



What's News in the Woods...

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Elementary Magnet School

May/June 2017 Newsletter

<http://fwes.wcpss.net> for any info updates



From Mrs. Pierce...

The end of our school year is quickly approaching and it is an exciting time that provides us each with a chance to reflect on the growth made throughout the year. It is also a time when change is inevitable but we know in order to grow, there must be change. We look forward to celebrating growth with our students and families and embracing the unknowns of changes ahead as we are IB Learners who are risk-takers in order to learn.

In considering the road ahead, if your child will be with us at FWES for the 17-18 school year, please feel free to send me (awpierce@wcpss.net) or Mrs. Thakur (jthakur@wcpss.net) an email about any information that would be helpful in making a classroom placement that will facilitate your child's growth. Not specific teachers (as they, too, change) but

a reference to the learning environments where your child has had maximum success. We will need this information by June 9th as we will begin creating classrooms in June.

Take a look at the calendar list to the right and mark your calendar- you have lots of invitations to join us to celebrate and we hope you will take advantage of these chances to be part of our school community!

Read all summer and have a safe, enjoyable break- already missing you and looking forward to August!

Celebrating FWES!

Winston Pierce
#fwesigniteslearning



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

A Walk in the Woods ...

Reminders about Warm Weather Dress Code:

Wake County K-12 dress code policy prohibits: baggy pants, exposed undergarments, midriff shirts, spaghetti straps, sundresses and halter style tops/dresses (may be worn with a t-shirt underneath), short skirts/shorts (must be fingertip length), t-shirts with inappropriate language or products and head coverings of any kind, other than to accommodate medical or religious observances. Since most students will be visiting a specialist teacher class each day, students should wear comfortable clothing and shoes every day. Flip flops and unsecure footwear without heel straps are not safe during PE or on playground equipment at recess and should not be worn to school for student safety. If a child wears inappropriate clothing to school, the school will work to provide an appropriate item for the student to wear. If one is not available in the child's size, then the parent may be contacted to bring appropriate clothing for the child.

Before and After School Care Programs - 2017-2018

Thank you for letting us care for your children in our school care programs this year! Just a reminder - student enrollments do not "roll over", and all families must register their child(ren) each year. This summer you will find information about School Care reg-

istration in mid July at [FWES Parents- Before/After School](#).

Registration for childcare programs must take place at school. Registration fees are paid at the time of enrollment at school.

You cannot enroll your child in the program using OSP (Online School Payment system)

Español: It has been a fantástico year in our Spanish classroom. Your children continue to grow as communicators in more than one language.

From kindergarten to fifth grade, it is always amazing to see how much they've learned! This summer, please encourage them to sing the songs they've learned this year, learn one Spanish word a day, play a Spanish game, and check the web links below where they can play and practice some more.

Please keep their Spanish notebook for next year at Farmington Woods. ¡Muchas gracias!

<http://www.rockalingua.com>
<http://www.spanish.cl/Vocabulary/Games.htm>
<http://www.onlinefreespanish.com/>
<http://www.digitaldialects.com/Spanish.htm>
<http://pbskids.org/games/spanish/>

Fourth Grade News The fourth grade class of 2016-17 is pleased to invite you to our Student Exhibitions on May 24th at 2:30pm. Your children have been working hard to ignite their learning through investigating the

Calendar Items to Note....

- May 11- Volunteer Tea; School Wide IB Celebration
- May 12- Teacher Workday
- May 14- Mother's Day
- May 15- 5th Grade Career Fair 9:30-10:45
- May 16- FWES at BOE for School of Excellence
- May 18- Proctor Training 7:35, 2:30 and 4:30pm; Ringers and Singers Concert 5:30pm
- May 19- JDRF Walk for Diabetes; PTA Board Mtg 7:45am; Proctor Training 9:30am
- May 24- 2:30 4th Grade NC Presentations in Café; 5th Grade Talent Show Rehearsal
- May 25- Student Library Books Due; 5th Grade Talent Show Rehearsal
- May 26- 3rd-5th English Language EOG 9:15-1:15- Free b'fast 3rd-5th
- May 29- Memorial Day- School Holiday
- May 30- 3rd-5th EOG for Math 9:15-1:15; Free b'fast 3rd-5th
- May 31- 5th Grade EOG for Science 9:15-1:15; Free b'fast 5th only; Make up EOGs; delayed lunch 30 min
- June 1- 6:00pm PTA Board of Directors Mtg
- June 2- Walk to School Day; Golden Luncheon; 2:00 2nd Grade Wax Museum in Café
- June 5- ELA Retest for select 3rd graders
- June 6- 5th Grade Talent Show- AM
- June 7- Field Day and Go for the Gold Celebration
- June 8- K-4 Awards Day; EOG Scores home
- June 9- 5th Grade Celebration 10:00, 4th Quarter Report Cards Go Home; Last day of School!

