



The Firebird Screams

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

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September Dates to Remember:

Sep. 1 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
Sep. 7 - Holiday - Labor Day
Sep. 11 - 1st Grade PBL -
Community Day, 8:30am-
10:30am
Sep. 11 - 3rd Grade Field Trip -
Wheels, 10:00am-1:00pm
Sep. 15 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- (if called)
Sep. 18 - Teacher Workday
Sep. 21 - Fall Picture Day,
Grades K-11
Sep. 26 - Community Youth
Mental Health First Aid, 8:00am-
4:00pm
Sep. 28 - NHS Night, 6:00pm, HS
Gym

Message from Mr. Johnson

As we move through September, our theme is "Raising the Bar." This theme represents our commitment to increasing expectations, strengthening instruction, and ensuring that every student has the opportunity and support needed to achieve at higher levels.

We are proud to share that our school earned a School Report Card Grade of B, with a performance score of 72. This accomplishment reflects the hard work of our students, staff, and families, and we are proud of the progress we have made together.

While our students demonstrated academic growth, the level of growth was not as strong as we expected or desired. We recognize that there is more work ahead, and we are committed to using our results to identify opportunities for improvement, strengthen our practices, and provide targeted support for our students.

This year, we are raising the bar in every area. Our focus is not simply on maintaining our accomplishments, but on building upon them. We want to see higher achievement, stronger growth, and continued improvement across our school so that we are positioned for even greater success on next year's School Report Card.

Thank you to our staff, students, families, and community for your continued partnership and commitment. Together, we will keep pushing forward, raising expectations, and Raising the Bar for every student, every day.

Scheduled Board Meetings



Tuesday, September 1st @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, September 15th (if called) @ 6:30pm

Welcome to.....

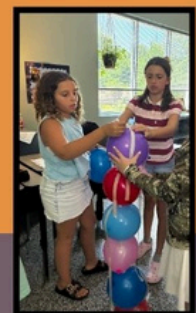
PBL at FLA!

What is project-based learning?

Project-Based Learning (PBL) is a teaching approach that allows FLA firebirds to soar into the 21st century through meaningful, real-world learning experiences. Rather than simply learning about a topic, students apply their knowledge and skills by engaging in projects that connects their learning to the world around them.

At FLA, teachers use the North Carolina Standard Course of Study to design projects that bring learning to life. Through PBL, students have opportunities to explore, solve problems, collaborate with others, and create products that demonstrate their learning.

From their first project in Kindergarten to their Capstone experience, FLA students learn to think deeply, collaborate effectively, present to others and apply what they have learned to make a difference in their communities, reach their full potential and take flight!



Monday, September 7th -
Holiday - Labor Day

Friday, September 18th -
Teacher Workday - No school for students



Picture Day (K - 11)

Monday, September 21st

Picture Make-Up Day

Wednesday, October 28th

**September 23rd
6pm HS Front Lobby**

Join us for our meeting tonight!

Agenda:

- Fundraiser Ideas
- Senior Athlete Photo Info
- Sponsorships
- Athletic Updates
- Athletic Requests

Come help us grow and
support FLA Athletics!



FLA ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

You're Invited to: Student Travel Night

**2027 & 2028
FLA student travel opportunities**

RSVP FOR THE TRAVEL NIGHT MEETING

We're excited to invite families to an information meeting about upcoming opportunities for Falls Lake Academy students: **Spain and Portugal in 2027, Belize in Spring 2028, and London and Paris in Summer 2028.**

Join us to learn more about each tour, what's included, and how to enroll and secure your spot on tour. Please RSVP to receive all meeting details and qualify for enrollment discounts and scholarships offered for each tour.



**Scan the QR code to RSVP and
receive all meeting and tour
details.**



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Student Volunteer Opportunity

Location: Mount Bethel United Methodist Church in Bahama, NC.

Food and Clothing Pantry Volunteers are needed. The food and clothing pantry operates the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:30-11:00 am. Also, the pantry is in need of canned fruit and canned meat, as well as gently used clothing, especially children's clothing and men's clothing.

For more information about the Food and Clothing Pantry, please contact Kathy Heller at katherine.heller523@gmail.com.

Also, there is a Backpack Ministry at Mount Bethel for which people can volunteer. The church delivers 50 bags of food to Mangum Elementary each school week for kids who may have limited access to food on the weekends.

For more information about the Backpack Ministry, please contact Elisa Ackerman at lewwa@bellsouth.net.

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

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