



What's News in the Woods...

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Elementary Magnet School

October 2018 Newsletter

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

From Mrs. Pierce...

#fwesactivateslearning

We are well into the swing of the 18-19 school year and learning for our students is being activated around every corner! Students are becoming more engaged through the use of 21st Century skills of collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking throughout their learning. As an IB/PYP school our focus is on not only teaching content but making sure our students enjoy learning in order to be life-long learners. Please check out our # on twitter to see all of the awesome learning experiences happening throughout our building each day!

Our school was recognized as a Model PBIS school by NC Department of Public Instruction for our Go for the GOLD work at FWES. In addition to using PBIS to support student

success throughout the day, this year we are adding support for Social Emotional Learning by implementing the Positivity Project (P2) with a focus on #otherpeoplematter to support our students with the social/emotional skills needed for all personal interactions. Follow along with our themes on the FWES Google Calendar!

We are very proud of our school's work last year to make sure students at all achievement levels "Exceeded Growth"- meaning students at FWES grew more than had been predicted. As we reviewed our year end EOG data we also saw a continued increase with those students showing they are College and Career Ready.



We are using data collected from our Panorama Family Survey in the spring of 2018 to improve our partnership with families. Please continue to partner with us so that all students grow strong with content but also as IB Learners so they are ready for a global future!

Thank you for choosing to be part of our wonderful community to keep our focus on learning and growing.

Respectfully,

Winston
Pierce



Go for the Gold!

Give and Earn Respect

Own your Actions

Lead by Example

Demonstrate Cooperation

A Walk in the Woods ...

- **Fall School Pictures:** Get your smile and outfit ready! School pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th. Pre-order information was sent home on Oct. 1st and links for on line orders are on the FWES website.
- **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](#)
- **International Walk to School Day:** Friday, October 5, 2018 We will meet in the Kildare Plaza parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to start our walk to school. Please be ready to step off at 8:30 a.m. Kildare Plaza is the shopping center at the intersection of Kildare Farm Rd. and Farmington Woods Dr. (behind Starbucks).
- **Community Garden:** We have had a great summer harvesting from our garden thanks to our Farmer Families! Your help is still needed to make sure our school action project continues to

provide fresh produce to our community. Please email Amy Long (along@wcpss.net) or Allison Williams (awilliams19@wcpss.net) if you would like to be involved in supporting our Community Garden. We donate our produce to the Dorcas Crisis Center when it is harvested.

- **[Recognize the way FWES Staff activate learning!](#)** Please remember to use the link on our website for recognizing a staff member who has helped to ignite your child's learning this year!
- **Volunteer Re-Activation/Registration:** Please reactivate or register as a volunteer in the FWES Front Office by Thursday, November 15th. Current volunteers can reactivate easily prior to 11/15 after 11/15 previous volunteers will have to complete the entire process and wait 2-3 weeks on results.
- **First Grade:** First Grade is heading on our Walking Field Trip to discover how our community has changed over time! Students in Mrs. Long, Ms. Byrd, and Mrs. Williams classes will go on Monday, October 29th. Students in Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Morrisette, and Ms. Brown classes will go on Tuesday, October 30th.
- **Third Grade:** Third Graders have been

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Calendar Items to Note...

- Oct 1-5- Custodian Appreciation Week
- Oct 4- Q1 Interim Reports Go Home
- Oct 5- 8:30am Walk to School Day (Guest Walkers Mrs. Lindsey and Ms. Packer)
- Oct 6- 5:15-7:15 FWES Family Skate at Jelly Beans
- Oct 8 & 9- Network Upgrade at FWES - no internet/email at school
- Oct 8- 2:00 Magnet Tour
- Oct 9- Fall Pictures
- Oct 10-12- 3rd Grade CogAt Testing each morning 9:30-10:30 am
- Oct 11- 7:35 SIP Team Meeting; 3rd Grade Parent Read to Achieve Meeting 6:00pm
- Oct 12- 3rd Grade Parent Read to Achieve Meeting 8:00am; 7:45am PTA Board Meeting; Last Day for Box Tops; 4:00 Ringers and Singers in Cary Homecoming Parade
- Oct 19- 3rd Grade Cultural Showcase for Families 2:15pm in FWES Café
- Oct 23- Coffee with the Counselor- Bullying Prevention Month Info 9:15am
- Oct 24- Read to Achieve Test- select 4th Graders
- Oct 25- 4th to NC Symphony; ID Mod I/II to Trader Joes
- Oct 26- 9:30am Kinder Letterland Parade
- Oct 29-31- 1st Grade Walking Field Trips each day
- Oct 29- Apex Fun Run Pep Rally
- Oct 31- Full School Day; 2nd Grade to Marbles Museum
- Nov 1- Kinder Dental Screening
- Nov 2- 8:30 Walk to School Day (Guest Walkers Ms. Vitullo and Mrs. Plotkin)
- Nov 3- 9-12 WCPSS Magnet Fair
- Nov 5- Magnet Tour 10:30am
- Nov 6- Election Day- Before/After School Relocated; B-fast and Lunch in classrooms- No visitors for lunch- Possible 2 Hr Delay
- Nov 8- PTA Apex Fun Run Event!