state symbols of North Carolina. They have done independent research and chosen a NC symbol to recreate as either a model sculpture, green screened advertisement, or artistic painting. In addition to their research, the 4th grade classes have collectively been working on a mural to represent and showcase their learning. Parents are invited to attend brief student presentations and a celebration of their work as we complete the 4th grade mural in the cafeteria. The artifact presentations will begin at 2:30 and will resemble a science fair, with students standing beside their projects and sharing their learning.



Counseling Corner

Your school counselors would like to remind you that May is Mental Health Awareness month! Mental health is defined as a state of well-being in which every individual realizes his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to her or his community. Providing children with an environment that demonstrates love, compassion, trust, and understanding will greatly impact a child so that they can build on these stepping stones to have a productive lifestyle. The most common childhood mental health concerns are anxiety and depression. If you are interested in finding out more check out these websites:

<http://www.worrywisekids.org/>

<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/understanding-depression.html>

<https://www.nami.org/>

As we bring the 2016-17 school year to a close and start preparing and planning for 2017-18; please

know that your child's past experiences can be very beneficial when creating an optimal environment for their learning as we move forward. If there are characteristics of a classroom, or a teacher, that help your child be successful; please share those needs with your child's school counselor. We understand that not all environments are ideal for all students and our goal is to make sure that each one of our students has the tools to be successful; whatever those tools may be. Please know that we do not take requests for certain teachers; but a type of environment, teacher temperament, or organization level can certainly be considered. Additionally, if there are social concerns in your child's current classroom; please note those as well as we will do our best to put your child with other students who thrive in a similar environment. Please send those written requests to jthakur@wcpss.net by June 9th. Thank you and have a wonderful end to the school year and a restful summer vacation.

Jennifer Thakur (jthakur@wcpss.net)
Kelly Wiener (kwiener@wcpss.net)

Kindergarten Registration

• **Kindergarten Registration** for the 2017-18 school year continues during our regular registration hours, 10 AM - 12 Noon, Monday through Friday; Summer Registration Hours are 9am-11am M-Th.

- 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.
- [WCPSS Kindergarten Registration Information](#)

Office Medication Updates

- The new 1702 med forms will be going home on May 22nd for the 2017-2018 school year. Every year a new form must be filled out by your Doctor.
- Please pick up any medications you currently have in the office by the last day of school, June 9th. Medications may not be transported by the child.
- Any medications that are not picked up by June 19th, will be discarded by the school nurse.

Thank you so much for your cooperation. Have a great summer.

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Healthy Brains/Healthy Bodies



JDRF Walk for Diabetes on Friday May 19, 2017: All students will be walking during their recess time that Friday in an effort to awareness of Type 1 Diabetes. Information regarding fundraising for JDRF will go home on May 15th, students will turn in all money they have raised on Friday before they walk with their class. The following are the walk times for each class.:

11:15-12:35 3rd Grade

1:10-1:50- 5th Grade

11:30-12:10- 2nd Grade

2:45-3:15- 4th Grade

12:00-12:40- Kindergarten

12:45-1:45- 1st Grade

*Recess times are staggered, please check teacher newsletters for exact time

June Walk to School Day Friday June 2nd at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the Kildare Plaza parking lot behind the Starbucks (intersection of Farmington Woods Drive & Kildare Farm Rd.)

PBIS/Field Day Volunteers Still Needed: Thanks to those volunteers ready to have some fun, but more are needed to give our students the celebration day they have earned. Please sign up to volunteer on June 7th!

