



What's News in the Woods...

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Elementary Magnet School

November 2018 Newsletter

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

From Mrs. Pierce...

#fwesactivateslearning

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.

We have been excited to receive NC DPI testing and growth results for Farmington Woods and to share that our school "Exceeded Growth" for

the 2017-18 school year.

This measure means that as a school our students grew more than was statistically predicted in ELA and Math on End of Grade tests. We are very proud of the hard work of our students and the focus of our teachers on providing an engaging learning environment that requires thinking and application of learning-aligned with the IB/PYP inquiry based instructional philosophy.

Most of the month of November our Positivity Project focus is on gratitude- giving us a time when we think much about being grateful and giving thanks. At FWES we have so much to be thankful for in

our lives and in our school.

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 sincerest gratitude,



Winston Pierce

Go for the Gold!

Give and Earn Respect
Own your Actions
Lead by Example

A Walk in the Woods ...



- **Spelling Bee Preparation Materials:** FWES Scripps Spelling Bee- More information regarding our upcoming Spelling Bee for grades 1-5 can be accessed through this [link](#). Spelling Bee rounds begin January 4, 2019.
- **Cary Christmas Parade:** Be on the look out for Ringers and Singers, Safety Patrol, FWES NewsCrew and our Chinese Dragon in the Cary Christmas Parade on Saturday afternoon, December 7th!
- **[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.

- **Sick Student Reminders:** 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)

November, 2018

Calendar Items to Note...

- Nov 5- Magnet Tour 10:30am and 2:00pm
- Nov 6- Election Day- 2 hour delayed start- Before/After School Relocated; B-fast and Lunch in classrooms- No visitors for lunch
- Nov 8- PTA Apex Fun Run Event!
- Nov 8-16 Book Fair in Inquiry Center
- Nov 12- Veterans Day Holiday
- Nov 13- Report Cards Home; 3rd Grade to Arboretum (Thompson, Parker, Murphy, Crow); 4:30-7:00 Conference Night; 4:30-8:00 Family Night at Book Fair.
- Nov 14- 5th to Masonboro Island (6am-6pm- Herrema, Pausley, Ramos); 3rd to Arboretum (Dula, Lindsey, Musumeci)
- Nov 15- 5th to Masonboro Island (6am-6pm Dellinger, Lemak); Last day to renew volunteer registration; 4:30-8:00pm Family Night at Book Fair; 5:00-8:00pm Family Night at Tijuana Flats (need flyer for credit to FWES PTA)
- Nov 16- Kindergarten to Farmer's Market
- Nov 20- Early Release at 1:15pm
- Nov 21-23- Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 29- Family Evening Concert
- Nov 30- 1st Grade to Quarry (Morrisette, Byrd, Edwards)
- Dec 3- Magnet Tour 10:30am; Interim Reports for Q2 home; District 9 BAC Meeting 5:30pm Salem Elem
- Dec 7- Walk to School Day; 1st to Quarry (Long, Brown, Williams)

- 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

Thank you for helping us keep germs at school to a minimum by following these guidelines for your family!



FWES Student Services Team

Welcome New 50% Counselor- A portion of the Wake County Commissioners budget was designated to put additional counselors and social workers in schools. Farmington Woods, who had lost our previous 50% position due to lower enrollment this year, has regained that position due to this funding. The week of November 13th we will welcome Ms Taylor Hartley to our school as a 50% counselor to work along side Ms. Thakur. Ms. Hartley will be at FWES M-F in the mornings to serve our school community. Thank you for helping us welcome Ms. Hartley to our school!

From Mrs. Basham, Social Worker- Winter Weather Reminders:

If your student is in need of warm winter clothing or outerwear, please contact Mrs. Basham as she can assist you getting the items your student needs.

As we enter into Cold and Flu season, here are some reminders to help your children stay healthy, so they do not get sick and miss school:

1. Hand Washing - Teach your children how to thoroughly wash their hands, and always remind them to wash their hands after using the bathroom, before eating, and after bouts of coughing

and sneezing.

2. Daily Physical Activity - Exercise every day for at least 60 minutes will help your children stay healthy. Let them run around and play when they get home from school.
3. Sleep - A good night's rest will help children fight off illness. Young children need 10-11 hours of sleep each night.
4. Healthy Eating - A well balanced diet with plenty of fruit and vegetables will help children keep sickness away.
5. Good Hygiene - Help children practice good hygiene by reminding them to bathe, brush teeth, wear clean clothing, and keep hands out of the mouth and off the face.

Student Services at FWES provide support to students and families. If you have questions or concerns about your child 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.

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Kindergarten Registration Starts NOW!

2019-20 Kindergarten Registration is now available online. Enrollment information and a link to the registration portal can be found at <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/33753>. Once the online registration is submitted, parents will be contacted by their base school to setup an appointment to finalize the registration process at their school.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- November 20, 2018 - Final Board of Education vote on 2019-20 Assignment Plan
- November 28 - December 10, 2018 - Grandfathering Application Window: Students who experience an assignment change as a result of the proposed assignment plan and are a rising 5th grade student are eligible to request a transfer to "grandfather" at their current assignment. These requests will be approved. Siblings of

eligible grandfathered students will be eligible to grandfather for one (1) year only with their rising 5th grade sibling.

