



What's News in the Woods...

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Elementary Magnet School

January 2020 Newsletter

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

From Mrs. Pierce...

#fwesunlockslearning

Happy New Year FWES Families!

We are finishing up the 1st semester of the year academically and with our Go for the Gold program. At this mid-point students are participating in a variety of assessments and we are beginning to count gold tickets. As IB Learners this mid-point is a great place to review and reflect and consider any actions that might be needed.

We are planning for several upcoming winter events- so be on the look out for more information. We will begin our Wake Up and Read Community book collection action project in January. Our Go for the GOLD celebration and 5th Grade PYP Exhibition are both in February. We will also be

taking action in January/February with our Jump Rope for Heart program with Mr. Eller.

Although winter weather has not yet visited, please be sure to read about how the school schedule is impacted with weather decisions.

Our IB focus for January is the attribute of being a Communicator. We are always interested in how our IB students apply what they are learning outside of the school building. Please use the Action link (see information below) to share examples of your child taking Action or Showing examples of the attributes of IB Learners!

Many thanks to our families for your recognition in the

Cary Magazine Maggy Awards for 2020. I am honored to be recognized by you all for a job and school I adore! It is an amazing privilege to get to work at FWES with our students, families and teachers and I LOVE coming to school every day. Thank you so much for being an active part of our school community!

With enthusiasm for unlocking learning at FWES,

Winston
Pierce



Go for the Gold!

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A Walk in the Woods ...

- **Welcome New Faces to FWES!**
 - Brian Walsh- CCR IA
 - Kristen Pulliam- Intervention Teacher- 4th Grade
 - Sabya Anderson- Pre K IA
 - Student Teachers- Spring 2020
 - Julia Bieglar- CCR/Combs
 - Mikayla Hoyle- 1st/Long
 - Ashleigh Tew- 4th/Packer
- **Recognize the way FWES Staff Unlocks Learning!** Please remember to use the link on our website for recognizing a staff member who has helped to unlock your child's learning this year!
- **Here Comes the Bus!** Transportation releases new Here Comes the Bus App to help families see the location of their child's school bus on a smartphone, tablet, or personal computer. This is to help families know when the bus is near the assigned stop. For more information, including how to download and access the App click this link- [Here Comes the Bus App](#)

- **READvolution Student Ticket Rewards !!!** Students who achieved their reading goal of 800 minutes by **December 6, 2019** are able to redeem for **two Hurricanes game tickets..** Log into your Hurricanes READvolution site. There will be a 7-letter "code" that you can use to redeem your tickets. Log into the READvolution site in WakeID and follow the directions to request your tickets or use this link <http://bit.ly/2OFWES2020> Tickets must be redeemed by **February 5th 2020.**
- **Transportation Change Reminder:** All changes in a student's transportation must be done in writing from a parent to the teacher. Email is not the best method because if a teacher is absent, it will not be retrieved. A note is the best option the morning of the change. Changes will not be taken over the



January, 2020

Calendar Items to Note...

- Jan 13- 5:30pm Board Advisory Council District 9- at Reedy Creek Elementary School- Open to Public
- Jan 15- 1:20 2nd Grade Spelling Bee; 2:00 1st Grade Spelling Bee
- Jan 16- 8:00 Coding, Planeteers, Cross Country, Battle of Books; 4:15 Table Top; 9:30 3rd Grade Spelling Bee; 10:30 5th Grade Spelling Bee; 2:00 Magnet Info and Tour
- Jan 17- 8:00 NewsCrew; 8:15 Ringers and Singers; 9:30 4th Grade Spelling Bee; Golden Luncheons on Stage
- Jan 20- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday- No School
- Jan 21- 9:45 Magnet Info Session and Tour
- Jan 22- 4th Grade to Symphony, 5th (Herrema/Ramos) to Science Museum
- Jan 23- 8:00 Chess, Planeteers; 5th (Dellinger/Lemak) to Science Museum
- Jan 24- 7:45 PTA Board Meeting; 8:15 Ringers and Singers; 10:00am FWES School Spelling Bee
- Jan 25- Chinese New Year!
- Jan 28- 10:15 Last Magnet Info Session and Tour
- Jan 29- End of Quarter 2- Teacher Workday- No School for Students
- Jan 30- 8:00 Planeteers, Cross Country Cubs, ECS to Marbles, Cultural Arts 9:30/10:30 *Delayed lunch 30 minutes; 1st Grade Collaboration Rotation; 5:45 Ringers and Singers Concert; 6:15 PTA Meeting; 6:30 Family Movie Night!
- Jan 31- 8:15 Ringers and Singers; 3rd Grade Frog Festival Event
- Feb 3-8- Counselor Appreciation Wk
- Feb 5- 2nd/5th GOLD Celebration
- Feb 6- 1st/4th GOLD Celebration; Exhibition Panel Review
- Feb 7- 8:30 Walk to School; 9:00 PTA Coffee Chat; K/3rd GOLD Celebration; Exhibition Panel Review
- Feb 10-14- Love the Bus- Bus Driver Appreciation Week
- Feb 10- Q2 Report Cards Go Home