[PBIS/Field Day Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Magnet Musings

from the desk of Anna Goodrum, IB Coordinator



As the school year comes to an end, we want to continue to foster student action from their learning. Action can take many forms, such as community service, celebration of cultural differences and solutions to problems. So you may ask, what is action for a five-year-old, seven-year-old, or ten-year-old? Effective action does not need to be grandiose. It's as basic as a classmate consoling another classmate who was crying over a lost item. Or it could be a student, after learning about the US Constitution in class, writing a constitution for her family. Action is students growing crops, preparing and maintaining our garden with the help of the whole school community, and donating what we grow to the food bank. We are cultivating global citizens at FWES.

These are some Ideas that teachers share with students to gather their actions. As a parent you may ask your child these questions over the summer when learning together as a family.

Being: Have you BEEN a different person? Changed behaviors? Been more patient? More respectful? —How did you show it?

Doing: Have you DONE something? Given? Picked up? Turned off? Helped? —How did you show it?

Having: Do you HAVE more of something? More knowledge? Respect? Care? More determination? —How did you show it?

Thinking: Have you THOUGHT differently? Changed your mind? Wondered? Inquired? —How did you show it?

Feeling: Have you FELT differently? Empathized? Loved? Felt inspired? Admired? —How did you show it?

Saying: Have you SAID something? Informed? Explained? Told? Discussed? Debated? Asked? —How did you show it?

FWES wants to learn about the action that you take as a family this summer! Did you know there is a page on the school website to gather this information? Please visit this link and record the action that your child takes. We can all make a difference!



Show LOVE to our
Fantastic FWES
Staff!

Last chance to share your kind words with school staff who made a difference for your child this year- please use this link to share your thoughts as they head into Summer Break- [Staff Recognition 2016-17](#)



A Page from the Inquiry Center ...



- ◇ **Read Around the World ...** On Monday, May 8th we celebrated with those students who Read Around the World in a creative activity hosted by the Scrap Exchange. Students attending were asked to create an item that represented their favorite continent. Students are encouraged to continue reading through the reading logs and collecting the charms. All students who complete all of the continents will receive a special golden globe charm to add to their keychain.
- ◇ **One School, One Book ...** Twenty-one students were selected to skype with Grace Lin on Wednesday, May 3rd. They represented all grade levels and were chosen from students who completed a form stating their interest. The skype was recorded and will be available for classroom teachers to show at a convenient time. We enjoyed talking with Ms. Lin as well as learning about and drawing a Chinese Dragon. Did you know Chinese dragons do not have wings? =
- ◇ **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 picture book title for the state of North Carolina is I Yam a Donkey (Cece Bell) and the winning junior book is the graphic novel Roller Girl (Victoria Jamieson).
- ◇ **SPRING BOOK FAIR** Our Scholastic Spring Book Fair was held April 24th - 28th. Our profit from the Book Fair was just over \$3000 that will be used by the Inquiry Center. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make this event a success and to co-chairs Angie Pilkington and Carla Wilson for their 10th and final Book Fair. As graduating 5th grade parents, we will miss you and all of your book fair expertise.
- ◇ **Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge ...** Farmington Woods will again participate in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. Students can begin logging minutes on May 8th. This year's summer reading challenge will run from May 8th through September 8th. Information about the reading challenge as well as usernames and passwords will be given to classes as they visit their technology special. The bear charm associated with the Summer Reading Challenge will be the first one for next school year's reading keychain and can only be earned for participation in the Summer Challenge. A copy of the informational letter will be added to the school website. If you need further information please contact Mrs. Grice directly at egrice@wcpss.net
- ◇ **End of Year Book Return ! ...** To prepare for the end of the year Inquiry Center inventory, all student books are due to be returned by Thursday, May 25th. Please begin looking around your house for any books that may be hiding and start their return to school. Reminders for books that still need to be returned will be sent home soon. Thank you for your help getting all the books back into the Inquiry Center.



Celebrating our 5th Grade IB/PYP Learners!

5th Grade News Students are having a great time inquiring into the Laws of Motion and the design process in our new IB unit under the theme, "How the World Works." The central idea is: People use scientific principles to advance technology and enhance lives. It's a hands on unit where students are collaborating to build vehicles using a blueprint and KNEX pieces and draw conclusions about forces and motion. They are testing their vehicles and learning about how mass affects motion.

