



The Firebird Screams

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

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October Dates to Remember:

Oct. 2 - 1st Grade POL
Oct. 5-9 - Homecoming Week
Oct. 5 - Kindergarten POL - All About Me
Oct. 6 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
Oct. 9 - End of 1st Quarter
Oct. 10 - Homecoming Dance, 6:30pm-9:00pm
Oct. 12 - PTA Firetime Fun Event 9th & 10th, 11:15am-12:00pm
Oct. 14-16 - Fall Break/Intersession
Oct. 19 - Teacher Workday (K-5th Parent Conferences)
Oct. 20 - Pre ACT/PSAT
Oct. 20 - Early Release 9th & 12th Graders
Oct. 20 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm - (if called)
Oct. 21 - Unity Day
Oct. 23 - Mr. Overholt's Science Class Field Trip - Bush Gardens
Oct. 23 - Kindergarten Field Trip - Hill Ridge
Oct. 23 - Report cards go home
Oct. 26-30 - Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 26 - HS 1st Quarter Honor Roll Celebration
Oct. 26 - 5th & 8th Science Check-ins
Oct. 27-28 - 3rd - 8th Check-ins
Oct. 28 - Senior and Fall Picture Make-Up Day
Oct. 29 - MS One Act, POL Room
Oct. 30 - ES Trunk or Treat
Oct. 30 - NJHS Movie Night, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Message from Mr. Johnson

As we move through October, we are quickly approaching the end of the first quarter and the beginning of our second. This is a great time for all of us to reflect on where we started, the progress we have made, and where we want to be by the end.

As part of our Raising the Bar theme this year, I encourage our students to take a moment to revisit the goals they set for themselves and celebrate the progress they have already made. At the same time, we should continue looking ahead at the achievements we have our sights set on for the remainder of the year.

Success is built one day at a time, and I am excited to see what our Firebirds accomplish as we continue working together, challenging ourselves, and Raising the Bar!

Scheduled Board Meetings



Tuesday, October 6th @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 20th (if called) @ 6:30pm

NO SCHOOL

Fall Break

October 14th - 16th

Teacher Workday - No school for students
(Parent Teacher Conferences, Grades K-5)

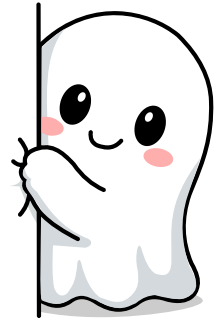
October 19th



K - 5 TRUNK OR TREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

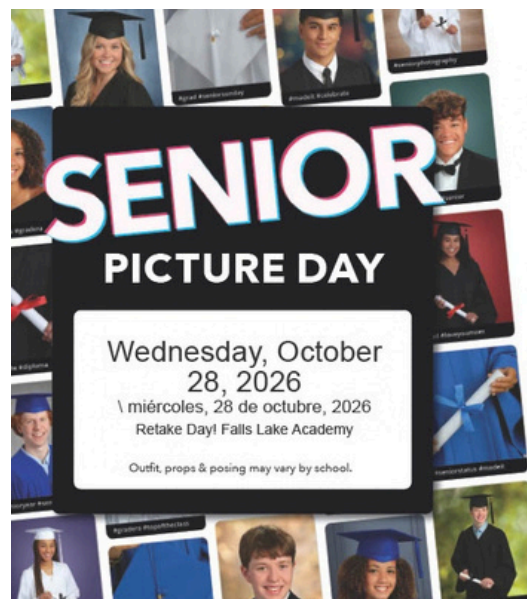
We need candy donations!
Please drop off in the lower building.



Picture Make-Up Day

Seniors & K-11
Students

Wednesday,
October 28th



Get ready for your **#gradera**

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- 1 Seniors are photographed on Picture Day*
- 2 Review proofs (may be sent to home or school)
- 3 Order packages & more on mylifetouch.com

WHAT TO WEAR:

School-provided dress code and tux and drape:
Choose an outfit that reflects your style. Be sure to follow your school's guidelines. You'll also be photographed in a provided tux or drape.

*Normas de vestimenta establecidas por la escuela y esmoquin y drapeado:
Elige un atuendo que refleje tu estilo. No olvides seguir las indicaciones de tu escuela.
También te fotografarán con un esmoquin o un drapeado que te proporcionarán.*

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-us.
Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.

*All seniors will be photographed. Please notify your senior's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your senior. Your senior may be included in a group picture requested by the school.

Seniors will be photographed in a Tux or Drape and a Casual outfit for the yearbook. We suggest a white shirt to wear under the tux and something strapless to wear under the drape. Please bring an outfit of your choice for your casual picture.

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2027 - 2028 Enrollment

Our lottery applications for the 2027-2028 school year will open on November 1st and close at 5pm on January 8th. Applications must be completed electronically through the link found on our website at www.fallslakeacademy.com on the Enrollment page. The application deadline is 5pm on January 8, 2027. 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 15, 2027.

