



What's News in the Woods...

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Elementary Magnet School
April 2017 Newsletter
<http://fwes.wcpss.net> for any info updates



From Mrs. Pierce...

As we head into the last 9 weeks of the school year, we are maintaining our focus on learning that will last students a lifetime. Teachers continue to provide students with a variety of dynamic learning experiences that support their growth and understanding while carefully monitoring progress so that they can intervene with additional support when needed. We ask that as spring events outside of the school day can bring distractions for students, that families partner with us and continue to maintain a focus on learning, homework assignments and math/reading practice every day. We have seen so much growth in our students thus far and look forward to continue watching them grow.

I look forward to attending the National Magnet Conference the end of this month to receive our National Magnet School of Excellence award. We are planning a school wide celebration in May to recognize the great work of our staff and students in making FWES such a great place for learning. Hoping you all enjoy a wonderful Spring Break this month and we will look forward to having you join us for the many, many events planned for the last quarter of the year!

Celebrating FWES!
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Go for the Gold!
Give and Earn Respect
Own your Actions
Lead by Example
Demonstrate Cooperation

A Walk in the Woods ...

Planning Ahead to End the 2016-17 School Year...

The end of the year is always quite busy, so please make a note of the dates below to avoid scheduling appointments and to make a note on your own work schedules. In addition please pay attention to Monday Folders and Teacher Newsletters to stay up to day on any additional events planned.

- ◇ Friday, April 21- Family Marathon Event- 9:50-10:30- Pre-K; ID Mod I, Kinder and 4th Grades
10:40-11:20- 2nd and 3rd Grades and ID Mod II
11:30-12:10- 1st and 5th Grades
- ◇ Friday, May 12- No School; Teacher Workday
- ◇ Thursday, May 18- 5:00-6:30pm Ringers and Singers Concert
- ◇ Friday, May 26- 3rd-5th Grade EOG for English Language Arts 9:15am-1:15pm
- ◇ Monday, May 29- No School; Memorial Day
- ◇ Tuesday, May 30- 3rd-5th Grade EOG for Math 9:15am-1:15pm
- ◇ Wednesday, May 31- 5th Grade EOG for Science 9:15am-1:15pm and Make Up EOGs

- ◇ Friday, June 2- June Walk To School Day; EOG Scores for 3rd Grade ONLY returned
- ◇ Monday, June 5- 3rd Grade English Language Arts Retest (for those who did not pass- letters will go home on 6/2)- 9:15am-1:15pm
- ◇ Tuesday, June 6- 5th Grade Talent Show in AM
- ◇ Wednesday, June 7- Field Day and Go for the Gold Celebration; EOG Scores for 3rd-5th Graders Returned- info to families on 6/7 or 6/8
- ◇ Thursday, June 8- Awards for K-4 9:30- K-1 Awards; 10:30 2-4 Awards
- ◇ Friday, June 9- 5th Grade Celebration 10:00am followed by 5th Grade Picnic; Report Cards Go Home; Last Day of School for All Students

FWES School Updates for April...

- **Fifth Grade News:** Our fifth graders are going on their big beach field trip on April 4 (Herrema, Pausley, Ramos) and April 5 (Dellinger, Lemak) to learn about the unique estuary ecosystems on Masonboro Island. Students are also going to visit the Fort Fisher Aquarium to

April, 2017

Calendar Items to Note...

- April 4- 5th Grade Beach Trip: Herrema, Pausley, Ramos;
- April 5- 5th Grade Beach Trip: Dellinger, Lemak 3rd Grade to Arboretum (Coiner, Packer, Thompson)
- April 6- PTA Board of Director's Mtg 6pm; 3rd Grade to Arboretum (Dula, Antoon and Musumeci); 2nd Grade Trip to Museum of Life and Science
- April 7- Walk to School Day; Footworks Percussive Dance Cultural Arts; Report Cards for Q3 home
- April 10-14- Spring Break
- April 20- Student Led Conferences 4-7pm
- April 21- Family Marathon and Family Fitness Day
- April 24-28 Spring Scholastic Book Fair
- April 24- District 9 Board Advisory Council Meeting with Bill Fletcher 5:30pm at Reedy Creek Middle School
- April 25- 1st Grade Field Trip to Zoo and 4th to Symphony
- April 27- Student Led Conferences 4-7pm; Family Night shopping at the Book Fair until 8pm.
- May 1-5- Teacher Appreciation Week!
- May 3- Skype Interview with Grace Lin- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon author
- May 4- Special Olympics Trip; 5:30-7:30pm New Family Picnic in Courtyard
- May 5- May Walk to School Day