Mark your calendars for the Fifth Grade Celebration, June 9th at 10:00am! We will be honoring our Fifth Graders with a celebration to mark the end of their hard work through 6 years of elementary school as they continue their journey as life long learners into Middle School next year. The celebration will include an awards ceremony, student recognition and will be followed by a picnic in the courtyard. Students should dress up for the ceremony as it is a special occasion. Families should bring a picnic lunch, drinks, and a blanket/chairs for the picnic.

Doors for guests and visitors will open at 9:30am, following the regular school arrival procedures. Parents and family are not allowed to go to the classrooms prior to the celebration as students will be preparing with their teachers. Parents and family are asked to arrive at 9:30 am to find a parking spot and seats in the cafeteria. Additional parking is available on the field area to the side of the school campus. The ceremony will begin promptly at 10 am. Following the ceremony, parents and family will go into the courtyard with a picnic lunch that they have brought. Students may be signed out by the family at the end of the picnic or may stay for the rest of the day. Teachers will distribute report cards to students as they are signed out/dissmissed through the afternoon. All families must check in with the teacher to sign a student out for the remainder of the day.

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Farmington Woods IB/PYP Magnet Elementary PTA

<http://farmingtonwoodspta.org>



Next PTA Board Meetings- Friday, May 19
7:45am and Thursday, June 1 at 6:00pm FWES Inquiry Center

- ⇒ **Volunteers are Needed:** The Farmington Woods PTA will have various positions opening 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:



- Treasurer
- VP of Programs
- VP of Advocacy/Technology
- Book Fair Committee
- Fun Run Committee
- Fine Arts Chair
- Mini Grants Chair
- Outreach Chair
- Do Dads Chair
- VP of Services



If interested in learning more about any of these positions, please email the PTA President, Anita Richburg at anitarichburg@gmail.com or Contact [FWES PTA Board Members](#) 2016-17



- ⇒ May 15 - June 2 turn in Box Tops and Labels for Education. This is the very last chance to collect Labels for Education! There will be a collection bin in the lobby.



- ⇒ The 2017-18 Theme for the National PTA Reflections Arts contest has been announced! This year's theme is "Within Reach". Summer is a perfect time to reflect on this theme and create an original piece of art in one or more of the 7 categories: music, dance choreography, visual art 2d, visual art 3D, photography, film production, and literature. Remember entries for this contest must be student-driven, parents can not help! Entries will be due in October. For more information

and examples of winning entries see the Wake County PTA website <http://www.wakepta.org/reflections.html>, or contact Mrs. Smith bsmith3@wcpss.net or Ushma Oldham at ushukla.pta@gmail.com.

- ⇒ The GoPlaySave Raleigh Book Fundraiser kicks off September 1st. A coupon book will be sent home with each student which can be sold or returned to school. Students selling 2 or more books will win some great prizes like passes to Bounce U and Adventure Landing. Not interested in carrying around a paper book then a mobile book version is also available. Information about that and purchasing GoPlaySave Books for other areas including Durham/Chapel Hill and Charlotte will also be sent home on September 1st. For more information contact Gigi Wainwright-Baker at jeffandgigi@bellsouth.net.

- ⇒ If you would like to help shape the 2017 PTA sponsored Global Fun Run (date TBD), please contact ba-ri.lawhorn@gmail.com. The planning team will meet Monday, May 15th at 6:30PM at Totopos in Cary.



- ⇒ The Lost & Found closet in the back of the Cafeteria will be cleaned out starting June 1st. Please take a moment to look through it to find items that you know were lost or ones you had no idea were missing.

- ⇒ Yearbooks will go home with students after EOG testing is complete. Should we have any extra books available, they will be on sale in the office for \$25. Please do not try to purchase them from the office now - they are currently only on sale online with a credit card on www.jostensyearbooks.com.



- ⇒ **Update on NC HB13:** An altered version of [NC HB 13](#) was passed on April 27th. This provides a temporary relief for the next school year 2017-18. Thank you to all the parents who were engaged in raising the issue NC Senate. However, the underlying issue of fully funding Specials (Arts, Music & PE) in NC Public schools beyond next school has not been completely resolved. Please keep a lookout on further updates and be ready to re-engage to push for a long term resolution on this issue.