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 5pm on January 8th to receive that preference.

MS PBL UPDATE

6TH GRADE

-In Social Studies, students are working on a Paleolithic and Neolithic menu project in which they are building menus for their assigned biome while meeting a daily calorie target. Students have learned about the Paleolithic hunter/gatherer diet and the Neolithic revolution, basic caloric needs of current vs ancient people and the impact of agriculture on diets among many things.

7TH GRADE

-Students are diving into the world of poetry in ELA. They will analyze poetry, identify and use figurative language, examine theme, tone, mood, imagery, and word choice, and write original poetry to present in a Poetry Cafe!

-In Social Studies, students participated in a Patron Commission project in which they used the Makerspace to design and create a Renaissance product for their "Patron," Mrs. Feraco.

8TH GRADE

Eighth grade students have been learning how the physical geography, culture, and economy of each U.S. region shapes what you would experience by planning a cross-country road trip. To bring the content to life, Mrs. Moore shared with the classes about her time living in the high desert region of New Mexico among several Native American groups.



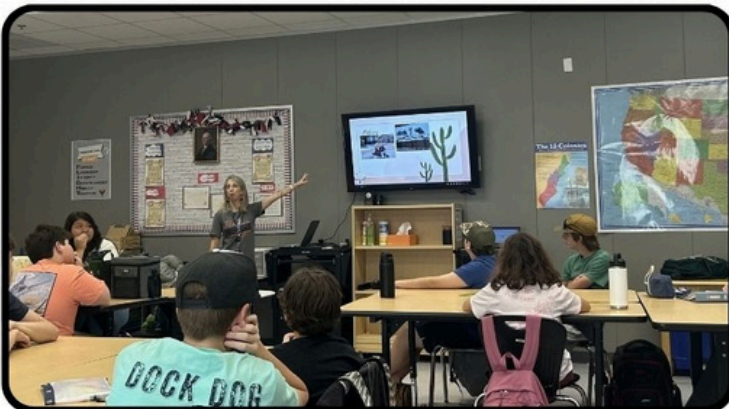
ELECTIVES

-All Tech and Wellness classes will be working on a Scratch Game Design based on mental health coping strategies while learning about coping skills, user design and coding.

-8th grade theatre students are preparing individual and small group projects, known as "Thespy's." Students will present technical designs and final constructions, songs, monologues, duets, and more for their families on Thursday, October 8th at 12:30pm.

-6th, 7th, and 8th grade theatre students will have a "Fall Theatre Showcase" POL on Thursday, October 29th. 6th grade students will be presenting monstrous monologues and spooky scenes. Our 7th and 8th graders are hard at work on two One-Act plays. All POLs will take place during class time.

-In Art, students are exploring the imaginative world of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and learning about her iconic Dotted Pumpkins. Students will create their own pumpkin artwork using dots, lines, and colorful designs. This project encourages creativity, experimentation, and an appreciation for contemporary art.



Take a Look at the Projects Happening This Month in the High School

How can direct and inverse variations be used to create a dessert shop?

Mrs. Lockett's Math II Classes



How can I create and manage a realistic budget that supports the life I want to live after high school?

Mr. Moore's Freshman Seminar Classes



How am I responsible for leadership, instruction, assessment & performance for different roles of a team in practice and competition?

Coach Pearson's Sports Culture Class

Why do people try to ban books and what impact does this have on society?

Mrs. Forsythe's English I and English I Honors Classes



How can you redesign the residential area to include the requirements from all the neighbors?



