



LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 14, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS: MAY

- 15** 4th Grade Publishing Day (parents invited), Library EOY Awards Party
- 18** 2nd Grade Egyptian Day, Library Millionaire's Club Party
- 18** Last Day for 5th-8th Grade Extended Care (FYI)
- 19** 3rd Grade: Carnival Day, 4th Grade EOY Party at Andretti's
- 19** Last Day for PK/K Extended Care
- 19** PK/K Celebration at 6:30 p.m. in LS/MS Cafetorium (students arrive at 6:15 p.m.)
- 20** PK/K Field Day, PK/K Early Release at 11:00 a.m.
- 20** Last Day for 1st-4th Extended Care
- 20** 1st-4th Grade Class Celebrations (see details below)
- 20** 4th Grade vs. Faculty/Staff Kickball Game at 1:00 p.m.
- 20** 4th Grade Celebration at 6:30 p.m. in LS/MS Cafetorium (students arrive at 6:15 p.m.)
- 21** 1st - 4th Grade Field Day, 1st - 4th Grade Early Release at 11:30 a.m.
- 22** Employee Workday (no school for students), Enjoy your summer!

NOTE FROM MRS. CLAYTON, HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL:

Dear Lower School Families,

We've had a wonderful week filled with exciting events and special memories – Pet Day, the Book Character Day Parade, Summer Send-Off Chapel, and many other fun end-of-the-year activities.

As you know, the last day of school is next week. We have a lot of activities planned, so please pay close attention to the calendar and details below.

If you are planning to volunteer and/or attend Field Day next week, please fill out the pre-registration form the evening before the event(s):

- Wednesday, May 20th: [Pre-K/Kindergarten Field Day](#)
- Thursday, May 21st: [1st - 4th Grade Field Day](#)

We are so thankful for Coach G, Coach V, and many parent volunteers that help make this Field Day a success! I pray you have an amazing weekend with your family. I look forward to seeing you around campus soon.

With Gratitude,
Stephanie Clayton

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EXTENDED CARE REMINDERS

Last Day of PM Extended Care:

- Monday, May 18, 2026: 5th – 8th grade
- Tuesday, May 19, 2026: Pre-K/Kinder
- Wednesday, May 20, 2026: 1st-4th Grade

**We hope you have a great
summer!**



2nd Grade: Pet Day Event – Our second graders had such a fun Pet Day! We are excited to share a few moments with you!  **2026 Second Grade Pet Day**

Field Day T-shirts – The 2026 field day shirts are on sale now! The deadline to order is May 7 for school delivery in time for 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 [2026 FBCA Field Day Shirts](#).

Pre-K/Kindergarten Celebration – We are planning for a wonderful celebration for our Pre-K and Kindergarten students on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the LS/MS Cafetorium. Please make sure your child arrives at 6:15 p.m. and is in dressy attire. We have a special program where our students will sing a few songs, recite bible verses, and enjoy a celebration to wrap up the school year. We look forward to a wonderful evening!

Please note: The side doors by the LS Gym will open at 6:00 p.m. We will call your child to head to their teacher's classroom at 6:15 p.m.

4th Grade Celebration – We are planning for a wonderful celebration for our fourth graders on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 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 Isevents@fortbendchristian.org. We will need these pictures by Friday, May 15, 2026. We look forward to a wonderful celebration!

Please note: The side doors by the LS Gym will open at 6:00 p.m. We will call your child to head to their teacher's classroom at 6:15 p.m.

Reminder: Return borrowed uniforms from the nurses office – If your child has borrowed any uniform items from the clinic, please return them at your earliest convenience, as we are running low on extras. Thank you for your help with this.