phone for the safety and security of our students. Thank you!



Chinese Classroom Culture and Language Updates

Students learned how to count in Chinese number with hand gestures. They played Pingpong ball and kicked the Chinese shuttlecock counting in Chinese numbers. They explored the culture behind the numbers, such as lucky and unlucky numbers in Chinese culture. Students have also explored the culture and traditions of Chinese Dragon Boat Festival and Chinese Lantern Festival. We shared origin stories of both festivals, customs, traditions, and did many activities around both festivals. For 5th graders, students did research and present on the similarities and differences about the way people celebrate the Mid-autumn festivals (or moon festival) around the world. Students also learned the history of China, population, and popular cities of China, and the Great Wall of China. Some students even made the Great Wall out of legos at home! Students also learned the history of four

treasures of study in Chinese culture: paper, ink, brush, ink-stone. Students used ink, paper, and red paint to have created beautiful Chinese plum flower trees.

Students are always highly encouraged to participate Chinese cultural activities out of school to broaden their learning in Chinese culture! Students are encouraged to go to eat in local Chinese restaurants, Chinese or Asian supermarkets, participating in the local Chinese cultural celebration activities such as Chinese Food Festival, Dragon Boat Festival, Mid-Autumn

Festival, Lantern Festival, Chinese lunar New Year etc.

If parents take a picture/pictures of their children participating in Chinese culture related activities and send the photos to me (Ms. Jiang) via Message in Class Dojo, I will give each student 1 dojo for participating the Chinese culture activities and 1 dojo for them sharing what they have learned.



The following upcoming Chinese cultural activities are highly recommended to participate:

- **Lightup Festival** for celebrating the year of Rat on Sunday, February 2nd, 2020, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., at 140 W. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill. Free admission, no tickets needed.
- **CAFA Chinese New Year Gala** for celebration of the year of Rat on Sunday February 9, 2020, from 2:30pm to 5:30pm, at UNC Memorial Hall in Chapel Hill. The biggest local Chinese New Year celebration activities! A lot of Chinese great shows will be performing on stage. Tickets needed and can be purchased soon.
- **11th Annual North Carolina Chinese Essay Contest.** Free. All students are welcome to participate. The deadline for submission is March 1st, 2020. More information about topics, registration, and regulations can be found <https://confucius.uncc.edu/annual-north-carolina-chinese-essay-contest/> In 2019, one FWES student won the 1st prize and one student for 3rd prize of the essay contest :)

NC State Fairground, Dorton Arena
February 1st
11am to 7 pm

Chinese New Year Festival 2020

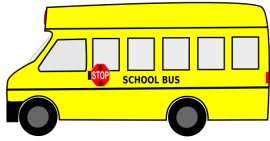
nctacas.org

North Carolina Triangle Area
華美協會
Chinese American Society

Ticket Pricing
general admission \$10 at door
\$6 in advance (online or local asia market)
\$6 for TACAS member, senior citizen
& military with ID (advance and at door)
6 and under free

A&C Supermarket Raleigh
WELLS FARGO
Jan Heard Dentistry Rolesville
GIANT
919-809-8909

FWES Student Services



The counseling department is looking forward to begin implementing a new program in the new year! Bus students who have demonstrated leadership during the fall semester will begin training

to become bus leaders. Students will be encouraged to lead by example, help solve minor conflict, and build relationships with fellow bus riders. Our first meeting is sched-

uled for January 14, 2020 and we are excited to watch our students shine in this new leadership role!

