



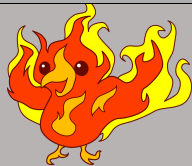
The Firebird Screams

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

OCTOBER 1, 2025

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October Dates to Remember:



- Oct. 3 - 1st Grade POL - Community
- Oct. 7 - End of 1st Quarter
- Oct. 7 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- Oct. 9 - 3-8 Reading Check-In
- Oct. 10 - 3-8 Math Check-In
- Oct. 10 - Mrs. Medlin's Sewing Class Field Trip
- Oct. 14 - Pre-ACT (10th Grade)
- Oct. 14 - PSAT (11th Grade)
- Oct. 15-17 - Fall Break/Intersession
- Oct. 20-24 - Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 20 - Teacher Workday (K-8 Parent Conferences)
- Oct. 21 - Report cards go home
- Oct. 21 - Senior Financial Aid Night, 6:00pm-7:00pm, Zoom
- Oct. 21 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm - (if called)
- Oct. 22 - Unity Day
- Oct. 24 - Kindergarten Field Trip - Pumpkin Patch
- Oct. 25 - PTA - Fall Festival
- Oct. 29 - Fall Make-Up Picture Day (Grades K-11)
- Oct. 29 - Senior Make-Up Portraits
- Oct. 31 - Trunk or Treat (Grades: K-5)
- Oct. 31 - Early Release for Students & Staff

Message from Mr. Johnson

I, as well as our entire staff, want to extend my deepest gratitude to all of our parents for the incredible support you provide to our school and our students. Your partnership is vital to everything we do, and we could not achieve our goals without you. We are especially thankful for the dedication of our parent organizations—such as the PTA, Athletic Booster Club, and many others—who continually pour time, energy, and resources into our school community.

Parents are essential to our success, and we value the trust you place in us. Our mission is not only to teach strong academics, but also to instill life skills that shape students into capable, grounded individuals. We focus on qualities like adaptability, dependability, resilience, leadership, integrity, humility, punctuality, and determination because we know these traits matter far beyond our classrooms and can build hearts for success.

This vision is reflected in the standards we uphold every day. We are intentional in our high academic desires, the strict attendance and tardy policies, our expectations for behavior throughout the day, and our approach to group work with varying levels of autonomy. These practices help train students to be responsible, collaborative, and prepared for college or careers ahead of them.

Thank you for walking alongside us in this work. Your continued support makes all the difference!

Scheduled Board Meetings



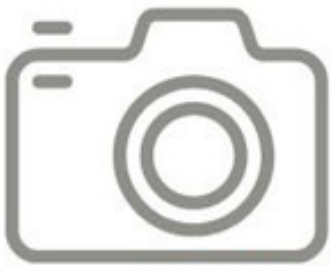
Tuesday, October 7th @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 21st @ 6:30pm (if called)

Message from the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will hold their annual Board of Directors Interest Meeting on November 4th at 6:00pm.

The application window will be open from November 15th - December 15th.



**SCHOOL
PICTURES**

Picture Make-Up Day

K-11 & Senior Portraits

Wednesday, October 29th

NO SCHOOL

Fall Break

October 15th - 17th

Teacher Workday

October 20th



K-5 TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 31st

We need candy donations! Please drop off in the lower building. More information in the Parent Square post from Mrs. Morris.

2026 - 2027 Enrollment

Our lottery applications for the 2026-2027 school year will open on November 1st and close on January 6th. Applications must be completed electronically through the link found on our website at www.fallslakeacademy.com on the Enrollment page. The application deadline is January 6, 2026. 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, January 16, 2026.

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 January 6th to receive that preference.



The A, B, C, and D Of Bullying



A- Aggressive: Attacks physically, socially, and/or emotionally



B- Balance of Power is Unequal:



Bigger vs. Smaller

Older vs. Younger

Even popularity can play a role!



C- Consistent: It happens more than once over a period of time.

D- Deliberate: There is an intent to hurt or harm.





FALLS LAKE FIGHTS BULLYING

● SECOND STEP

The Second Step program is a research-based social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum designed to help students build the skills they need to create safe, respectful school communities. It prevents bullying by targeting both skills development and school culture. K-8 receives lessons from their PAA or specials teachers!

● SAFETY ASSEMBLIES

This fall, 1-12 students attended schoolwide safety assemblies hosted by our administration, school counselors, and school social worker! Students learned about behavioral expectations, inclusivity, and bullying.

● JOIN OUR EFFORTS!

We encourage families to have discussions at home that promote empathy, respect, and inclusion, and remind children of the importance of speaking up, standing together, and treating others with kindness. Together, we can prevent bullying and build a stronger, more connected school community.

● SAY SOMETHING

This fall, 4-12th grade students have been trained on the Say Something Anonymous Reporting system that allows students to submit secure, anonymous safety concerns to help someone who may hurt themselves or others.

COMING SOON

● FIREBIRDS SAVE THE WORLD CLUB!

A club for 6-8 graders dedicated to promoting anti-violence in their school community!

● COUNSELOR LESSONS

Mrs. Greene teaches K-3 students the FLIGHT traits! Fairness, Leadership, Integrity, Growth Mindset, and Teamwork! Mrs. Moore teaches 4-8 students about respect, fairness, kindness, bullying, empathy, and more!

Visit <https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/> for more information!

UNITY DAY

**22
OCT
2025**

SEND A VISIBLE MESSAGE TO PREVENT BULLYING

**WEAR AND SHARE
ORANGE**

#UNITY *every* **DAY**



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Sponsored by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center since 2011

K-8

RED RIBBON WEEK '25-'26

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 PIECE OF HISTORY DAY

Dress as someone from history or a role model
who made a positive impact.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 UNITY DAY

Everyone wears orange to show unity and that
together, we complete the puzzle.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 MISMATCH DAY

Wear mismatched clothes to show that drugs don't
fit the puzzle of your life.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 PAJAMA DAY

Stay cozy, stay healthy, stay drug-free.



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

-Fred the Firebird