Fourth Grade Sports and Tea Day: Grace, Grit, and Growing in Goodness – Our fourth grade boys and girls had such a special day. We are excited to share a few moments with you!  **4th grade Sports and Tea day**

Ties and Tiaras Event – We had a wonderful evening at our Ties and Tiaras Dance a few weeks ago. Here are some pictures from this special evening for you to enjoy! Photos:  **LS Father Daughter Dance 2026**

Grandparents and Special Friends Day: Last week, we honored grandparents and special friends during our annual program. Our students put on a beautiful program, and then guests had the chance to see classrooms, meet teachers, visit the Book Fair and enjoy refreshments. We believe grandparents and special friends play a pivotal role in the life of a child, and we are thankful for each person who joined us. Thank you for being an important part of the FBCA community!

Photos:  **LS Grandparents and Special Friends Day 2026**

Lower School – Field Day: Field Day is one of our most cherished traditions at FBCA, and we love to promote school spirit! We are so grateful for our coaches, parent volunteers, and staff that help make this event so special. If you'd like to plan ahead, here are the grade-level colors for Field Day:

- Pre-K – Green and Gold
- Kindergarten – Green and Gold
- 1st Grade – Orange
- 2nd Grade – Red
- 3rd Grade – Blue
- 4th Grade – Purple

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 today with important details. Please complete the [Google Form](#) if you're interested in volunteering. Feel free to contact Mary Graham marydeason2@gmail.com about volunteering for PK/K Field Day and Kimberly Camp kimberly.hays@yahoo.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!

1st–4th Grade EOY Class Parties → Classroom Celebration: They will be in the classroom on Wednesday, May 20th at 12:00 p.m. 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.

Pre-arranged absences – If you will be out of town for travel and your child will be missing instruction longer than 3 school days, please stop by the front desk to pick up a pre-arranged absence form. We ask that you provide this in at least 3 school days notice in order for the teachers to have time to gather the necessary materials. Thank you so much for your help with this.

PSIA Update – PSIA State Meet Update: A special congratulations to Ella Louise Stegemiller for earning 5th place in Creative Writing and to Darasimi Asonibare for earning 4th place in Music Memory – an outstanding achievement! We are proud of all of our students who participated in PSIA and for representing our school so well!



COUNSELOR CORNER

Citizenship is featured this 6 weeks.

Citizenship is to do your share to make your home, school and community better.

Cooperate and stay informed. Be a good neighbor. 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

REMINDERS

Calendars

[2025-2026 Instructional Calendar](#)

[2025-2026 Traditions Calendar](#)

[2026-2027 Instructional Calendar](#)

School Times

Pre-K and Kindergarten: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm

1st – 4th Grade: 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 pm

If you arrive after 8:00 a.m., please park and walk your child in because they are tardy.

Please make sure you are giving yourself enough time to enter the carpool line. Students are tardy if they are not in their classroom at 8:00 a.m. Thank you so much for your attention to this. We don't want our students to miss valuable instructional time and feel rushed at the start of their day.

Lunch Times

Pre-K, Kindergarten: 10:30 am – 11:00 am

1st Grade, 2nd Grade: 11:00 am – 11:30 am

3rd Grade, 4th Grade: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Birthday Marquee

If you are interested in having your student's name displayed on the LS/MS entrance marquee in recognition of their birthday, please go to your Blackbaud account and under "Resources", click on "Birthday Marquee".

Once you complete the form and submit payment, the Office of Development will make arrangements to display your student's name on the marquee. If you have any questions please contact Page Hernandez at phernandez@fortbendchristian.org or 281-263-9112.

Morning Drop-off and Afternoon Pick-up Procedures

[Carline Maps](#)

Morning Drop-Off

- Please have your child ready to exit the car promptly to help keep traffic moving smoothly.
- Remember not to use Schlumberger's parking lot for u-turns.
- If you have both a Lower School and Middle School student, please drop them off together in the carline instead of making two separate stops.
- After 8:00 a.m., please park and walk your child into the front office to check in.

Afternoon Pick-Up

- Please avoid making left turns out of the parking lot while the carline is in progress.
- Follow the directions of staff when entering the parking lot, as the queue lanes may shift.

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