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The Buzz on iStation Reading Benchmarking Tool and Read To Achieve

****Parent Portal Information is being sent home with students. Please look for your unique log in information!**



iStation Reading Benchmarking Tool: K-3 teachers at Farmington Woods have completed training with the new reading assessment and benchmarking tool that will be used in all public schools across the state starting in January 2020 with students' mid-year reading benchmark. While the tool and program components will look different, they still provide teachers and families with information on the foundational reading skills that all students need to be successful independent readers. Parents will also have access through this tool to see student information and to access resources to help with reading foundational skills at home.

Additional information, including how to log in to the Parent Connection Portal will go home with All K-3 students when we return from Winter Break.

Read to Achieve: Read to Achieve is a NC State Law designed to ensure students are able to read on grade level by the end of 3rd Grade. Due to the changes in the reading assessment tools and the upcoming changes to the Reading End of Grade Test, the law is being updated. Families K-3 will receive information on the updates and an information session will be held at Farmington Woods Elementary as soon as the updates are finalized and there is information for families. In the meantime, please continue to have your child read 20-30 minutes a night which should include some read aloud time, too. Reading is a skill that requires practice to improve- much like soccer practice is required to learn how to kick a corner kick; piano practice is required to learn a new music piece; swimming practice is required to improve your speed to ribbon in the meet- the way to prepare for the finish line and be on grade level as a reader is to continue to practice reading regularly.

NC DPI- Read to Achieve Information has been updated for 3rd Grade Families and for K-2 families to review and consider as students are learning to be successful readers.

Si necesita servicios de traducción gratuitos para comprender los procesos escolares, llame al (919) 852-3303

إذا كنت بحاجة إلى خدمات الترجمة المجانية للتعرف على سير العمليات بالمدرسة، اتصل بالرقم (919) 852-3303

Si vous avez besoin de services de traduction gratuits pour comprendre les procédures scolaires, appelez le (919) 852-3303

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학교/교육 과정에 관한 무료 번역 서비스가 필요하시면 다음 번호로 연락하여 주십시오 (919)852-3303

Nếu quý vị cần sự thông dịch miễn phí để hiểu phương pháp trường học, xin vui lòng gọi số điện thoại, 919-852-3303

如果您需要免费翻译服务来了解学校流程，请致电 (919) 852-3303

Go for the GOLD- Semester Celebrations!



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Our school's Healthy Schools Leadership Team manages our schoolwide Behavior Management program Going for the Gold. To let students know how proud we are of their behavior choices, our school plans semester celebrations. As we end quarter two at the end of the month, it is time to prepare for Semester 1 Celebration which will have a "Movie and PJs" theme. This celebration will be held during the first week of February on different days for different grade levels (2-5 for K and 5th, 2-6 for 1st and 4th, 2-7 for K and 3rd). Teams will develop their own schedule and all students will participate in a form of celebration. All students will have opportunity to participate, but For students to participate in the movie celebration, they must have earned the 120 point total by the end of semester 1 (January 28th). Each grade level will be showing a variety of short movies and students with 120 points will have choice of movie (until room has reached capacity of occupants). Additional information will be coming home in near future in Monday folder communication.



Magnet Musings

from the desk of Anna Goodrum, IB Coordinator

THE IB PYP PARENT - Sharing the Learner Profile at home

The Learner Profile attribute we will look at this month is **Communicator**. We are fortunate to work in a school with so many opportunities to be communicators in a variety of languages! Below are some ways that you can share the learner profile trait with your children at home.

Students who are **COMMUNICATORS** express their ideas by speaking, drawing and writing or even using mathematical language and symbols. They also communicate in more than one language and are good listeners as well. Being a good listener is an important part of communicating with others.

How can parents help to develop students who are Communicators at home?

- Encourage your child to stay in touch with relatives and

friends who live in other places by writing letters, using the phone, sending an email or connecting via skype..

- When working on mathematics homework, encourage your child to explain his/her answer to you orally or by drawing a picture.

