



What's News in the Woods...

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Elementary Magnet School
November 2017 Newsletter
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From Mrs. Pierce...

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Dear Families,

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 are very proud to have been recognized again by the Magnet Schools of America organization as one of only 55 schools in the nation as a Certified Magnet School. Throughout the year last year we compiled artifacts and data to support our implementation of the IB/PYP, its impact on student achieve-

ment and the collaboration within our school community. This recognition is different from the merit award we received in the Spring 2017 but a certification that lasts for 4 years. We appreciate the hard work of our amazing staff and the engagement of our families to support all that we do at FWES.



The month of November is a time when we think much about giving thanks and of everything we have to be thankful for in our lives. 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 much appreciation,

Winston Pierce



Go for the Gold!

- Give and Earn Respect
- Own your Actions
- Lead by Example
- Demonstrate Cooperation



A Walk in the Woods ...

- **Fall Picture ReTakes November 14th:** If your child missed pictures or would like to have your child's picture retaken- it will be Tuesday, November 14th. If you ordered a package- you will need to return the package for the retake. If you missed or want a retake- please write your child's teacher a note- as only those students who were absent in October or that the teacher knows needs a retake, will have photos retaken.
- **Hurricane Relief for Puerto Rico:** Thanks to a 2nd grader's desire to take action, we have gathered quite a few items to send to Puerto Rico. We will continue to collect items through November 9th this week. Please consider if you are able to donate items to help families. [Items Needed List](#)
- **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](#)
- **Bus Tags are Required for ALL Bus**

- **Riders :** All bus riders have been given a bus tag which is required each day they ride the school bus. This process is in place to ensure student safety. Students at times change backpacks. If this is the case, please make certain that you transfer over the bus tag to the new backpack. If this is not possible, please send in the tag with students and we will make certain that it gets secure to new backpacks.
- **Recognize the Inspiring FWES Staff!** Please remember to use the link on our website for recognizing any staff member on our campus who has helped to inspire your child's learning this year! During this month of giving thanks, we are so thankful for our hardworking and committed staff!
- **Volunteer Re-Activation Extended until November 15th:** WCPSS has extended the re-activate volunteer registration through November 15th. If you need to reactive, please visit the front office between 8:30-4:30pm to reactive your registration. If you do not reactivate, you will be dropped and need to complete the full background check process that can take 2-3 weeks. After November 15th- we will begin issuing volunteer cards to our regis-

November, 2017

Calendar Items to Note...

- Nov 6- 1st Walking Trip (Long, Morrisette, Viola); Report Cards Home; BAC District 9 Mtg 5:30- Davis Drive Elem
- Nov 7- 1st Walking Trip (Brown, Edwards)
- Nov 8- 1st Walking Trip (Williams, Byrd)
- Nov 9- 7:45am PTA Board Mtg; All Fun Run Pledges/Donations Due
- **Nov 10- Veteran's Day Holiday- NO SCHOOL**
- Nov 13- 17- FWES Book Fair
- Nov 13- Yearbook Pre-Sale Begins
- Nov 14- Picture Retake Day
- Nov 16- 7:35 SIP Quarterly Review Meeting; Family Night at Book Fair- Open 4:30-8:00pm for family shopping
- Nov 17- AADE Come Dance With Us Cultural Arts; 12:30 ID Mod Family Event; 2:15 3rd Grade Parent Showcase- How We Express Ourselves in Café
- **Nov 21- Early Release at 1:15pm**
- **Nov 22-24- Thanksgiving Holiday**
- Nov 27- Spelling Bee Information home with students
- Dec. 1- 8:30am Walk to School Day- Kildaire Plaza
- Dec 4- Interim Reports for Q2

tered volunteers to be shown when signing in at the front office.

- **Inquiry and Innovation Maker Space at FWES:** Thank you so much for your donations to our Maker Space. We look forward to using the materials and the space throughout the year with students as they explore the 21st Century Skills of Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity. Meghan Moody, who was our intern last year, has been able to return to our campus as a 4Cs teacher to team with classroom teachers for projects throughout the year that utilize our Maker Space. Keep us in mind if you have "creative stuff" to share!



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: Bully Prevention Week was a success at FWES, check out all the amazing anti-bullying posters around our school building! We are busy being bucket fillers and using our words to build each other up, not tear each other down! Kindergarteners practiced conflict resolution skills and learned about healthy ways to solve problems. Second graders learned about genetic and environmental traits and all the qualities that make us unique. Look for their family books to come home in the next few weeks! First graders learned to celebrate who we are and to treat each other with respect and kindness regardless of our differences. Look for more classroom guidance lessons during the month of November!