learning about cultures by focusing on traditions, beliefs, and values. Students are excited to share projects that feature their own cultural beliefs, values and traditions. Parents are invited to come to our cultural showcase in the cafeteria on Friday, October 19 from 2:15-2:45.

A Walk in the Woods continued on pg 3.



FWES Student Services

Student Services at FWES provide support to students and families through our School Counselors and our School Social Worker. If you have questions or concerns about your child's transition to school this year; please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our student service staff: Jennifer Thakur and Kelly Wiener, counselors or Joette Basham, social worker.

Counselors: Every October, schools and organizations across the country participate in observing National Bullying Prevention Month. The goal: encourage communities to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all children of all ages. At Farmington Woods, we work to create a community of support and encouragement through our PBIS program and in particular, our Bucket Filling initiative. Bucket filling is a school-wide program that encourages students and teachers to see the good in the behavior of others and to recognize it through compliments and positive actions. Please ask your child about bucket filling; and if you would like to begin this wonderful initiative at home...the book "Have You Filled A Bucket Today" by Carol McCloud is a great book to get you started!



Wednesday October 24 2018 is Unity Day and a chance to show support and commitment to a bully free school. On October 25, 2017;

please wear **ORANGE** to show unity for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. www.pacer.org

October is Bully Prevention Month around the country and we at Farmington Woods IB/PYP Magnet Elementary School are committed to providing a safe and nurturing school environment. Parents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it, building a safe school environment, and creating a community-wide bullying prevention strategy. Come join your school counselor, social worker and psychologist on **October 23, 2018** to learn more about this important topic. Your student services department will be discussing how we as a school community work to prevent bullying, how to identify it, and how to respond efficiently and effectively. We are also happy to answer questions or help brainstorm ideas about specific concerns you may be having.
When: October 23, 2018 at 9:15am
Where: Farmington Woods Cafe
Who: Your Student Services Team
Why: To support the social emotional learning of all of our students

Jennifer Thakur, Counselor, jthakur@wcpss.net
919-460-3469 ext. 26517

Joette Basham, Social Worker (T & F), cbasham@wcpss.net
919-460-3469 ext. 26516

Notes From the Front Office Mrs. Farr, Mrs. Nagy and Mrs. Moore

- Blue Cards are Needed!** In order to insure the school has the most current contact information for each student, especially in the event of an emergency, please make sure you return your child's card immediately.
- Sick Students:** 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**
- Change in student's usual medical status**
- Late Arrival or Early Check Out:** The instructional day begins in all classrooms at 9:15am and ends at 3:45pm. Each time a student arrives after 9:15am or is checked out prior to 3:45pm, he/she is missing valuable instructional time. A student who is checked out one day a week at 3:15pm misses a total of 2 hours of instruction that month. Please work to make sure your student is in his/her classroom from 9:15-3:45 every day to maximize his/her learning. Our data manager, counselor and social worker will be monitoring this data and contacting families to offer assistance.
- 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 circumstances. 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 car-pool area or from classrooms prior to the start of the After School Program at 4:15pm.

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Healthy Active Kids at FWES!



Physical Education Homework:

All grades: accumulate sixty minutes of physical activity daily. Replace sugary drinks with water. Eat more fruits and vegetables.

Kindergarten: practice skipping, jumping jacks, mountain climbers, plank and crab walk.

1-5 Grades: Set realistic personal fitness goals for each component of our fitness assessment (Mile, Pushups, Curl ups, and sit and reach).

Access information on Welnat (focusedfitness.org) using student number for login and last name (including space or hyphen) for password.

Fall Walks to School:

Friday October 5, November 2, December 7

Meet in the Kildare Plaza Parking Lot (intersection of Farmington Woods Drive and Kildare Farm Road) by 8:30.

