



LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 1, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS: MAY

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| 1 | ERB Testing for 1st-4th Grade, Senior Car Parade |
| 2 | ERB Testing for 1st-4th Grade (make-up day), Late Arrival at 9:00am |
| 2 | 2nd Grade Egyptian Day, PSIA Pizza Party |
| 2 | Last day for Library reading challenge |
| 2 | Last day for students to check out library books |
| 5 | Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week Begins! |
| 6 | 4th Grade Girls Talk (during the school day) |
| 9 | 2nd Grade Pet Day |
| 9 | All student library books are due, Library EOY Awards Party |
| 12 | FBCA Golf Tournament, Library Millionaire's Club Party |
| 13 | 3rd Grade Global Symposium (social studies presentation, parents invited) |
| 13 | Kinder/Senior buddies (Senior Walk in Cap and Gown and pictures) |
| 15 | 1st Grade Book Character Parade at 8:05 a.m. *UPDATED* |
| 15 | Lower School watch Newsies Jr. Play Performance (during the school day) |
| 16 | 4th Grade Lemonade (during the school day) |
| 19 | 4th Grade Publishing Day (parents invited) |
| 20 | 4th Grade EOY Party at Andretti's, Last Day for PK/K Extended Care |
| 20 | PK/K Celebration at 6:30 p.m. in LS/MS Cafetorium |
| 21 | PK/K Field Day, PK/K Early Release at 11:00 a.m., Last Day for 1st-4th Ext. Care |

- 21** 1st-4th Grade Class Parties
- 21** 4th Grade vs. Faculty/Staff Kickball Game at 1:00 p.m.
- 21** 4th Grade Celebration at 6:30 p.m. in LS/MS Cafetorium
- 22** 1st - 4th Grade Field Day, 1st - 4th Grade Early Release at 11:30 a.m.
- 23** Employee Workday (no school for students)

NOTE FROM MRS. CLAYTON, HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL:

Dear Lower School Families,

I hope you're having a great week! Can you believe we are in the month of May already?

We have almost completed ERB testing this week. We have make-up testing tomorrow. Thank you for your help to ensure our kids were set up for success! This week, we had a special Pre-K/Kindergarten chapel with our seniors joining their kinder buddies. It was a really sweet time! We also had a wonderful evening at FBCA Night of Worship. I'd encourage you to come next year. It's amazing worshipping in a room full of PK-12th grade students and FBCA families!

This is just a reminder that tomorrow Friday, May 2, is a Late Arrival Day for students. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m., and parents can drop-off in the carline at 8:30 a.m. If you need to drop off your child(ren) before 8:30 a.m., we will have staff supervising the students from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. at no cost. If you are in need of care before 7:30 a.m, you can drop off your child from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. at the doors located near the LS/MS Gym for an additional charge through the Extended Care Program.

Our PTF has done a great job organizing everything for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week next week - May 5 - May 9. Thank you for joining us in showing our appreciation. Let's make them feel truly valued! Our teachers and staff work tirelessly to provide and support our students. A simple kind word or note goes a long way. Your encouragement means the world to our staff who pour so much into our students' academic and spiritual lives.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you enjoy your family this weekend!

With Gratitude,
Stephanie Clayton

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PSIA – We would like to recognize and celebrate all of our students who participated in PSIA this year. We are so proud of you! Congratulations to the following PSIA students for placing first at the district meet and earning the opportunity to compete at the state level at Texas State University on Saturday, April 26: Sadie Ashcraft (Music Memory), Milcah Mathew (Ready Writing), and Kirby Pizzitola (Storytelling).


A special congratulations to Kirby Pizzitola, who went on to win second place at the state competition—an outstanding achievement!

1st–4th Grade EOY Class Parties → Classroom Celebration: They will be in the classroom on Wednesday, May 21st at 12:00 p.m. ***This year, end-of-year parties will be held as a dedicated classroom community event, just for the students and their teachers during the school day.*** The goal is to give students a unique opportunity to celebrate together and enjoy some final moments strengthening their bonds as classmates before the year concludes. FBCA will provide pizza for all students on this day. Classroom teachers may reach out to room moms to send in miscellaneous items.

Calling All Sweethearts! Be a Library Lifesaver!

Our school library is wrapping up the year, and we need YOUR help to make it a smooth and sweet finish. We're looking for volunteers to help with our **End-of-Year Inventory**—counting books, checking shelves, and spreading good vibes!