Social Worker:

FWES POWER FOOD PANTRY is OPEN

The FWES Power Food Pantry is now open for our families to access food. A parent/guardian can come to the school to receive food on these days/times:

Tuesday - 8:45-10:00 am

Fridays - 8:45-10:00 am; 3:15-4:15 pm.

If your family is in need of food but cannot pick-up at these times, please contact our School Social Worker, Mrs. Basham, at 919-238-9445 (call/text) or cba-sham@wcpss.net, to make other arrangements.

***Needed items for the pantry: Paper grocery bags

If you would like to volunteer to assist with this service for our families, we would welcome your assistance, please Contact Joette Basham if you'd like to assist with this school based outreach.

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

Kelly Wiener, Counselor (M, T & F), kwiener@wcpss.net
919-460-3469 ext. 26516

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

- 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. The social worker will be happy to assist those families who may not be able to pick up sick students.

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**

- Update Phone Numbers!** As students are getting sick or injured at school, it is critical we have updated contact information to reach families. Please update phone numbers regularly in the front office.
- 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!

Parents and students can access personal fitness data by visiting <https://www.focusedfitness.org> using the student's lunch number to sign in and last name as password. You can see the student's history and their growth. We are in the process of setting realistic personal fitness goals to work towards. Email Mr. Eller if you have any questions: deller@wcpss.net



Walks to School: First Friday of each month meeting in the Kildare Plaza parking lot by 8:30 a.m. - Next Walk Dec. 1st!

Don't forget to send healthy snacks for your student each day. Check out some ideas: [Healthy Active Policies at FWES](#)

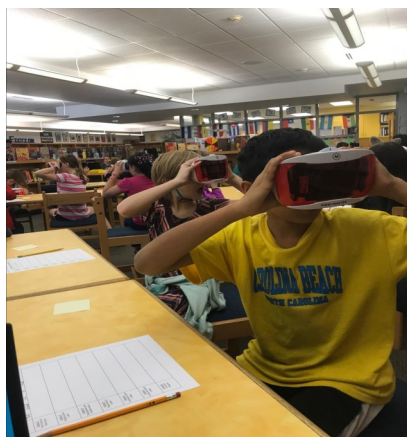


Magnet Musings

from the desk of Anna Goodrum, IB Coordinator



Virtual Reality has arrived at FWES!



FWES is fortunate to have earned a 21st Century 4Cs grant from WCPSS for the 2017-18 school year. The project, entitled *How We "C" the World* seeks to bring the world to 3rd - 5th grade classrooms. The transdisciplinary project will engage 3rd-5th graders with virtual reality experiences tied to curriculum standards. This project will allow students to experience the world as they explore history

and locations first hand.

Mrs. Grice and I have acquired the devices and we are ready to begin our first experience with 5th grade. During the first week of November, students will travel back in time and go on an expedition following the trail of Lewis and Clark. Students will use their experience to create 3D projects in early December. Using the makerspace, students will bring their learning to life through group projects. Please continue to send items into the makerspace and let the learning adventures begin!

Who's Inspiring Learning at FWES?

Music Notes- The time is here to order 4th grade recorders. More [recorder information](#) is available here as well as a [link](#) to purchase through the FWES website.



Save the date for our **Family Evening Concert, Friday, December 8th.** 5th gr Ringers and Singers will per-

form for their first time. Come for an interactive night of Math and Music with the fun and energetic, [Number Drummer](#). Our basket raffle tradition will continue as well!

Visual Art:

- Doodle 4 Google- <https://doodles.google.com/d4g/> DUE: November 25, 2017
- Cary Library Art Exhibit: Bring in your best artwork to Mrs. Smith to represent FWES! DUE: December 1, 2017
- Celebration of Children in the Arts- Bring your best artwork to Mrs. Smith to represent FWES! DUE: February 1, 2018

Kindergarten Field Trip Fun: The field trip to Upchurch Farm for the Kindergarteners was wonderful. It was a gorgeous fall day to explore plants, food, our senses, animals, and have a hay ride too! The kids loved exploring in corn kernels and feeding the farm animals. Everyone got a pumpkin to take home too! Twitter has many more pictures of our fun day with pumpkins.



A Page from the Inquiry Center ... Mrs. Grice



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 **AUSTRALIA and the Poles**. Keep on reading and recording those books on your reading logs.

Bedford Falls Book Fair ... Sail Away With a New Book Adventure! Our Fall Book Fair is November 13 - 17. The books will be provided by Bedford Falls USA. 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 for Family Night on Thursday, November 16th until 8:00pm. 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.

