



# What's News in the Woods...

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Elementary Magnet School

November 2016 Newsletter

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## From Mrs. Pierce...

Dear Families,

We are over 1/4 of the way through the academic school year and were very pleased to read report card and note the progress our students have made. Through our IB/PYP we will continue to seek ways that will support the growth of all students in all curriculum disciplines. Fall conferences are a great opportunity to discuss your child's growth with the teacher and partner for continued successes.

I had a wonderful experience working for the IBO in The Hague, Netherlands last month. The PYP has been undergoing a review and this meeting was the review of the final documents that will be used in all PYP

schools across the globe. I truly was an IB Learner as I worked hard to make a difference in the world through these documents. I also had a great time sending photos and videos to FWES to answer student inquiry questions they had shared before my trip. We learned about bikes and bike paths, glaciers, Swiss dairy farms and cheeses and the Alps. I loved sharing my learning with our students!

The month of November is a time when we think much about giving thanks and of everything we have to be thankful for in our lives. I must say that I am

continually thankful for the amazing FWES community- parents, students, staff and community members- who seek daily to learn and make a difference in the world. What a wonderful place to get to spend time! Thank you for choosing to be part of our school family and for all you do to make our school the best place it can be for our students!

*With much appreciation,*

*Winston Pierce*



**Go for the Gold!**

**Give and Earn Respect**

**Own your Actions**

**Lead by Example**

**Demonstrate Cooperation**

## A Walk in the Woods ...

- **Updated Security Access:** Our school has been upgraded to a video/audio front door access system. When you push the button, the front office staff will be able to see you and com-



municate with you prior to access to the school. This new system is being installed in all WCPSS Elementary Schools for additional security. Once you push the button to request access, the notification bell in the front office will continue to ring (no need to ring more than once). Please note that often the front office staff are helping students or other families and your patience is appreciated while you wait on a response and building access.

- **[Recognize the Awesome FWES Staff!](#)** In this month with a focus on Giving Thanks - please take time to use our on line form to Thank a FWES staff member for how they have ignited learning and made a difference for your child.
- **Fall Conferences:** Please make sure you have signed up to attend a fall conference with your child's teacher between November 14th and 21st. This meeting is an im-

portant time to learn about your child's successes and ways you can become a partner to support any areas where your child may need more practice. If you have not yet signed up for a date and time- please contact your teacher directly.

- **Internet Update Scheduled for December 5-11, 2016:** In addition to the updated security access, our school will be getting a new internet server installed the week of December 5-11. Please make a calendar note that this upgrade will prevent our school and staff from accessing email and other internet specific material and programs. We are not sure how many days that week will be affected, but wanted to begin planning ahead. We are excited about the upgrade, but will be having several days of being reminded of the days before the internet-yikes!



## November, 2016

### Calendar Items to Note...

- Nov. 7 Picture Retakes- Magnet Information Sessions and Tour 9:45am and 1:30pm
- Nov. 8- 2 Hour Delay- Election Day (see below for more details)
- Nov. 10- 7:45am PTA Board of Director's Meeting
- Nov. 11- Veteran's Day Holiday- No School
- Nov. 14-18 Book Fair
- Nov. 14- School Board Advisory Council Meeting 5:30pm
- Nov. 15- 1st Grade Walking Trip (Byrd, Pinder, Williams)
- Nov. 16 1st Grade Walking Trip (Long, Edwards, White)
- Nov. 17- Fall Conferences 4-7pm
- Nov. 21- Magnet Info and Tour 9:45am; Fall Conferences 4-7pm
- Nov. 23- Teacher Workday- No School
- Nov. 24-25- Thanksgiving Holiday- No School
- Dec. 2- December Walk to School Day; Early Release at 1:15pm
- Dec. 5- Interim Reports Go Home for 2nd Quarter

# FWES Student Services

Our student council is supporting Note In The Pocket to help support families in our community who need a little help this winter season. Note in the Pocket serves to help families all across Wake county with year round clothing needs and the demand this year is far greater than the supply. We are still collecting pants for our jean drive set to end November 10th. Please donate any new or gently used jeans, sweats or pants in any children's sizes. Student Council will be organizing donations and want to make a difference for children in Wake County. So far,

over 100 pairs of pants have been donated, please help us reach our goal of 250 pants by **Thursday, November 10th.**



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## Notes From the Front Office

Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Nagy and Mrs. Farr

- **Picture ID Required for Sign Out of Students:** In order to maintain the safety and security of ALL students, picture ID is required for the release/pick up of a student. This procedure insures the safety and security of each student. Please remember your Photo ID (and remind anyone coming to pick up your child that they will also need photo ID) when coming to sign out your child.
- **Update Blue Cards-** Please make sure blue cards are updated if new individuals are going to be picking up and signing out your student. If a person is not listed on the card, we cannot release the child to that person, for their safety. Thank you for keeping that list updated!
- **Walk In Transportation Changes:** All transportation changes must be submitted in writing. Walk in last minute transportation changes will not be allowed repeatedly and should only be used in the event of an emergency circumstance. Changes due to appointments should be given to the teacher the morning of the appointment. To maintain appropriate safety, students will not be dismissed to parents from the carpool area or from classrooms prior to the start of the After School Program at 4:15pm.

- **It is getting to be that time of year—Sick Students:** We want our students at school each day, however, if your child is sick- or shows any of the symptoms below, he/she will need to remain at home. NC Health Policy dictates the events that require students to be excluded (sent home) from school. If your child demonstrates one of these symptoms we are required to send them home. Please make appropriate arrangements if you receive such a phone call. Students must go home from school if the following symptoms are present:
  - **Temp of 100 or more** (cannot return until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication- if your child leaves during the day for a fever, he/she may not return the following day as it will not have been 24 hours without fever)
  - **Vomiting or Diarrhea** (cannot return to school until they have been free of either symptom for at least 12 hours)
  - **Severe headache**
  - **Red, watery eyes with yellow drainage**
  - **Undiagnosed or treated rash**
  - **Inability to attend to learning activities due to change in student's usual medical status**

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# Healthy Active Kids at FWES!

Just a reminder to all FWES Families that as a school we continue to work together to promote healthy snacks during the school day for students. Thank you for reviewing some healthy snack options for students who choose to have a snack during the school day and for also considering the healthy options for celebrating birthdays that are available, including the addition of a birthday book to the FWES Inquiry Center. If you have any questions or need ideas please contact your child's teacher or Mr. Eller.

## [Healthy Brains/Healthy Bodies at FWES for 2016-17](#)

If you are interested in helping promote Healthy Active Kids at FWES, please join our team by contacting Don Eller at [deller@wcpss.net](mailto:deller@wcpss.net).



## Magnet Musings

from the desk of Anna Goodrum, IB Coordinator



A PYP school strives towards developing an internationally-minded person, one who demonstrates the attributes of the IB learner profile. One of the IB implementation standards addresses the importance of "promoting internationally-mindedness on the part of the adults and students in the school community" and that we should provide our students with insights into and an appreciation of other cultures. This could not have been seen better than in our recent "Alebrijes Festival" in 5th grade.

release day specialists' collaborate with one grade level to plan an engaging learning activity connected to one of their units of inquiry. This year in 5th grade the students were introduced to the Alebrijes festival celebrated in Mexico city. Mrs. Smith worked with the students for months to create brightly colored sculptures based on the works of Pedro Linares. On the day of the fes-

tival, Mr. George and his wife taught the students a traditional Mexican dance. Students were actively engaged in learning the steps and movements associated with the dance. In addition to dancing students critiqued their artwork through a gallery walk and participated in traditional Mexican games.

This day of inquiry into How we Express Ourselves led to a fantastic appreciation of Mexican culture and was an experience treasured by all.

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## A Page from the Inquiry Center ... Book Fair November 17-21!



**Read Around the World ...** The first Read Around the World "travelers" are beginning to turn in their reading logs and selecting a charm. Remember you can turn in your log whenever you are finished and get the next log. The second continent on our reading around the world is **ASIA**. Keep on reading and recording those book on your reading logs.

**Voting for Books ...** Two major elections are happening here in the Inquiry Center: Fly Guy is running against The Pigeon AND The Wimpy Kid is running opposite Harry Potter. As with our upcoming elections, each student will get ONE vote. (Kindergarten, First and Second grade students will vote Fly Guy vs Pigeon) (Third, Fourth and Fifth grade students will choose between Wimpy Kid and Harry Potter). This open election will run from Nov 1st thru Nov 8th, with the winners announced on Nov 9th during the morning news. ... Stay tuned ...the winners will show up again at Book Fair !

**Bedford Falls Book Fair ... Let Your Imagination Fly!** Our Fall Book Fair is November 14 - 18. The books will be provided by Bedford Falls USA. Each class will have a time to preview the book fair where volunteers and Inquiry Center staff will be available to help students select books and write them on their wish lists. Classes will then return to purchase at another scheduled time. The book fair will be open for Family Night on Thursday, November 17th from 5:00 - 8:00pm. Please come with your children to purchase books for your home library as well as your child's classroom.