- Ask your child thought provoking questions and encourage them to discuss them with you. For example:

- o Is there anything you cannot buy with money?
- o Should you get an allowance? Why or why not?

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WCPSS Magnet Programs

Application Period Opens October 26th.

Rising K's may begin registration at BASE school on October 28th

Note: Rising K Siblings **MUST** still register at BASE school and complete Magnet Applications

Rising 6th Graders should complete application no later than Jan. 30, 2020

Learn About WCPSS Magnet Programs and Process:

Email: magnetcenter@wcpss.net

ALL Magnet Information Events and Sessions K-12:

<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/40214>

Magnet Application Process:

<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/189>

A Page from the Inquiry Center....

Read Around the World ... Read Around the World ... We continue to read around the world with some of our faster travelers moving on to South America. Students began their travels in October with a reading log for Europe. Since then, there have been logs for Asia, Australia and the Poles, and Africa. Those students who complete their travels around the world will receive a special globe charm at a celebration near the end of the school year. Will your child be a "world reader"?



NEW THIS YEAR !March Book Madness - want to help decide the CHAMPION book for the year ??



For **Grades 3-5:** March Book Madness is a bracket-style tournament that matches books in one-on-one "games." Every week, students will vote to decide which book will move to the next round. After each round of voting the bracket will be updated and the next round of voting will begin. The tournament will start with the sweet 16, elite 8, final 4 and then the final round to choose our winner. The brackets will be announced in February, but we have selected the books and students can begin reading now until voting begins in March! The theme of the books is "Brave and Bold". **HOW MANY HAVE YOU READ ?** The books in our collection are marked with a "MBM" sticker on their spine.

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Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed Marcus Vega
Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya

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Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Lu by Jason Reynolds

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

El Deafo by Cece Bell

Great Treehouse War by Lisa Graff

Stella Diaz Has Something to Say by Angela Dominguez

Breakout by Kate Messner

Insignificant Event in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh

Wildfire: A Novel by Rodman Philbrick

Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya

WAKE Up and Read ... Farmington Woods will be participating for the sixth year in a book donation program. **WAKE Up and Read** conducts a book drive each year to help build home libraries and make books readily available to children who need them. Through the book drive, every child at 13 high-need elementary schools and childcare centers can choose 10 books and keep them for their home libraries.. As a school we will be collecting books from January 6th - February 15th!! This year our goal at Farmington Woods is to collect 1,500 books to donate. This is approximately 2 books from each student. Books can always be dropped off in the Inquiry Center or in the front office. Start looking for those books that you are ready to donate Let's see if we can collect 1,500 books!



⇒ **Carpool Book Drop Off!** Wednesdays and Thursdays from January 15th to February 13th in AM Carpool Loop- bring books and give them to Mrs. Grice and/or Mrs. Wilson when going through Carpool- How

Easy!

Looking ahead in 2020 ...

- ◇ **Voting for NCCBA** (North Carolina Children's' Book Award) > Mar 23rd - 31st
- ◇ **March Book Madness** > Voting ends April 3rd, Winner announced April 14th
- ◇ **Spring Book Fair** > April 17th-24th

EVA Perry Public Library ... The Wake County Public Library System is no longer charging late fees, and any fees that were previously accrued have been deleted. They are also extending checkout periods to three weeks and automatically renewing items up to two times if there are no hold requests. You can see this on their website.

<http://www.wakegov.com/libraries/Pages/default.aspx>

Go get your library card and check out some books ... more reading = academic growth !

From the Public Library : be sure to check out these special activities

- **WiggleBots! Monday , January 13th at 4:30** Make a wiggling, squiggling robotic wonder.
- This month we are most excited about a visit from **local authors Kwame Mbalia and Kelly Starling Lyons**. **Mbalia** is the New York Times bestselling author of *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*, book one of a "Rick Riordan presents" series. He will discuss his first book, his writing process, and his upcoming second book in the series. **Starling Lyons** will share her new book *Dream Builder*, about the late local architect Philip Freelon. We are so delighted to host these authors on **Sunday, January 26 at 3:00 p.m.** Children and families are welcome! Registration is required, so please share this rare opportunity with your students and encourage them to sign up.
- **Valentines for Veterans Monday, January 27 at 4:30 p.m.** Roses are red, violets are blue. Make a card for a veteran, and one for you, too

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Magnet Elementary PTA

<https://sites.google.com/fwespta.org/home>



Keep abreast of PTA and school events and volunteer opportunities in Memberhub!