learn about the characteristics of a marine biome. We are finishing up our ecology unit for "Sharing the Planet" about the interdependence of plants and animals within their ecosystem. We are also finishing up our unit, "How We Express Ourselves." The central idea is "People use different forms of expression to convey their uniqueness as individuals." Every fifth grader has been hard at work expressing who they are as they write and illustrate a memoir using creative artistic touches. Coming up next...students will delve into a hands-on stem based unit on physics and Newton's Laws of Motion. This is an IB unit under the theme, "How the World Works." This will also be our final science unit for the year.



The Buzz On: Social Emotional Learning



Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the 3rd component of the dynamic learning experience outlined WCPSS strategic plan. SEL can be defined as the way in which children and adults learn and apply the skill and attitudes necessary to understand and manage emotions. SEL also includes the way children and adults show empathy, establish relationships and make decisions. Farmington Woods strongly believes in the need to support and teach the whole child and instruction for SEL is most often seen in the teaching of the IB learner profile and the PBIS program. The IB Learner profile defines 10 attitudes students learn to incorporate in their decision making and personal development. Traits such as caring, open-minded, principled, and being an inquirer are a few of the profile skills we aim for students to apply beyond their academics. We combine these IB traits with our PBIS framework of Going for the GOLD. Give & earn respect, Own your actions, Lead by example and Demon-

strate cooperation are principles we teach students through the PBIS program to help them learn how to manage their behavior in the school setting to support positive social relationships. Our school vision is that Farmington Woods IB/PYP Magnet Elementary School community will inspire action, promote inquiry, and cultivate learning by creating experiences that prepare students to be successful global citizens. In order for students to be action oriented global citizens, they must have a strong experiences in SEL. Teachers and staff expressively teacher the IB learner profile and the PBIS model to help students not only build these characteristics in themselves, but also identify them in leaders and figures of the past and present. By including this component in the daily learning experience, we aim to grow leaders for the future who embody the tenets of IB and make the FWES vision a reality.

Kindergarten Registration



• **Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-18 school year continues during our regular registration hours, 10 AM - 12 Noon, Monday through Friday.**

- Parents should provide
 - Their child's original certified birth certificate,
 - Parent/guardian picture ID and
 - Copy of a current proof of residence (one of the following: a light, gas or water bill, or recently signed lease or closing statement.)
- The child's North Carolina Health Assessment form and up-to-date immunization record is due by the first day of school. Parents must register their child at the base school for their address.

FWES Student Services

5th Grade Middle School Registration Continues

Middle school registration is upon us! Your school counseling department has been busy helping our 5th grade students make informed and well-rounded choices about their middle school schedules. Deciding between band and art, computer technology or orchestra and understanding what this transition will look and feel like has been an important part of helping our students make the transition from elementary to middle school. If you haven't turned in your verification sheet that went home on Tuesday, please return it to your classroom teacher as soon as possible. You can view the electives offered at your child's assigned middle school by visiting www.wcpss.net/rising6th Thank you!

If you are a rising 6th grade parent and have questions about middle school; please contact one of your school counselors (Ms. Thakur or Mrs. Wiener) at 919-460-3469.

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Healthy Brains/Healthy Bodies



April Walk to School Day Friday April 7 at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the Kildare Plaza parking lot behind the Starbucks (intersection of Farmington Woods Drive & Kildare Farm Rd.)

Family Marathon and Fitness Day on Friday April 21, 2017: All students will be walk/jog/running for fifteen minutes sometime on that Friday in an effort to promote physical activity and support student's achievement of personal fitness goals. We will start with one minute of pushups and curl-ups, do the fifteen minute of laps and then finish with the sit and reach in the classroom. Keep your eye out for a Monday Electronic Folder for your child's classes scheduled time. Proposed times are below...