- January 7, 2019 - Official Notice of 2019-20 School Assignment will be sent home with all students.
- January 4-30, 2019 - Online Application Period for Magnet / Year Round Schools. Note: If both a year round school and magnet school is indicated on the application, the year round seat will be considered first.
- February 19, 2019 - Notification of Magnet / Year Round school results posted to online parent application accounts.
- February 21 - March 6, 2019 - Request for School Transfer Application Period - for non-magnet and/or traditional calendar schools (this includes requests for back to base, traditional calendar option schools or a hardship transfer.)
- March 7, 2019 - Results begin for School Transfer applications.

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

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Healthy Active Kids at FWES!



- All students (Grades 1-5) are setting realistic personal fitness goals on Welnet (www.focusedfitness.org) based on Fall Fitness Assessment.
- All students (Grades 1-5) are working towards personal fitness goals including 60 minutes of physical activity daily.
- Units of Inquiry (Oct. - Dec.): Motor Skills & Movement Concepts-Throwing (underhand & Overhand) and catching. Kicking, dribbling with feet and punting.

- Walks to School: November 2 and December 7



Magnet Musings

from the desk of Anna Goodrum, IB Coordinator



Here at FWES appropriate student-initiated action is valued and promoted. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for themselves. Through their learning, they become aware of how each of them can make a difference, no matter how big or small.

How do we teach students to take action?

The action cycle is the simple yet powerful tool used to teach children how to take action. By going through the three steps of choosing, acting and then reflecting back upon the results of their choice, students are able to grow socially and personally, developing skills such as cooperation, problem solving, conflict resolution and critical thinking. This is an important part of a student's participation in his or her own learning. The action cycle helps develop lifelong learners.

As a parent, you may ask: What does action look like?

- Action projects are voluntary, student-initiated activities that stem from a genuine concern and a desire to make a positive difference.
- Action might take the form of sharing new knowledge with others in order to increase others' awareness of important issues, or it may be a project in response to needs of a particular community-locally or globally.
- Effective action does not need to be grandiose. Examples may include:
 - A student wanting to share with someone what they are learning about
 - A student wanting to go to the library to continue their learning of a

particular topic

- A student writing to their congressman or corporate CEO about an issue that was raised during a unit on Sharing the Planet
- A child beginning a recycling program at home
- A child encouraging parents to purchase healthier foods
- A child learning a new language
- A child wanting to collect supplies for recent flood victims

Action in the PYP can also be deciding not to act, for example if during a unit on nutrition a student may decide that a can of Coke with dinner is not the best choice and opt for milk instead.

As your family works to take action be sure to add it to the [link on the school website](#), so we can celebrate on the FWES morning news program. Thank you for helping us work to make the world a better place through every action we take.

Carpool Traffic Updates....



Many thanks to our community Partner Cary Police Department for assisting our school community throughout the month of October and into November to create the safest traffic flow to and from FWES during our carpool times each day.

A reminder that we have started RIGHT IN/RIGHT OUT of the car-

pool loop during carpool in the AM and PM. Your cooperation with seeking the best travel routes for your family that allow you to follow these recommendations. With the updated traffic pattern- a reminder that cars should NOT pull over to the side to let other vehicles pass- it is an illegal procedure on a two lane road.

After the Cary PD assist a few more days with the new pattern, they will

continue to monitor our area for compliance with traffic laws. As we have shared information and they have had discussions and shared reminders with vehicles- the monitoring will consist of ticketing drivers who are not following traffic laws.

Using IB attributes of knowledgeable, caring, open-minded and thinker will support a successful safe change for our cars AND pedestrians.

Specialists Activate Learning at FWES...

Music at FWES:



We have been making lots of music this year! Here are grade level snapshots w/ videos linked to give you a small glimpse into what we learned:

- Pre K/ID MOD- we have been learning to play rhythm instruments, and have explored the bass bars, especiall with this fun [song](#) and read a story and listened to jazz trumpeter [Dizzy Gillespie](#) Now we are learning songs about fall with the xylophones and temple block, and playing our rainsticks with [Vivaldi Autumn](#) music.
- Kinder- connected to math standards by learning how to play many rhythm instruments that we have in the music room, and how to sort by shape. We have just started learning songs with iconic notation (pictures to represent music notes.)
- First- we are all about dynamics, *forte and piano*, which are the musical words in Italian for loud and soft. We've practiced *forte and piano* using this [song](#). We have also been singing [Hello to All The Children of the World](#).
- Second- connecting to Sharing the Planet unit; studying work songs related to natural resources and learning how the steady beat and tempo of the music help people work together. We are learning about the musical words in Italian for fast and slow with this [song](#).
- Third- learned to play the major [scale](#), and each class has been composing a "fall song" with quarter and eighth notes and performing with rhythm instruments and an accompaniment track.
- Fourth- wonderful trip to the NC Symphony (here's a [playlist](#) of the music we heard); will begin recorders shortly (as soon as our order arrives!)
- Fifth- *Cumbia del Sol*, in honor of Hispanic Heritage month. Students have been playing various rhythmic patterns and a xylophone melody for the chorus.

