



LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 8, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS: MAY

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| 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) |
| 14 | 4th Grade Lemonade War (during the school day) *UPDATED* |
| 15 | 1st Grade Book Character Parade at 8:05 a.m. *UPDATED* |
| 15 | Lower School watch Newsies Jr. Play Performance (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,

Thank you for spoiling our teachers and staff this week! They truly deserve all of the love! They give so much to our kids, and I am sincerely grateful for each of them!

This is just a reminder that our kindergarten/senior buddies event will conclude this year on Tuesday for the Senior Cap and Gown Walk (during the school day). This is the opportunity for your kindergartner to say goodbye to their senior, so if they'd like to write them a sweet note, I know it would make them smile. I love our kindergarten/senior buddy tradition so much!

We are looking forward to all of the fun and exciting events happening within the next few weeks. Thank you in advance for volunteering your time to help make them possible.

We are excited about our annual Second Grade Pet Day tomorrow morning. I am praying for a restful weekend for you and your family. Thank you for your continued support!

With Gratitude,
Stephanie Clayton

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4th Grade Celebration – We are planning for a wonderful celebration for our fourth graders on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the LS/MS Cafetorium. We are going to have two slideshows. Due to this, we will need a baby photo of your child, a favorite current picture of your child, and three candid photos of their time here at FBCA. This is one of our favorite traditions at the Lower School, but we cannot do it without your assistance. Please submit a baby photo, a current photo, and three candid photos of their time here at FBCA to lsevents@fortbendchristian.org. We will

need these pictures by Friday, May 16, 2025. We look forward to a wonderful celebration!

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 – Coach V, Coach G, and our parent volunteers are working so hard to make this day special. If you'd like to volunteer for Field Day, there was a flyer that

went home this week 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!

Upcoming Library Events – There are a lot of exciting upcoming events happening in the Library over the course of the next few weeks. Please see below for more details.

- All library books must be returned by Friday, May 9.
- Library Awards – Friday, May 9 – We will be celebrating the following achievements during regular lunchtimes with a pizza party! Qualifying students have received an invitation in their weekly folder.
 - Reading all the recommended books on the Gallery, Crown, or Bluebonnet reading list(s)
 - Students who earned 100+ AR points this year.
- Millionaire's Club – Thursday, May 12 – Students who have read 1,000,000+ words in Accelerated Reader have been invited to a special lunch in the library during their regular lunchtime!

Lower School Lost & Found – Please remember to check the Lost & Found when you are here for lunch or other events. We have a lot of items (jackets, water bottles, sweaters, lunch boxes) that haven't been claimed yet. Thank you!

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

Continue to promote all 6 of the character traits that we have discussed this year with your child (Responsibility, Empathy, Kindness, Respect, Honesty and Citizenship).

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