



What's News in the Woods...

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Elementary Magnet School

December 2018 Newsletter

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

From Mrs. Pierce...

#fwesactivateslearning

Have you seen learning activated at Farmington Woods? If not- do a search on Twitter for our hashtag above and scroll through the amazing and engaging learning that happens each day for our IB Learners. Our fantastic educators and support staff embrace the IB philosophy each day to engage and connect students to meaningful learning experiences. In addition these experiences support the development of 21st century skills in students. More commonly known as the 4Cs, students collaboration, communicate, think critically and are creative on a regular basis as learners. What an exciting learning environment to develop our students as learners!

In addition to academic learning strategies that engage students, our school has initiated the Positivity Project (P2) to

support the social emotional development of our students. P2 is aligned with the IB mission and Learner Profile as the focus is on Other People Matter and consideration of how each of us can make a difference for someone else. The weekly Monday folder identifies the focus character strength for the week. Please take time each week to ask your child what they have learned about bravery, caring, how words and actions affect others, etc. We have been so excited to see our students seeking opportunities to think about others and to engage in actions that truly show their understanding that #otherpeoplematter.

Our IB Learner Profile and P2 for December is Caring. We encourage our school community to continue to show caring for each other and

those around them each and every day. In this season of giving and taking action in our community, please help us know how our students have taken action by submitting information on our website so that their action can be highlighted on the FWES News- [Action Speaks Louder Than Words](#)- IB Learners are encouraged to take action in many ways to make a difference for themselves, their community and the world.

Wishing you all the IB Mission- A Better and More Peaceful World!

With Love, Winston



Go for the Gold!

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



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 8th!
- **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!
- **Gift of Reading:** Our FWES Annual Gift of Reading will be Dec 13-20 (reading logs begin Dec 10)! Please check out the flyer and information on when registered volunteers can come in to read in classrooms during our December 13th Kick Off Day! We look forward to celebrating giving all of our students the gift of reading.
- **Parent Survey:** Please take a few

minutes to complete a parent survey related to Conferences and our Positivity Project. Your feedback is important to our school as we plan for events and implement programs. Thank you for your time!

[Parent Conference/Positivity Survey Fall 2018](#)

• Fifth Grade

- **EL/Science:** We are continuing to learn about the interdependence of plants and animals and the types of consumers and producers that live within various Biomes around the world. We have made great connections to the ecosystem of an estuary after visiting Masonboro Island on our beach field trip! Our EL module two for language arts centers around the unique biome of a rainforest and the guiding questions, "Why do scientists study the rainforest?" and "What can we do to help the rainforests?" The final performance task will be the creation of narratives about the rainforest and compiling them into an Ebook.
- **Math:** students have been building their conceptual understanding of fractions. They have learned how to multiply and divide fractions using mul-

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Calendar Items to Note...

- Dec 3- Magnet Tour 10:30am; Interim Reports for Q2 home; District 9 BAC Meeting 5:30pm Salem Elem
- Dec 6 & 7- ITBS Testing for select 3rd graders 9:30am each day
- Dec 7- Walk to School Day; 1st to Quarry (Long, Brown, Williams)
- Dec 8- FWES in Cary Christmas Parade 1-4pm
- Dec 10- Interim Reports for Q2 go home; Gift of Reading Logs go home
- Dec 11- 7:35am SIP Quarterly Review Mtg; 6:00pm PTA Board Mtg
- Dec 13- Gift of Reading Kick Off- Dress Like a Book Character Day; Read together Guests to read; Box Tops collection begins; 1st Grade Rock Show 2:00 (Byrd, Edwards, Morrisette)
- Dec 14- Flashlight Friday to read; 9:30 4th Grade Enterprise Day; 2:00 1st Grade Rock Show (Brown, Long, Williams)
- Dec 17- Mix Match Monday to read
- Dec 18- Tacky Sweater Tuesday to read; 9:30 Coffee with Counseling Team- Social Emotional Learning; Last Day for Box tops
- Dec 19- Wild Animal Wednesday for Reading; Reading Logs Due by 4:00pm
- Dec 20- Relax in PJs and Read (1st-5th); Kindergarten to Marbles
- Dec 21- Kinder PJs Day; Early Release 1:15pm
- Dec 22-Jan 2- Winter Break
- Jan 3- Students return to school- Happy 2019!
- Jan 4- Classroom Written Spelling
- Jan 7-11- Grade Level Spelling Bees

multiple strategies and models with a focus on being able to explain how they solved each problem. Next up...adding and subtracting fractions!

• **Exhibition has begun!** Students are being put into groups around a big central topic that they came up with, "The Rights of Humans." We will begin to develop a central idea and lines of inquiry based on this overarching topic. **We NEED YOU parents!** We are in need of Exhibition mentors. A mentor is needed to help guide the research and time management of a small group once per week or at least 2 times per month for 45 mins to 1 hour each time. We will meet during the day! Times coming soon! We aim to have a mentor for each small group as it truly makes a huge difference with feedback and support each session. Thank you for considering being a men-



FWES Student Services Team

Coffee with the Counseling Team

Social Emotional Learning is an important part of raising socially responsible, self-aware, kind, loving humans. Come learn about how Wake county is putting social and emotional health as a priority in our schools and how Farmington Woods is implementing it in the classroom.



Who: Jennifer Thakur, Joette Basham, Megan Trapasso, Taylor Hartley

Where: FWES Café
When: Tuesday December 18, 2018
9:30am

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 Taylor Hartley, counselors or Joette Basham, social worker.

