THE BEAR FACTS

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Principal's Message

By: Dr. April Carrigan

I hope you and your family have had a wonderful week! We've had a great but busy week here at school. Our students have loved skating during PE, and we truly appreciate the volunteers who have helped make it possible.

We were also thrilled with the turnout at our Thanksgiving Lunch. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying time together. A special thank-you to our cafeteria staff, PTO, and faculty for their hard work in preparing for the event and making it such a success. Our 2nd graders did an amazing job at our Veterans Day program on Friday. We are grateful for the opportunity to honor the brave men and women who have served our country.

As always, thank you for your continued support and portnership in ensuring our students have a fantastic school year. I hope you and your family have a wonderful break and a very happy Thanksgiving!

Assistant Principal's Tip

Mrs. Simpson

Thanksgiving break is a great time for students to brush up on their math skills while having fun with family! Have your child help measure ingredients while cooking, count and sort items for a Thanksgiving recipe, set the table using counting and multiplication, or practice adding and subtracting while helping with grocery shopping. These simple activities can make learning fun and help children see how math is used in everyday life.

Counselor's Corner

By: Mrs. Gillette

Happy Friday! I hope you and your family had a great week! It was a busy week here at school. The character word for the month of November is perseverance, which means to keep trying. The kindergartien and third grades came to my class this week. The kindergarten students learned calming strategies, and the third-about students learned about persevering when setting a goal.

Parenting Tip

As we are learning about the importance of preseverance, here are some small tips for you to help your child:

- Remind your child that mistakes are okay and part of learning and part of life.
- Give examples of when you have made mistakes.
- Model what it looks like to remain calm when mistakes are made.
- Try not to rescue your child from the mistake. Instead, give them time to problem solve. This is how children become well-rounded.

The Book Nook

Ms. Bryant, Librarian

Thank you everyone for an amazing book fair this year! The students were very well behaved and so excited to get a book!

Thank you also to my co-chairs, Aria Witherow and Heather Brown and Karen Reynolds. Also to Anne Grenci for her wonderful help as well. A special thank you to Aria as this is her last year helping with the book fair. She has been a wonderful asset and we will miss her.

Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who helped us celebrate during the Thanksgiving Lunch. We appreciate you all very much. Enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday and happy reading!

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Franklin Farmers Pumpkin and Hay Bale Collection

Tossing out your outdoor fall decorations? Bring them to the Franklin Farmers! We will be collecting pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns, straw or hay bales, gourds, and cornstalks for our compost. Drop off anytime at the car rider entrance. Thank you!

FSD Coordinated School Health News

Ms. Chatman, District Health Coordinator



The MAC students played a health quiz game at the Student Health Council meeting last week. Each student from Kindergarten through 4th answered a question related to health care or healthy choices. Everyone received a prize after ther they ⬚wered correctly.

What's the PTO Up To?

Joanna Gregg, PTO President

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered with the Thanksgiving Tree, Thanksgiving Lunch, and Book Fair, and to all the families who donated to make our fall classroom parties so much fun! We appreciate everyone who helps make these events possible.

Our teachers have been busy polishing their acts for the Teacher Talent Show on November 20! This is one of the school-wide rewards our students earned by reaching our Cub Run fundraising goal, and we can't wait to see our talented teachers take the stage!

Our next PTO meeting is November 19. We'd love to see you there!

Coming Up!

- **Winter Classroom Parties** – Stay tuned for more details!
- **January 6** – Staff Appreciation **Drive Begins:** We'll be collecting donations to help make Staff Appreciation Week extra special for our amazing FES staff!
- **January 15** – Donuts with Grownups
- **February 22–26** – Staff Appreciation Week