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



Magnet Musings

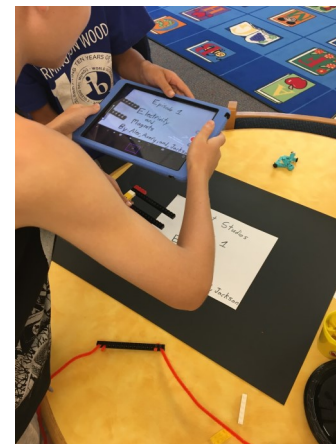
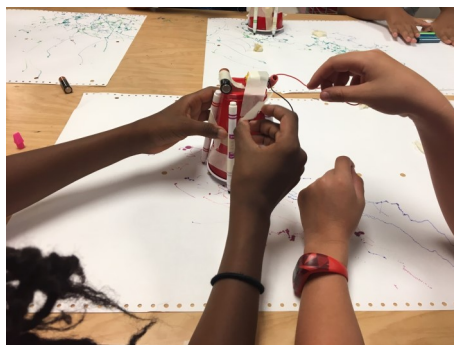
from the desk of Anna Goodrum, IB Coordinator



Specialist Collaboration Day inspires creativity through inquiry!

We are fortunate as a school to have Specialist collaboration days where our dynamic specialists and classroom teachers plan a morning of engagement focused on creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication. Friday, Sept 28th was our first collaboration day for this school year. The Specialist team collaborated with Fourth Grade teachers to present a morning of learning activities relating to their IB unit: How The World Works. Students had the opportunity use inquiry as they created "scribblers", made their own Stop Motion video sharing their knowledge of magnets and electricity, and explored force and motion with physical education games. There are many more collaboration days to come on

the Early Release days for the rest of the year. Stay tuned!



WCPSS Magnet Fair

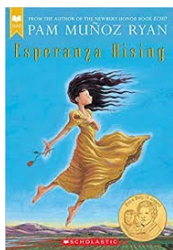
Saturday, November 3, 2018

9am-12pm

Southeast Raleigh High School

A Walk in the Woods (continued)...

- Fifth Grade:** Fifth graders have been busy learning all about the human body systems and how they work together to keep us alive! This is our first IB unit and the central idea is: The human body is a dynamic system with structures and functions necessary for life. Please look for a rubric coming home in upcoming weeks for an at-home Human Body Systems Project! Additionally, fifth graders have become skilled at using text evidence to support their thinking when reading fiction and non-fiction texts. We've finished our book, *Esperanza Rising* and have made connections to the UDHR, *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. We are now beginning our final Performance Task which is



like a summative assessment! Students will write and revise a monologue based on a character's reaction to an event from *Esperanza Rising*. They will also create a program that includes the order of the monologue, the cast, and a Director's note. Finally, they will be a communicator and present it to the class.

- Kindergarten:** Kindergarten classes will celebrate learning all of the characters in Letterland on Friday, October 26th! Students will dress as their favorite Letterland Character and the students will parade through the school at 9:30am. Families are invited to gather in the cafeteria



for the start of the parade and to be there when they return.

- Fourth Grade:** On Friday September 28th fourth grade participated in a series of activities planned and delivered by our wonderful specialists. We built working motors, made stop motion animations and learnt all about Newton's 3 Laws of Motion as we tried out some physical education based experiments. All of these activities helped deepen our understanding and helped us inquire deeper into our How the World Works IB unit. We collaborated, thought critically, communicated and were creative as we engaged with the planned activities and were open-minded as we tried new things.

Specialists Activate Learning at FWES...

Spanish: Hola Farmington Woods community! From September 15 to October 15 we are celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month. 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are now working on projects related to Hispanic culture, geography, and learning about famous Hispanic people who have stood out in their communities. Please make sure they bring their completed assignments as soon as possible. Students will be sharing some facts from their projects and presentations during our morning news.

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International
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International Festival Oct. 26-28, 2018

Don't forget the upcoming International Festival at the Raleigh Convention Center from October 26 to 28! "More than 60 cultures are represented through exhilarating dance performances, authentic dress, culinary goodness from each culture, history lessons from an assortment of cultural exhibits and many other diverse activities" Let's welcome the International Festival of Raleigh 2018!

Chinese: Two October Community Events for Chinese Culture

- Welcome to participate the Taste of China-Chinese Cuisine and Culture Festival! Participating is FREE, no tickets needed. It provides various types of authentic Chinese traditional food, arts and performances.