9:50-10:30- Pre-K; ID Mod I, Kinder and 4th Grades
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Magnet Musings

from the desk of Anna Goodrum, IB Coordinator



Celebrating diversity and culture at Farmington Woods

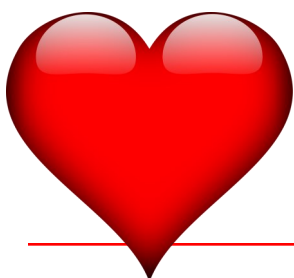
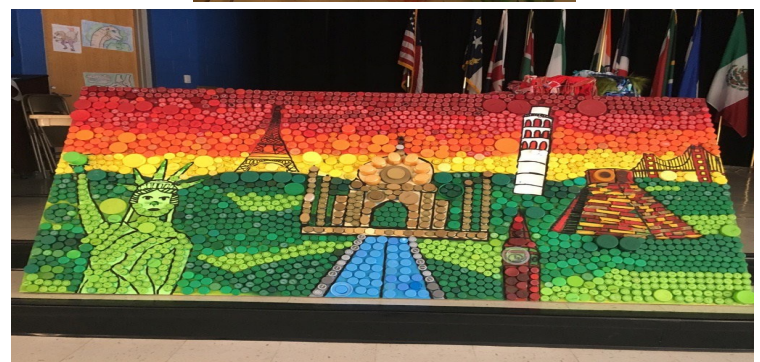
through the LOVE the World Week was a huge success. Many families shared their culture in classroom presentations, sent in slides of information, and artifacts for the display case. Volunteers from the community supported diversity learning through presentations on how jobs are global and teams must work together to accomplish great things.

a great way to recycle and love the world around us.

Thank you to all of the families and community partners that volunteered to hare culture, artifacts and time!



In addition this year, we successfully completed two bottle cap murals with the help of parents and volunteers from LORD Corporation and Delta Dental of North Carolina. The finished murals will be installed in the breezeway on either side of the gym doors. This year long project was facilitated by Brandy Smith and showed how what we consider trash can be turned into beauty. What



Show LOVE to our Fantastic FWES Staff!

Please remember to show your love for our FWES staff by using the link on our website for recognizing a staff member who has helped to ignite your child's learning this year! [Staff Recognition 2016-17](#)

A Page from the Inquiry Center ...



Read Around the World ... The last continent logs have been started. Keep reading and turning them in. Can you be a "world reader"? Those students who complete their travels around the world will receive a special golden globe charm and will be invited to attend a special event on May 8th.

One School, One Book ... As a school-wide reading project we have completed the reading of Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin. All students received an ancient Chinese coin charm for their reading keychain. To complete our experience with the One School, One Book project, we will be skyping with Ms. Lin on May 5th. The skype will be recorded and shown several times to best fit the schedules of the various grades. This skype is being sponsored by FWES PTA.

March Book Madness ... at Farmington Woods has come to an end. Students in grades 2-5 were given a tournament bracket where they made their selections for the "FWES 2017 Book of the Year".... And the FWES 2017 Book of the Year is Pax by Sara Pennypacker. The top bracket winners will receive a poster from the Book Fair in April. Congratulations to James R. in Mrs. Ramos' class for a perfect bracket! The other high scoring brackets were: Jack in Ms. Green's class, Ethan B. in Ms. Flood's class and Leah P. in Mrs. Pausley's class. Several K and 1st grade classes have chosen to participate in classroom voting for a separate picture book bracket. The classroom with the most correctly completed bracket will receive bookmarks and pencils. The winning K-1 classroom was Mr. Mathyk's kindergarten class.

Lynda Mullaly Hunt ... Ms. Hunt, author of One for the Murphy's and Fish in a Tree, visited the fifth grade classes on Monday, March 27th. The students enjoyed hearing Mrs. Hunt relate the stories behind her books and the writing process. Quail Ridge Books and Music sponsored her visit to Farmington Woods.

NCCBA ... All kindergarten classes as well as some 1st grade classes have read and voted for this year's North Carolina Children's Book Award (NCCBA). Our school favorite is I Yam a Donkey! followed by I Am Trying to Love Spiders. The winning title for the state of North Carolina will not be announced until May.

SPRING BOOK FAIR COMING !!! ... Our Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be held April 24th - 28th. The theme this year is "Be a Happy Camper: Have S'More Fun With Books!" Start making your summer reading lists and be on the look-out for more information after Spring Break.

Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge ... Farmington Woods will again participate in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. Students can begin logging minutes on May 8th. Information about the reading challenge as well as usernames and passwords will be sent out after Spring Break. The charm associated with the Summer Reading Challenge will be the first one for next school year's reading keychain.