Ringers and Singers- preparing for Family Evening Concert on Thursday, November 29th when we will hear from [Gregg Gelb and La Fiesta Latin Jazz Ensemble](#). Be on the lookout for raffle basket ticket sales for our Family Evening Concert!

Musical Events in the area to check out:

Info from the NC Symphony about the [Young People's Concert Series](#)

Raleigh Drum Circle events

- <http://raleighdrumcircle.org/>
- Pullen Park, Downtown Cary
- aims to promote "cultural awareness, embrace diversity, and promote harmony through rhythm.

Marbles Imax through Nov 4- [America's Musical Journey](#) which "celebrates the unique diversity of cultures and creative innovations that characterize America, as told through the story of its music."

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A Page from the Inquiry Center....

November is Picture Book Month ... Why are Picture Books important? "Little kids love them. Big kids love them. Adults love them. They make us laugh. They make us cry. They make us think. They help us understand the world. They help us understand each other. They stay with us. They are fun to book talk. They are fun to give as gifts. They smell good." (Colby Sharp)

Picture books shared with a child require you to be physically close, to sit side by side or snuggled up on the bed.

Picture books are important because they are in a format that allows even the youngest child to participate in 'reading'. Picture books teach us - young and old alike - lessons about ourselves, our world, our feelings, our realities. What better way to start a child on a lifelong love of reading and a gift that will remain with them forever? Let's start today. Find a book, a child, a comfortable chair, and let the magic unfold.

[Check out this calendar](#) for some ideas - a different picture book author each day.

Bedford Falls Book Fair ... Our Fall Book Fair is November 8th - 16th. 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 during Parent Conferences on Tuesday, November 13th and Family Night on Thursday, November 15th. Please come with your children to purchase books for your home library as well as your child's classroom. All profits from the book fair will be used by the Inquiry Center. Here is the [Signup Genius for volunteers](#).

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 **EUROPE**. Keep on reading and recording those books on your reading 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! 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! Be sure that your student(s) is recording their minutes read into the online program. As a school we have passed the 2,020 books recorded, so we are eligible for the "Cool School" whole school field trip to see the Carolina Hurricanes. Please contact Mrs. Grice at egrice@wcpss.net if you have questions. **READvolution will end Nov 16th!**



INTRODUCING ... Xiao Xiong Xiao Xiong (LIttle Bear) is the newest member of the Farmington Woods family. He is a brown bear who will live in the Inquiry Center. As an avid reader Xiao Xiong will be helping Mrs. Grice recommend books to the school. Watch for more information on Xiao Xiong and how you can follow him on Twitter!

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

- Polar Express Party! Saturday, November 10 at 3 p.m. Celebrate the beloved picture book with an interactive movie experience! REGISTRATION REQUESTED
- Dare to Discover - Balloon Cars Tuesday, November 13 at 4:30 p.m. ... Engineer and customize your own mini racer!. REGISTRATION REQUESTED
- Lego Lab Monday, November 19 at 4:30 p.m. ... Calling all LEGO fans! Bring your creativity and have a blast creating with your favorite little bricks
- DIY Sticker Books! Thursday, November 29 at 4:30 p.m. Make a special book to color and grow your own sticker collection! We'll provide some stickers to get you started! REGISTRATION REQUESTED

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, November 9

7:45am FWES Room 203

⇒ **Global Fun Run:** Farmington Woods Elementary PTA is very excited to welcome Apex Leadership Company to assist us with our Global Fun Run. Please share your child's personal Fun Run Page with family and friends, and then come out and cheer them on at the run, Thursday, November 8th.

FUN RUN DAY INFO

Thursday, November 8th

9:30 AM - PreK, KG, 4th & ID MOD II (Feeney)

10:25 AM - 2nd and 3rd Grade

11:20 AM - 1st Grade,

ID Mod I (Sanders-Mitchell), 5th Grade



⇒ **BoxTops Collection!**

Thank you to everyone that brought in their box tops for our first contest of the year!! We collected 4,264 Box Tops!! Congratulations to 5th grade for winning the popcorn party! Keep collecting, we will have another contest in December.

⇒ **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.

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:**

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: fwbears (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:**

- ◆ Draft 3 of the reassignment plan is out. There will be a public forum on Nov 7th at 5:30 in the board room at 5625 Dillard Dr, Cary. You can go to <http://wwwgis2.wcpss.net/addressLookup/proposalThirdDraft/> to see if the reassignment affects you.
- ◆ November 6th is Election Day. You must go to your polling precinct to vote. You can go to <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/> to look up where your polling place is along with any other additional information you may need. The polls are open 6:30 AM to 7 pm
- ◆ 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.)