Date: October 6, 2018

Time: 11:30am- 6:00pm

Location: Bicentennial Plaza 1 E Edenton St, Raleigh



**CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE
CULTURAL & ART
PERFORMANCE TROUPE**

10.16.18 | 6:30 PM

Stewart Theatre
Talley Student Union

FREE ADMISSION

For ticket info visit
<https://confucius.ncsu.edu/event/cultural-art-performance-troupe/>

NC STATE Global Confucius Institute

Visual Arts:

- North Carolina Museum of Art presents the family pass for the Georgia O'Keeffe Exhibition (Oct.13-Jan.20) for Farmington Woods Families! The NCMA offers a family pass at FWES that can be checked out from the inquiry center starting Oct 12, 2018. The pass can be checked out by students/families in our inquiry center as can the handbook of information about the exhibition. Families will show their pass at the NCMA for up to 6 free vouchers to the exhibition. Families then return the pass. See flyer in 10-1-18 Monday Folders for more details.
- Be sure to visit the *North Carolina State Fair in October to view the selected students who will have artwork featured in the Kerr Scott Building.*
- Farmington Woods Artists has artwork on display at The Wishing Well Art Exhibit at WakeMed in Cary, NC until November 1, 2018.
- Disability History and Awareness Month (DHAM) is during the month of October for Wake County Public Schools. Our special artists will be participating in activities to support awareness.
- The Superintendent Winter Holiday Card Contest is Due on October 15, 2018.
- Students are encouraged to create an original composition for the PTA Reflections program. The theme this year is "Heroes Around Me!" Submissions from home are due to Mrs. Smith by Nov. 1, 2018 with an accompanying entry form. See the PTA website for more details: <http://ncpta.org/index.php/programs/reflections-arts-program/>
- Create artwork for the 2019-20 North Carolina Farm to School Calendar. Artwork should feature North Carolina Agriculture. Due: November 30, 2018. See contest rules for more information: <http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com/htm/downloads/artcalrules.htm>
- 4th and 5th GRADE ONLY!!!! Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest Learn about the need for soil & water conservation. Illustrate and describe how we can prevent erosion, protect water quality, and/or builds healthy soil brimming with available water, nutrients & microbes. Convey why it's important to protect topsoil and why people should care. Be creative! Enter to win ribbons, banquet invitations and ca\$h prizes! I will provide the poster board. Soil and Water: "Living Soil" is the theme! Due Oct 29, 2018

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A Page from the Inquiry Center...

Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge Update

Congratulations to Alex M and Smriti S who were the winners of the Kindle Fire e-readers from our summer reading challenge. About 49 students read and recorded over 2000 minutes during the summer. An additional 30 students read and recorded 1500 minutes. All of the those students recording a minimum of 1500 minutes received a special summer sunshine charm.

Read Around the World

This year we will again participate in a year long reading incentive program designed to motivate and reward students for reading a variety of books. Read Around the World is designed for two purposes; to encourage the students to use the library catalog to find different kinds of books and to encourage students to read a variety of books. Students were given their first Read Around the World continent reading log: North America, on October 1st. Each time the student reads a book in one of the categories on the reading log, he/she writes down the title of the book in that space. When the entire log is filled out, the log is signed by an adult and returned to the Inquiry Center. For each completed log the student returns, he/she will choose a charm and be given a new reading log for the next continent.

As you read with and to your children, please encourage them to look for books that connect to their Read Around the World logs.



Readvolution

Wake County Public Schools, in partnership with the Carolina Hurricanes, will be participating in a community-wide literacy campaign supporting daily reading outside of school. The goal of the campaign is to highlight the importance of reading in creating college and career ready graduates.

To help reach WCPSS's Vision 2020, our students will be given a challenge of 20 minutes of reading outside of the school day! Students will log into the READvolution website to log their minutes read. For every book a student reads, they will write the title of the book on a paper puck to be added to our Hurricanes hockey goal banner. The goal is to collectively fill our banner with 2,020 pucks! This **Readvolution** started on September 24th and will end November 16th. Each student reaching their personal goal of 800 minutes will receive (2) two vouchers for tickets to a Carolina Hurricanes home game.

A yellow information sheet went home with all students Monday, Oct 1st. Please contact your classroom teacher of you did not receive this information.



Check out your Local Wake County Public Library ... events page at: www.wakegov.com/libraries/events

- Need some homework help ? - each Wednesdays at 4:30
- Create a yarn pumpkin - Thursday, October 18 at 4:30 p.m. Registration requested.
- Farmington Woods IB/PYP Magnet Elementary PTA <http://farmingtonwoodspta.org> Can you build the creepiest Halloween House from Legos - Tuesday, October 30 at 4:30 p.m. Space is limited. Registration requested.
- AND MORE !