Reading Events at Quail Ridge Books for Families...

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 IS INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE DAY! 9 AM to 9 PM

Join us to celebrate! Quail Ridge Books is among 12 bookstores in the NC Piedmont participating (find them all [on Facebook](#)), and we invite you to visit them during April--just pick up your Field Guide to Indie Bookstores of the NC Piedmont now. Quail Ridge is building up to April 29, an event-filled day of author visits, activities for kids and adults, prize drawings on the hour, a literary trivia contest and more! Keep checking our website for updates. (www.quailridgebooks.com) Here's

what's going on:

- Bring in your Field Guide to Indie Bookstores of the NC Piedmont, with stamps from the stores you've visited and be awarded prizes based on the number you've been to--pick up a field guide in the store now for more details.
- Exclusive limited-edition books and literary items go on sale only at Indie bookstores starting April 29.
- 10:00 AM: storytime for very young readers with our huggable guests, Elephant and Piggie (Mo Willems' costumed characters)

- 11:00 AM: NC picture book author **CAMILLE ANDROS** shares her debut, Charlotte the Scientist is Squished for ages 4+.
- 11:30 AM: Two therapy ponies arrive, courtesy of Stampede of Love, a Raleigh nonprofit organization dedicated to spreading knowledge about therapy animals.
- 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM: Happy 75th Anniversary, Golden Books! In their honor, we'll have two separate "Make Your Own Little Golden Book" activity times today. Each is limited to 25 children.

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Next PTA Board Meeting- Thursday, April 7th
6:00pm FWES Inquiry Center

⇒ **World Dance was Awesome on March 24th!!!!** Thanks to all of the staff, students, and parents who planned and attended the World Dance! The evening was a wonderful combination of family, food, music and fun. Thanks especially to Mrs. Smith for debuting and allowing the World Dance committee to display one of the phenomenal bottle cap murals, to the FWES families who shared their culture's dances and to everyone who contributed personal items to the cultural display!!



⇒ **District 9 Board Advisory Council Notes- Mano Meenaksh FWES Parent Rep:**

NC HB-13 and possible impacts in 2017-18 school year: Please contact your NC Senators by phone, email, in person or by mail and ask that they insist HB13 be brought to a vote on the Senate floor. HB13 will correct a previously mandated (but unfunded) reduction in class size. The side effect of mandating class sizes in k-3 to be extremely small (18 students per class) means that principals will be forced to eliminate Art, Language, Music and PE staff in an effort to increase staffing for classrooms. This is unacceptable in the current timeframe.

Here is Wake PTA's newsletter on this issue -

<http://www.wakepta.org/wcpta-latest-news/nc-hb-13>

Please see the documents here for additional information and how you can take action:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B6Ao2T3awD2MUVwM3VZSi15eHc>

⇒ **Yearbook:** The yearbook has been finalized and sent off to be printed - thanks to all that shared their pictures! Yearbooks will remain on sale for \$25 via online at www.jostensyearbooks.com - there is no guarantee that there will be extras when they come in so be sure to order one if you want to be sure to get one. Yearbooks will be delivered to students



near the end of the school year after they take their EOG tests.

⇒ **Cultural Arts:** The last cultural arts performances of the year is coming up on Friday, April 7th. The Show will be by Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble. They will perform "Keeping the Beat: Multicultural Influences in American Music and Dance."

⇒ **Spring Scholastic Book Fair:** The Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be April 24-28. The theme is Happy Camper! Join us in supporting our library. 25% of all proceeds will be used to support the Inquiry Center. Volunteers are needed! All registered WCPSS volunteers are welcome. Sign up at [2017 Spring Book Fair Volunteers](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0545a9ab2f4-2017) or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0545a9ab2f4-2017>.

⇒ **Volunteers are Needed:** The Farmington Woods PTA will have various positions opening up next year due to many parents "graduating" as their children move on to middle school! Please consider one of these roles if you are able to. If you are interested please visit the PTA website and reach out to a PTA member for more information! Remember, being a PTA Board member can be done in a variety of ways, by completing tasks at home, being present in the school, and attending 1 board meeting per month! The following positions will be available:



- 1st VP
- Advocacy/Technology Chair
- Secretary
- Audit Chair
- Yearbook
- Global Fun Run Chair
- Tutoring



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