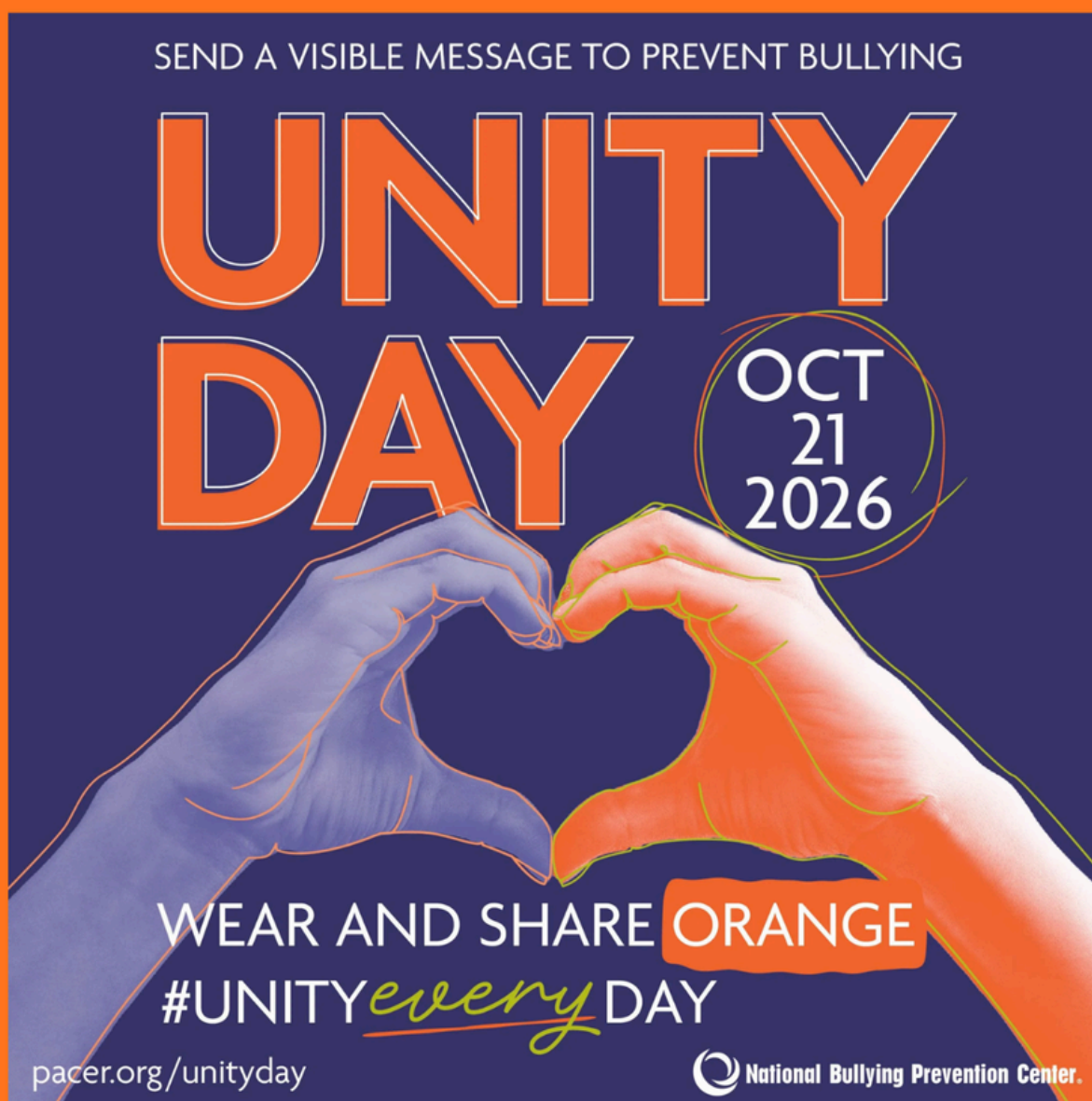
Mrs. Frederick's Foundation of Math II Class

How can forensic science be used to examine evidence, develop suspects, and uncover new information that could help solve an unsolved crime?

Mrs. A's Forensic Science Class



Unity Day was started by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center in October 2011. It is the day when we come together to send a visible message of building community through kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. The call to action is simple: wear and share the color orange. This vibrant statement becomes a conversation starter, showing support for students who have been bullied and for bullying prevention.



CALLING ALL K-5 HEROES!

Join us for this year's
**Superhero Poster
Contest!**

starring...

YOU

This year's theme for Red Ribbon
Week is, **Make A Difference. Be A
Hero. Stay Drug Free.™**
Show the world how **you** can make a
difference!

DUE TO MRS. GREENE BY...
FRIDAY, OCT. 23



K-12

RED RIBBON WEEK

OCTOBER 26-30



Make A
Difference. Be A
Hero. Stay Drug
Free.™

M - EVERYDAY HEROES

Dress as a superhero, personal hero, community helper, historical figure, or positive role model.

T - TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS

Wear clothing representing your favorite sports team, club, or activity.

W - YOUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Wear bright colors, sunglasses, a hat, or all three!

TR - BE COMFY BEING YOURSELF

Wear pajamas or comfy clothes.

F - SAY 'BOO' TO DRUGS

Wear a Halloween costume! Masks, play weapons and scary face paint are not allowed.



Community Announcements

CITY OF CREEDMOOR LITTER SWEEP

Students receive a certificate for community service hours
Trash bags, gloves and vests provided by the City (while supplies last)
Complimentary to-go lunch for all volunteers

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 24**

**9AM TO
12PM**

MEETING LOCATION:

City Hall Parking Lot
111 Masonic Street, Creedmoor
Pick up supplies and assign routes

TO REGISTER CALL/EMAIL:

(919) 764-1058
rmiddleton@
cityofcreedmoor.org



Durham Community Concert Band

Tanya Murphy, Conductor

presents

A Spooktacular Concert *Monsters, Mayhem, and Melodies*

Thursday, October 29 @ 6:30 PM
Durham Central Park

Arrive by 6 for Trunk-or-Treat

FREE!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY!

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!



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

-Fred the Firebird