If you can lend a hand (and maybe enjoy a few Lifesaver candies while you're at it 😊), you'll be a real *Lifesaver* to our library team!

 **When:** April 28 – May 16

 **Where:** Library

 **Perks:** Sweet treats, fun company, and eternal librarian gratitude!

Sign up via our [Sign-up Genius](#). We'd be *booked* without you! ❤️📖

Field Day – If you'd like to volunteer for Field Day, there will be a flyer that will go home in your child's folder soon with important details. Please contact Mary Graham marydeason2@gmail.com about volunteering for PK/K Field Day and Kimberly Camp kimberlyhcamp@gmail.com for 1st–4th Grade. Thank you for your help in advance and ensuring Field Day is a success for our kids. We couldn't do this without you!

Field Day T-shirts – The 2025 field day shirts are on sale now! The deadline to order is May 4 for school delivery in time for the event. You can pay for shipping if you want it on time before the event. There is a cotton and performance option. Once you click on the item, you can select your child's **current** grade level. Click here to purchase your [2025 FBCA Field Day Shirts](#).

4th Grade Tea – Pictures from Girls Event: Thank you Mrs. Tong for taking these pictures! <https://photos.app.goo.gl/8PaxXLfGzk1f8eGd9>

Morning Carline: Please remember to pull all the way up to the next available spot. Some parents are stopping at the front doors or middle doors, and it's delaying the flow of the carline. Also, please remember that *only* faculty/staff should be turning left into our LS/MS campus parking lot.

Student Dismissal Change: If you need to change your child's dismissal location, we ask that you provide this update to the front desk by 2:30 p.m. This will allow us to communicate to your child and ensure they are in the correct dismissal location.

Outerwear: Please remember that students are required to wear only FBCA outerwear (jackets, sweaters, etc) when they are inside the building. These items can be purchased through our [Spirit Wear Store](#). Please make sure to label your child's items in the event they get misplaced. We do have a lost and found near the Cafetorium that you're welcome to visit.

REMINDERS

School Times

Pre-K and Kindergarten: 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

1st – 4th Grade: 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Lunch Times

Pre-K, Kindergarten: 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

1st Grade, 2nd Grade: 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

3rd Grade, 4th Grade: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

We love having parents visit for lunch. Please remember to bring lunch just for your child and only visit the Cafetorium while you're here. If you need to connect with your child's teacher, please set up a conference to do so. We want to make sure they get to enjoy their lunch as well. Thanks so much for your attention to this matter.

Uniforms

As a reminder, students are required to wear uniforms. We are aware that some families are waiting for ordered uniform pieces to be delivered. Please let your Lower School Administration know if you are not able to wear proper uniform attire due to missing items.

Extended Care

Morning Care: 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

After School Care for PK/K: 2:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

After School Care for 1st – 4th: 3:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Extended Care will be available beginning the first day of school. If you have any questions, please contact our Assistant Head of Lower School, Riki Garcia at rigarcia@fortbendchristian.org

COUNSELORS CORNER

Citizenship- Do your share to make your home, school and community better. Cooperate and stay informed. Be a good neighborhood. Make choices that protect the safety and rights of others. Protect the environment.

Things You Can Do To Raise Good Citizens

- Pray together (pray for your family, our world, and each other)
- Minimize waste. Recycle and conserve.
- Reinforce the importance of school rules and that they must be followed.
- Reinforce the importance of sportsmanship.
- Reuse boxes and shopping bags.
- Notice nature around you. Watch a sunrise or sunset. Look for animals.
Appreciate the flowers and trees around you.
- Plant a garden with your children. Allow them to help with the yard work and gardening. Grow your own herbs or vegetables.
- Plant a seed or tree and watch it grow.
- Turn the water off while you are brushing your teeth or doing the dishes.
- Participate in a beach clean up day or plan your own for your family for an hour. If not the beach, use your neighborhood park.
- Carpool or walk instead of using a car.
- Encourage your children to watch shows on nature, science, or animals to broaden their knowledge and appreciation.
- As a family, research and select a charity to donate to. Encourage your children to donate a portion of their allowance. Plan to participate as a family to help at the local shelter, senior center, food kitchen, or for an elderly neighbor.

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” Luke 6:31

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