**Global Read Aloud ...** "One Book to Connect the World" During the past 6-weeks, our classes have been reading selected books and making global connections and sharing these experiences with children around the world. Kindergarten and First grades have been reading books by the author/ illustrator Lauren Castillo; Second and Third grades have been reading The BFG (by Roald Dahl); and Fourth and Fifth reading Pax (by Sara Pennypacker). Thursday, November 10th is the last day for FWES to participate in Global Read Aloud 2016. Students will then reflect upon the Global Read Aloud experience by writing a personal "tweet" on the book their class has been reading. Each student will then receive a "twitter bird" for their reading keychain.

### Tech Tips from Tech Class from Mrs. Quinn...



This month's internet safety message comes to you from 1st graders. Did you know every web-site has a secret traffic light hidden in it? It's your job as a model digital citizen to decide what color the light is on.

- Green Light - GO if: This website is fun and good for my age AND it doesn't not let me talk to other people AND

the words are appropriate. An adult I trust sends me to green light sites too.

- Yellow Light - ASK AN ADULT if: I cannot read the words. It let's me talk to people. It asks for information. I am not sure about the site.
- Red Light: STOP AND CLOSE if: I got there by accident. I get funny tummy

feelings. I see things for older kids or adults. *Don't wait for an adult....close right away!*

Stay tuned for another tip next month. You can also follow us on Twitter to watch as we learn!  
@tquinnFWES

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# Farmington Woods IB/PYP Magnet Elementary PTA

<http://farmingtonwoodspta.org>



Next PTA Board Meeting- Thursday, November 10  
7:45am FWES Inquiry Center



- ⇒ **Yearbook** The yearbook is currently available to order. If you'd like to send in the form with cash or check (made payable to FWES PTA), you must do so by November 18. Online orders are preferred - <http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1121660/Farmington-Woods-Elementary-School/>. Online orders may be placed through December 31, 2016 to receive the yearbook for \$20. Afterwards, the price will increase to \$25.

\* If you take pictures of your students' classroom activities, field trips, or school events; please upload them to [Jostens' ReplayIt!](http://www.replayit.com) Site ([www.replayit.com](http://www.replayit.com)) so that we may use your pictures in the yearbook. The password is fwbears.

\* If you take pictures on your phone, you can also get the ReplayIt! App from the app store on your phone. The app lets you quickly select photos off of your phone to share with the yearbook.

Please remember to only include pictures of school events- no personal pictures of sports teams, scouts, dance performances, etc.



- ⇒ **Book Fair** The book fair is November 14 - 18, 2016. The vendor is Bedford Falls and our theme is "Let Your Imagination Fly!" This is a great opportunity to shop for the holidays and help your school's library at the same time! We earn 25% of the proceeds which are used to purchase reading materials for our school library. Registered volunteers are greatly needed. You can sign-up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0544a4ae283-2016>.

Thursday, November 17 is Family Night from 5:00

- 8:00 pm! There will be a drawing for Family Night attendees for a chance to win a \$15 credit to spend at the book fair.

Teachers will have wish lists available as well.

Books to build your child's classroom library make great gifts!

- ⇒ **FWES Connections**- Would you like to make connections with other parents, students and families like yours? Would you like to share your experiences with those that differ? FWES Connections is a new initiative this school year designed to facilitate communication among our FWES community. If you are interested in learning more or simply being connected with someone who has something in common with you or your child, please email the word "interested" to [fwesconnections@gmail.com](mailto:fwesconnections@gmail.com)

- ⇒ **Link your Cards for FWES PTA!**

- Kroger can be linked online at <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewards> Our code is 92563.
- Harris Teeter can be linked in the store or online. Our code is 1856.
- Lowes Foods can be linked online at <http://www.lowesfoods.com/back-2-schools/>
- Amazon gives .5% of your purchase price to our school when you shop Amazon via <https://smile.amazon.com/>. Select PTA North Carolina Congress Farmington Woods PTA as your charity.

- ⇒ **WCPSS Policies Initiatives For Parents:**

- Learn more and provide feedback on proposed 2017-18 WCPSS Student assignment plan- a multi-year student assignment plans to accommodate growth in student population through out Wake county. You can attend public information sessions and provide input on the proposed draft plan. Visit <http://www.wcpss.net/enrollmentproposal> to learn more about draft proposal to student assignments for 2017-18.