



The Firebird Screams

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

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February Dates to Remember:

Feb. 3 – Booster Thon
Run – PTA Event, 9:00am–
12:00pm, Soccer Field
Feb. 3 – Board Meeting,
6:30pm
Feb. 9 – Rising 9th Grade
Night, 4:30pm–6:00pm
Feb. 12 – Teacher
Workday
Feb. 13–17 –
Break/Intersession
Feb. 19 – Theatre Arts
Winter Improv Show,
6:30pm
Feb. 20 – K–5 Someone
Special Dance, 5:30pm–
7:30pm
Feb. 23 – HS Induction
Night, 5:00pm – 6:30pm
Feb. 24 – Board Meeting,
6:30pm – (if called)
Feb. 24–26 – Dental
Clinic, 8:00am – 12:00pm

Message from Mr. Johnson

As we move through this season together, I am continually reminded of the incredible potential that lives within our school community. Our students, families, and staff are capable of so much more than simply meeting expectations- we cannot be just satisfied with that when we are capable of rising above them.

At FLA, we do not aim to just meet expectations. We aim to soar.

Our Firebird mascot is more than a symbol; it represents who we are striving to become every day. The Firebird rises, renewed and stronger, lighting the way for others. In that same spirit, I challenge each of us to think about how we show up for one another. Think about how we interact, how we support, how we serve, and how we **VALUE EVERY MEMBER IN OUR COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL!**

Being a Firebird means choosing kindness when it's easier not to. It means lifting others up rather than competing or tearing down. It means holding ourselves to a higher standard in our words, our everyday actions, and our core attitudes. We show our true self when no one is watching. When we do this consistently, we achieve beacon status- something our wider community looks to with pride and admiration, something determined to be worth striving to emulate.

For our students, this means daring to reach new heights in learning, creativity, and character. For our staff, it means continuing to lead with heart, purpose, and professionalism. For our families, it means partnering with us in trust, encouragement, and shared commitment to what is best for our children.

Together, we can create a culture that is greater than any one individual—a culture that is warm, courageous, and resilient. A place where everyone belongs, everyone matters, and everyone is challenged to be their best.

Let us rise together. Let us burn brightly. Let us be the Firebird our community needs and believes in.

Thank you for being part of this journey and for all that you do, every day, to make FLA a place where hearts are touched and lives are shaped.

Scheduled Board Meetings



Tuesday, February 3rd @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, February 24th @ 6:30pm (if called)

REMINDER NO SCHOOL

Thursday, February 12th - Teacher Workday - No school for students

Friday, February 13th - Tuesday, February 17th - Break/Intersession -
No School for staff and students

LETTERS OF INTENT

This year we will not be doing student letter of intent forms for current students. If you plan to withdrawal your student at the end of this school year please fill out a student withdrawal form with the front office before the last day of school, May 22, 2026.



3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Parents and Students: Recorders are starting soon!

See  ParentSquare or the flier sent home with your student for more information. Pre-orders due by February 4th.

Valentine's Day Deliveries Not Allowed!

This is a reminder that we are as NOT allowing flowers, balloons, gift baskets, etc. to be delivered to school for Valentine's Day. This becomes a huge distraction for our instructional time. If you wish to send your student flowers or a special gift for Valentine's Day e ask that you please have it delivered to your child's home.

Thank you for your understanding!



Middle School PBL Happenings

6th Grade: Before Christmas Break, 6th-grade students presented their individual business plans for the Firebird Flea Market. Students are currently working in groups to create and market their products. We hope you can join us for the Flea Market on Friday, March 6th, in the Middle School Gym.

7th Grade: In 7th grade, students are reading Ender's Game with Mrs. Newton and working on a mini-project to answer the driving question, "What lessons does Ender's Game teach us about leadership, competition, and the cost of winning?" They are also finishing up building their Italian City State models in PBL class. They will wrap this up soon and move on to a new topic.

8th Grade: Our 8th graders are currently in project mode in several classes. They are beginning a project on energy with Mrs. Kelly in science, answering the question, "How could knowing more about and using renewable energy sources help future generations?" Some of Mrs. Wrenn's 8th-grade ELA students are beginning a project based on the novel, The Hobbit, and will write their own adventure stories as they read the novel and study the features of narrative text. In the PBL class, students will be practicing their interview skills as they choose their own "Person of the Year" to interview and create a Time magazine cover and accompanying articles to showcase their chosen person.