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Magnet Elementary PTA

<http://farmingtonwoodspta.org>



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, October 12
7:45am FWES Inquiry Center

⇒ **PTA Family Skate Night:** Farmington Woods PTA would like to invite everyone to join us at Jellybeans Roller Skating Rink, 1120 Buck Jones Road, on Saturday, October 6th, from 5:15 pm - 7:00 pm. This will be a closed event for Farmington Woods Elementary School guests, so bring your friends and family! \$7 admission and \$1 skate rental.

⇒ **BoxTops October Collection Contest!**

Box Tops -FWES BOX TOPS CONTEST September 24th-October 12th Grade VS Grade Competing for the most Box Tops!

The winning grade will receive a Popcorn Party!

Did you know that Box Tops are worth 10¢ each to FWES?

How do I play?

- Check around your home for items containing a pink Box Tops label on it.
- Check the expiration date on Box Tops. No 2017, please!
- Put them in plastic bag with your teacher's last name written on it and drop it in your grade tube in the big tub near the PTA blue mailbox.
- Have a question? Email BoxTops4FWES@yahoo.com



⇒ **RCITYROCKS:**

Do you enjoy The Butcher's Market, Rocket Fizz, Buffalo Brothers, Totopas, maybe City BBQ or Chick-Fil-a at Cary Towne Center. Any time you eat at these businesses, and many others in the area, you can be giving back to FWES PTA. Please text JOIN to [FWESPTA@rcityrocks.com](https://www.fwespta.org/rcityrocks.com). Once you join, every time you purchase anything at any of the participating businesses, just text a picture of your receipt to the FWESPTA@rcityrocks.com address, and they will give back up to 25% to FWES PTA. A complete list of supporting businesses is on our Farmington Woods PTA Facebook page, as well as on RCityRocks.com.

⇒ **Yearbook:**

Do not forget that yearbooks are currently on sale. Please visit

got yearbook? Jostens.com, or bring your order form, with \$21 to the Blue PTA Mailbox, to order your 2018-2019 Farmington Woods Elementary School Yearbook. Calling all paparazzi parents! The PTA needs your school photos for the yearbook. If you take pictures of your students' classroom activities, field trips, or school events, please upload them to Jostens' ReplayIt! site to be used in the yearbook. You can also upload photos from your mobile device through the ReplayIt! App. Please remember to only include pictures of school events.

On the Web, go to www.replayit.com. Select Register and find our school. Then enter the password: fwbeats (all lowercase). On a mobile device, download the ReplayIt app from Jostens. Any questions or problems, just contact Lauri Van Oostrum-Reed, lvomsw@nc.rr.com.

⇒ **PTA Advocacy:**

- ◆ Please stop by the cafeteria on Friday, October 5th between 2:45-3:15 if you would like information from the PTA regarding the upcoming November 6th election. The PTA will have handouts on the amendments that will be on your ballot, along with information from Wake County PTA on supporting the school bond referendum, important upcoming dates and we will be there to answer any questions you may have.
- ◆ Important Dates to remember: Last day to Register to Vote: Oct 12

Absentee Voting: Sept 7-Oct 30

Early voting: Oct 17-Nov 3

Election Day: Nov 6th

Voters can register to vote and vote on the same day only during early voting

You cannot register to vote and vote the same day on Election Day- Nov 6th

- ◆ **Student Assignment Plan for 2019-20-** Check your assignment based phase2 <http://wwwgis2.wcpss.net/addressLookup/proposalSecondDraft/> Public Hearing- October 8th 6:30pm <https://www.wcpss.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=2&PageType=17&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=1&EventDateID=343101>

- ◆ If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Michele Wilson, PTA Advocacy Chair at Michi-Johns@hotmail.com
- ◆ Bill Fletcher holds coffee chat hours for any parents that might want to meet to discuss anything further with him: 1st Thursday 1pm- Cary Chamber; 3rd Monday 11am Caribou Coffee (Maynard Rd.)

⇒ **Reflections Art Contest:**

Enter the National Reflections Arts Competition! Categories include dance, film, literature, music, photography and visual arts. There is also a "special artists" category for children with special needs. Email reflections.fwespta@gmail.com to find out more!

- ⇒ **Fun Run is Coming!....** Fun Run is coming!! This year we are very lucky to partner with Apex Leadership Company for our November 8th run. We will have our Pep Rally and Kick Off on October 29th, so be watching for more details.