Join the 615 FWES families that are already on the Memberhub communication platform by creating a login at <http://app.memberhub.com/login>. Be sure to add your children's names in your profile under "Your Family" (drop down menu on the top right). There is no cost to join Memberhub, and you can translate the site into over 100 languages!

Join the PTA: <https://fwespta.memberhub.store>

PTA Volunteer Opportunities: <http://memberhub.com/HSR12177I11004> (must also be approved by WCPSS)

**Next PTA Board Meeting- Friday, January 24th
7:45am FWES Inquiry Center**

**Next PTA Parent Coffee Chat! Friday, February 7
9:00-9:45am- FWES Lobby
Meet PTA members, learn more about FWES, PTA
work and enjoy a 2nd cup of Coffee, too!**

PTA Memberships are still available:
<https://fwespta.memberhub.store>

Upcoming PTA Events

January 30th Event

**5:45pm Ringers and Singers Evening
Concert**

6:15pm Brief PTA Meeting

6:30pm Family Movie Night-

"Abominable". We'll provide the popcorn, you bring dinner and a blanket. We will also be collecting gently used books for the Wake Up and Read Initiative. Hope to see you there!



World Dance- March 13, 2020! Stay Tuned for More Info

⇒ **Advocacy-** Monday, Jan 13th at 5:30 is the next BAC9 District mtg at Reedy Creek Elementary School. Open to all the public (Please note- food provided is only for the BAC9 representative & principals). The next meeting will be March 16th at Adams Elementary. For more information, feel free to contact Michele Wilson, advocacy@fwespta.org

⇒ **Yearbooks:** Support our school yearbook publication by purchasing an Ad. All information will also be coming home in the Monday folder. All Ad information must be received by February 21st.

Congratulatory Big Bear

Ad for 5th grade only - \$25

Congratulatory Little Bear Ad written message for all grades - \$10

Patron Ad for family name or business - \$20

We have already sold over 205 yearbooks! If you still haven't ordered a yearbook this year, please go ahead and order it now online at www.jostensyearbooks.com - we will not be ordering a lot of extras and sold out last year. The current price is \$25.00, but it increases to \$30.00, on February 1st, and \$35.00, if we have extra copies after the April 1st order deadline.

Pictures, pictures, pictures!! We need your pic-



tures!! We need your pictures! Our yearbook will be sent to be printed in mid-March so we need any candid pictures you have taken of your child's class as soon as possible for them to make it in the yearbook. We need pictures from classroom activities, field trips, club events, PTA meetings, etc. To upload your personal photos, please go to www.replayit.com and sign in. If you need to register, you will be required to search for "Farmington Woods Elementary School" in Cary, NC and then set up an account to upload your pictures. The school's passcode is "fwbears".

Parents and teachers with iPhones and Android phones can also send photos directly from their phones by downloading the FREE ReplayIt app from the iPhone or Google Play app store. (Hint: search for "Jostens" or "ReplayIt"). Photos should only be of school-related events (i.e. no sports teams, Scout troops, family vacations, etc.). We greatly appreciate any pictures that you can upload throughout the school year. Any questions or concerns about yearbook, please contact, Lauri Van Oostrum-Reed, yearbook@fwespta.org or lvomsw@nc.rr.com.

⇒ Winter Spirit Wear sale kicks off January 30th and will continue through February via the Memberhub Store <https://fwespta.memberhub.store>

⇒ **Our Nominating Committee** is beginning the search for our next board members. Check out our website <https://sites.google.com/fwespta.org/home/home> for more information on each position and contact Ushma Shukla at nominating@fwespta.org if you're interested.

⇒ **PTA Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed for the following areas: Outreach (emergency clothes closet, backpack buddies), Inquiry Center, Project Parents, Teacher Task Team, Spirit Wear, Book Fair, and Staff Appreciation. Please email Stevie Martino at President@FWESPTA.org for more information about these or any other volunteer opportunities. Please email Stevie Martino at President@FWESPTA.org for more information about these or any other volunteer opportunities.