Global Read Aloud ... "One Book to Connect the World" During the past 6-weeks, our classes have been reading selected books and making global connections and sharing these experiences with children around the world. Kindergarten and First grades have been reading books by the author Mem Fox; Second and Third grades have been reading Fenway and Hattie (by Victoria Coe); and Fourth and Fifth have been reading The Wild Robot (by Peter Brown). Thursday, November 9th is the last day for FWES to participate in Global Read Aloud 2017. Students will reflect upon the Global Read Aloud experience and receive a special charm to add to their reading joy chain.

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. A link to the READvolution site can be found on the school's website. Students log in using their WakeID and their student ID number. (This information was sent home in Monday folders on Oct 9th.)

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Magnet Elementary PTA

<http://farmingtonwoodspta.org>



Global Fun Run Update

- ◆ Thank you to everyone for a fantastic Global Fun Run on November 2nd!
- ◆ We kicked off the excitement with a fun-filled pep rally. We had flags from around the world, wonderful dancers, and The Cary High School Cheerleaders.
- ◆ The fun continued with Spirit Days, we saw some crazy hair, great socks, and twins walking around the school. Students had the chance to win some great prizes, pencils, bracelets, cups, sports tickets, bowling, and so many more.
- ◆ On Thursday, November 2nd, our students ran around the world to help support our FWES PTA. Thank you to everyone that supported this adventure, as of now we have raised, \$14,600. We are about \$5000 short of our goal- thanks for helping us reach our goal and fund all of our proposed projects for the year for our students and our school!
- ◆ **Please have all money turned into the blue PTA mailbox, or paid on Cheddar Up, by November 9th.**

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Next PTA Board Meeting-
Thursday, November 9th
7:45am FWES Inquiry Center



⇒ **Yearbook:**

The PTA is responsible for creating our school yearbook each year. We have been creating our yearbooks digitally via Jostens for many years.

- ◆ Order your 17-18 yearbook now online at www.jostensyearbooks.com prices will increase after Nov. 30th!
- ◆ Share school related photos (field trips, Letterland parade, classroom pictures, PTA events, etc.) for the yearbook at www.replayit.com or use the ReplayIt! App for phone pics



⇒ **Sail Away With A New Book Adventure.**

- ◆ Our Fall Book Fair will be held Nov 13-17 in the Inquiry Center. Each class will have an opportunity to view all the books and make their own "wish list" to bring home.
- ◆ A flyer will be coming home with your student's date and time for a second trip to purchase the books you have selected. Students should bring a check or cash to purchase books during school hours.
- ◆ If you are looking to find some special books and gifts or if some of the book titles don't sound familiar please join us for **FAMILY NIGHT, Thursday, Nov. 16 from 4:30-8:00pm.** All FWES families are welcome! It's a wonderful time to visit with friends and explore new books. All students that attend Family Night will also be entered into a special raffle to win book coupons and special prizes. Credit cards will be welcome on Family Night.
- ◆ All of the proceeds from the Book Fair go directly to support the FWES Inquiry Center.

⇒ **PTA Outreach:**

- ◆ The Outreach closet is in need of some clothing! We need Small girls underwear (new), Medium shorts (boys and girls), Medium girl pants, Medium underwear for girls and boys (new), Large pants (girls and boys). The pants

and shorts can be used if in good condition, but underwear must be new. If you are able to contribute, please drop off donations to the front office.

- ◆ Contact Quaira Rhodes at rhodesquaira@gmail.com for additional information. Thank you!

⇒ **Go Play Save Update!**

- ◆ We sold an amazing 529 books and earned \$7900 for FWES PTA projects.

⇒ **Cultural Arts Sponsored by PTA and United Arts Council of Wake County**

- ◆ [Chuck Davis' African American Dance Ensemble- Come Dance with Us!](#) We welcome this globally recognized group to our campus on Friday, November 17th. K-2 at 9:30am and 3-5 10:30am in the Cafeteria. Mr. Chuck Davis was the founder of AAED and a leader in choreography of African dance techniques. Mr. Davis passed away in May, 2017 at the age of 80. Our school is fortunate to have this opportunity to learn from his knowledge and talents!



- ◆ [Number Drummer-](#) Interactive music and math performance! We will welcome the Number Drummer to our campus on Friday, December 8th with K-2 at 9:30am and 3-5 10:30am.
- ◆ **Family Evening Concert with Number Drummer! Friday, December 8th!** Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the concert and other activities that will support our school's music programming.

More detailed information will be shared soon!

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