Falls Lake Academy will be hosting another dental clinic starting February 24th through the 26th. Please see the information sheet to sign up for this free clinic for your student.

School-Based Oral Health Clinics 2025–2026 School Year

Carolina Fellows Family Dentistry (CFFD) and **Granville Vance Public Health (GVPH)** are excited to partner with **Falls Lake Academy** to offer **School-Based Oral Health (SBOH) Clinics** during the upcoming school year! The **services** offered to students who are registered include:

- Dental Cleanings
- Sealants (to help protect teeth)
- Oral Health Assessments
- X-rays
- Fluoride Treatment
- Take-Home Oral Health Report Card

Insurance and Costs

- **No dental insurance?** Services done at school are **completely free**.
- **Have Medicaid or private dental insurance?** We will bill your insurance provider.
- If insurance does **not cover the full cost**, **you will not get a bill** for services done at school.
- If your child needs **more care** (like fillings or tooth removal), it must be done at our office or your dentist's office. Insurance will be billed, and **you may be responsible for a co-pay or deductible**.
- We may be able to use **grant money** to help uninsured students pay for care at our Oxford office or another dental office you choose.

📍 **Office Location: 115 Hilltop Village, Oxford, NC**

Special Referrals - If your child needs extra help or has more serious dental problems, we may refer them to a **pediatric dental specialist**

Sign Up TODAY!

To have your child seen at the school clinic:

📱 **Scan the QR code** and **complete** the electronic registration form. **Deadline 2/11/26**

📄 **Reminder:** A new form is needed **every school year**, even if your child has had care before. **If your child was seen this school year, there is no need to fill out another form!**

If you have any problems with the QR Code, please **let the School Nurse know, as they will have paper consents.**



We're happy to help your child keep a bright, healthy smile! 😊

Clínicas de salud bucal en las escuelas Año escolar 2025-2026

Carolina Fellows Family Dentistry (CFFD) y Granville Vance Public Health (GVPH) se complacen en asociarse con Falls Lake Academy para ofrecer Clínicas de Salud Bucal Escolar (SBOH) durante el próximo año escolar. Los servicios que se ofrecen a los estudiantes que están matriculados incluyen:

- Limpiezas dentales
- Evaluaciones de salud bucal
- Selladores (para ayudar a proteger los dientes)
- Radiografías
- Tratamiento con flúor
- Libreta de calificaciones de salud bucal para llevar a casa

Seguros y Costos

- ¿No tienes seguro dental? Los servicios que se realizan en la escuela son completamente gratuitos.
- ¿Tiene Medicaid o seguro dental privado? Le facturaremos a su proveedor de seguros.
- Si el seguro no cubre el costo total, no recibirá una factura por los servicios prestados en la escuela.
- Si su hijo necesita más cuidados (como empastes o extracción de dientes), debe hacerlo en nuestro consultorio o en el consultorio de su dentista. Se facturará al seguro y es posible que usted sea responsable de un copago o deducible.
- Es posible que podamos usar el dinero de la subvención para ayudar a los estudiantes sin seguro a pagar la atención en nuestro consultorio de Oxford o en otro consultorio dental que elija.

📍 **Ubicación de la oficina: 115 Hilltop Village, Oxford, NC**

Referencias especiales: si su hijo necesita ayuda adicional o tiene problemas dentales más graves, podemos derivarlo a un especialista en odontología pediátrica.

¡Regístrese HOY!

Para que su hijo sea atendido en la clínica de la escuela:

📱 **Escanee el código QR y complete el formulario de registro electrónico.**

📄 **Recordatorio:** Se necesita un nuevo formulario cada año escolar, incluso si su hijo ha tenido cuidado antes.

Si tiene algún problema con el código QR, **infórmeselo a la enfermera de la escuela, ya que tendrán consentimientos en papel.**

¡Estamos felices de ayudar a su hijo a mantener una sonrisa brillante y saludable! 😊

