



THE FALCON FLYER



News and Highlights – Week 3: 8/31/2026

Principal's Notes:

As September begins, we are entering the third week of the school year, and there are so many wonderful things happening across our campus.

This week, I would like to celebrate some of the academic accomplishments our Falcons achieved on the 2025-2026 end-of-year assessments. We are especially proud of our Early Literacy success. By the end of the year, 74% of kindergarten students mastered the literacy standards, a 4% increase from the previous year. In first grade, 59.1% of students were on or above grade level in reading as measured by i-Ready Diagnostic 3, a 9% increase from the prior year. Even more impressive, both grade levels exceeded district goals. Congratulations to our students and teachers for their hard work and dedication!

On the CAASPP assessments, our overall proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math declined for the first time in nine years. Even so, there is much to celebrate as many student groups demonstrated strong growth. In ELA, students in the Two or More Races subgroup showed remarkable progress, increasing 34 points in Distance from Standard and 10.9% in proficiency. In Math, growth was seen across several student groups: English Learners gained 5 points in Distance from Standard; African American students increased proficiency by 7.9%; Asian students gained 15 points in Distance from Standard; students in the Two or More Races subgroup increased proficiency by 7.3% and gained 50 points in Distance from Standard; and White students gained 20 points in Distance from Standard.

We are also celebrating the achievements of our fifth and sixth graders. Fifth grade increased by 5 points in Distance from Standard, while sixth grade increased proficiency by 5.3% and gained 10 points in Distance from Standard. Way to grow, Falcons!

As we celebrate these accomplishments, we are excited to support every Falcon on their learning journey this year as we continue to Achieve Our Greatest Potential. Let's make it another outstanding week of learning! *Mrs. Lopez*

Figarden Spirit Wear Sales



We are excited to announce the Figarden Spirit Wear Pre-Sales! Sales end this Friday, September 4th. Order forms are posted on Parent Square.

T-Shirts are \$20 each.

Sweatshirts are \$25 each.

Hoodies are \$30 each.

Fifth & Sixth Grade Visual & Performing Arts Opportunities



Last Friday, all fifth and sixth grade students attended the visual and performing arts assembly and got to learn about opportunities this year to participate in band, strings, choir, and dance. Students may sign up for one of the opportunities. Students who sign up will have a total of 90 minutes of instruction per week during the school day. Participating students will also participate in regional days and Winter/Spring Concerts to showcase their talents. The deadline to turn in forms has been extended to Monday, August 31st.

Dates in the Future



Aug. 25-Sept. 4: Spirit Wear Sales
Aug. 24-Sept. 11: K FSA 1 Assessment
Sept. 4: Parent/Principal Coffee Hour
Sept. 7: No students: Labor Day observed
Sept. 8-25: Confidential Family Survey #1
Sept. 18: Quarter 1 Progress Reports
Sept. 23: Fall Picture Day



Figarden Elementary

Office Hours 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please call to make an appointment.

Principal: Cari Lopez Vice Principal: John-Michael De La Cerda

Office Manager: Trisha Hogaboom Office Assistant: Monique Mitchell

MONDAY 8/31

Hurry, hurry! Don't be late! School Begins at 8:00 a.m.

TK/K Dismissal @ 1:05 p.m.

Grades 1-6 Dismissal @ 2:05 p.m.

Spirit Wear Sales



5th & 6th Grade VAPA Papers Due

TUESDAY 9/1

Early Dismissal: TK & Kindergarten at 12:00 p.m.

Grades 1-6 at 1:00 p.m.



WEDNESDAY 9/2

THURSDAY 9/3



Flag Football & Girls' Volleyball @ Lawless



FRIDAY 9/4

Figarden Spirit Day: Wear something navy blue, light blue, or white.

Parent/Principal Coffee Hour at 8:30 a.m.

Last Day of Spirit Wear Sales!



MONDAY 9/7

No School: Labor Day Observed



We are Falcons!

F= Focused Learners
A=Always Work Hard
L=Lead by Example
C=Character Counts
O=Outstanding Effort
N=Never Give Up