## CALENDAR

3/3-7 Read Across America  
3/4 ZooVentures  
3/6 Spring Pictures – Ind. & Group  
3/6 Gathering with Girlfriends @  
7:45  
3/7 Early Dismissal Day @ 12:30  
3/10-14 Spring Break  
3/24 School Board Mtg, 6:30 PM @  
Central Office



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## Principal's Message

By: Dr. April Carrigan

I hope your family and you have enjoyed your week! We have an exciting week coming up March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be celebrating Read Across America Week. Our students will participate in Spirit Week, enjoy guest readers, and other exciting activities throughout the week. We are so excited to celebrate our love of reading!

We are excited to announce that FSD online registration for the 2025-2026 school year will open Monday, March 3. If you have a returning student, you will need to be prepared to log in to your Skyward Family Access account. Now is a good time to locate your one proof of residency, which you can submit electronically with your registration or drop off at our school once your registration is complete.

FSD Recruitment Fair will be on March 29 from 9:00 – 11:00. The fair will be held at the FSD Performing Arts Center. If you know someone who might be interested in working in the best district (or you), please pass the information along!

If your child is a car rider in the afternoon, please remember the following protocols to ensure our students' safety: (1) Please remain in your car. If your child needs assistance getting in, our faculty will help. (2) Please refrain from using your cell phone when in the car rider line. (3). Please put your car in park while waiting for your child. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe and helping our pickup to move quickly.

## Assistant Principal's Tip

By: Lauren Simpson

National Women's History Month is celebrated every March in the United States. During this time, we will be recognizing the contributions of women to American history and culture.



**"As a woman in science, I sincerely hope that my receiving a Nobel Prize will send a message to young women everywhere that the doors are open to them and that they should follow their dreams."**

-Linda Buck (1947-)

*-biologist whose research helped to explain how we use our olfactory nerves to understand smells*

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## Coordinated School Health News

By: Lisa Chatman, FSD School Health Coordinator

February is a month of many observances including heart health awareness and Valentine's Day. On February 13<sup>th</sup>, the student health council celebrated the Valentine's Day holiday with an afternoon of fun. The students enjoyed decorating heart shaped cookies that they could eat or take home to their family members.



## The Book Nook

By: Julie Bryant, Library Media Specialist

Hey everyone! Just a reminder that Read Across America starts Monday! Can you believe it?? So many amazing things are happening around our school to celebrate reading, and we can't wait!

Some of the special days are included below.



**Monday, March 3:** Read Across America kickoff! – Wear your snuggly pajamas and cozy up with a book!

**Tuesday, March 4:** Yay for Reading! TEAM Up with your buddy or a good book. Wear your team colors today and enjoy reading with a friend. (Maybe you'll find a buddy to read with on the Story Bus as it comes for a visit!)

**Wednesday, March 5:** Book Character Day! Dress as your favorite BOOK CHARACTER. Remember, no masks or weapons of any kind. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Thursday, March 6:** Dress for Success or a Tea Party and smile pretty! It's Spring Picture Day...but you still need to read.

**Friday, March 7:** Spirit Day! Celebrate FES and wear your favorite FES shirt. And, we have a special treat for you on this day. **KONA Ice is visiting during dismissal!** They will have a truck near car rider line where you can pull up and order something yummy to start spring break!

Thank you all for your participation and celebrating books and reading!

Happy birthday, Dr. Seuss!

## PTO Happenings

By: Callie Alexander, PTO President

What an incredible time we have had during Staff Appreciation Week! Your generous donations during our Staff Appreciation Drive in January provided an opportunity to thank all 74 staff members for all that they do! PTO provided coffee, donuts, a catered lunch, sweet treats, a chili cook-off, and a gift card for each member. Creating a positive supporting environment for both students and staff is what the PTO aims to achieve. This is all made possible through volunteers and donations from our families like you!



This upcoming Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> is our Gathering with Girlfriends event starting at 7:45am in the school's gymnasium. Please come enjoy donuts and beverages with your kiddos, but also as a friendly reminder, please bring a valid photo ID to enter the building.

In addition, school class pictures will also take place on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. You have probably seen a handout come home regarding yearbook purchases, if not, please reach out to your classroom teacher. It's not too late to submit photos for the yearbook. If you have any pictures you'd like to submit, please email Anna Lora Whitley at: [whitleyannalora@gmail.com](mailto:whitleyannalora@gmail.com).

Following Spring Break, our monthly PTO meeting will take place on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am. PTO would like to extend a special invite to all 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents to attend and meet our guest speaker Joel Hoag, principal at Freedom Intermediate School. This will allow parents a question-and-answer opportunity to assist with the transition to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Finally, Fine Arts Night falls on Thursday, March 27th. This is accompanied by our Silent Auction. If you are anyone you know would like to contribute to our silent auction, please reach out to Jenny Vazquez at: [jenny615@gmail.com](mailto:jenny615@gmail.com).

## Fine Arts Night



**SAVE THE DATE:**

# Fine Arts Night

**THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH**  
**5:20-7:00PM**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 5:10**

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**Art Displays, Activities,  
Music Performances,  
Treats and Scavenger Hunt**

**Music Performances**

<b>K</b>	<b>5:20-5:30</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>5:40-5:50</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>6:00-6:10</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>6:20-6:30</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>6:40-6:50</b>		



# KONA ICE IS COMING!

## FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY FUNDRAISER / FREE BOOKS

Friday, March 07  
12:30pm

### PRICING

- \$5 KLASIK
- \$7 COLOR CHANGE / \$3 REFILLS
- \$8 KOLLECTIBLE / \$4 REFILLS
- \$8 KOWABUNGA / \$4 REFILLS

ACCEPT CASH, CREDIT CARD, APPLE PAY



**\*\*KONA EXTRAS!!\*\***

KANDY EDIBLE SPOON -\$2 / WRIST BAND -\$1 / HAWAIIAN LEI -\$1  
TOPZ SOUR TOPPING -\$1 / SOUR SHOT -\$1 / SWEET CREAM -\$1 / EDIBLE STRAW -\$1