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Taylor Hartley, 50% Counselor- contact info TBA
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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. **Please tell friends and neighbors with 5 year olds!**

WCPSS Student Assignment Plan for 2019-20

The WCPSS Board of Education has approved the updated Student Assignment Plan for 2019-20.

A variety of families may be affected by the plan- **especially families of 5th graders who** may have new middle school assignments for the 2019-20 school year.

To check your updated school assignment- and any changes in magnet school options- log in and look up your address to



view your school assignment and magnet school options for next year. <http://wwwgis2.wcpss.net/addressLookup/>

From the Office- Student Health Guidelines

Please review health guidelines, as we go into colder weather seasons and illnesses become more common. Students need to remain at home or be picked up from school for the following conditions. Thank you for supporting the wellness of your child and all other members of our school community by making sure sick students remain at home until well enough to return and learn.

1. Fever of 100 or higher (stay home until fever free for 24 hours)
2. Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea (symptom free for 12 hours)
3. Severe headache
4. Red watery eyes with yellow drainage
5. Undiagnosed rash
6. Inability to learn
7. Change in student's usual mental status

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Healthy Active Kids at FWES!



- Family Marathon will be starting soon so begin thinking if you want your family to participate this year. Individual students and family members begin accumulating miles up to 25 prior to our April event where we will all meet to run the final 1.2 miles of a 26.2 mile marathon. This event helps students prepare to meet their personal fitness goals for the end of year fitness assessment.
- Action Project in PE... Jump Rope for Heart. We will begin jump rope for heart through the American Heart Association when we return from Winter Break. This is our chance to make a positive change in our community. Consider donating.

• December in PE is about soccer skills: dribbling with feet, passing & trapping, kicking & punting. We will also continue to work towards our personal fitness goals.

• Upcoming walks to school: December 7 & January 4

- Walks to School: December 7 with Guest Walkers Ms. Quinn, Mrs. Greenburg, Mrs. Cerasi
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

Busy, Busy, Busy! Magnet season is upon us and the school is buzzing with tours and potential new students. We had a fantastic turnout at the Magnet Fair in November and have already shared the FWES campus with more than 75 families this year. The students and staff have wowed the visitors at each turn. What a wonderful learning environment we have here at Farmington Woods.

page of the WCPSS website and will guide you in exploring all Magnet and Early College programs in WCPSS.

Note: Some FWES 5th grade families may have new magnet school options with the updated Student Assignment plan for 2019-20.



If you know of a family that is looking for a magnet option, please tell them about Farmington Woods. The school tour link is on our school website, and we will have a booth at the two Magnet Mini Fairs listed below. Also, if you have a 5th grader looking for a middle school option you may want to check out the Magnet Explorer interactive tool. This can be found on the [Magnet Programs](#)

Elementary Magnet Mini Fairs:

WED. | DEC. 5, 2018

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

SCOTTS RIDGE ELEMENTARY
6601 Apex Barbecue Road
Apex, NC 27502

TUE. | JAN. 8, 2019

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

OAKVIEW ELEMENTARY
11500 Holly Springs New Hill Rd.
Apex, NC 27539

Winter Weather Reminders

December 21st is the 1st day of Winter- and at some point our weather may realize it's winter.

School Winter Weather Reminders for FWES Families:

- * Students will continue to have daily recess and/or PE with Mr. Eller outside unless the temperature is below 32 degrees. Please make sure your child is dressed to play outside each day.
- * Winter Weather Announcements will come from Wake County Public

Schools- not directly from the school. School messenger contact information will be used for sending the information to families via email, phone and/or text. Families should update all contact information if needed at the FWES Front Office.

More info here:
<https://www.wcpss.net/domain/12201>

- * School Winter Weather closings and delays will impact the daily schedules.
- * If schools close early, the After

School Program does not operate

- * If there is a delayed opening- Before School Care opens on the same delay.
- * If there is a delayed opening, no breakfast is served
- * **Read More Here:**
[FWES Winter Weather Info for Families](#)

Please let us know if you have winter weather clothing needs for your child so we can assist!

Specialists Activate Learning at FWES...

Espanol:

As we approach the end of the semester, we continue to learn Spanish by practicing questions/answers, numbers, and body parts in kinder and 1st grade, practicing numbers and telling time, and body parts in 2nd and 3rd grades, asking and answering questions with numbers and telling time with activities in 4th grade, and conjugating regular verbs in the present tense in 5th grade! This month we'll be reading about *Las Posadas* which take place from Dec.16h to Dec 24th in Mexico. To learn more about this tradition, check out this link:

<https://www.herdeztraditions.com/mexican-culture-and-traditions/holidays/las-posadas/#lp-tradition>



Here are other traditions about Christmas celebrations, *Las hogueras* and *El nacimiento*, from Spain: <http://www.worldholidaytraditions.com/Countries/Spain.aspx>



The Gift of Learning:

As many students enter the season where travel, holiday celebrations and gift giving can be family traditions, it is timely to think about connecting those experiences to your students' learning! As IB learners we own that there are always opportunities to be thinkers and reflect on our experiences. Try these ideas during the upcoming holiday season!

- Keep a journal as a family with pictures and stories from travel and personal interactions
- Use google slides, notebook paper, or a scrapbook style
- Bake or cook together as a family
- Talk about the math & science in cooking
- Note measurements, temperature change
- Connect gifts to learning concepts
- non-fiction or informational texts
- toys/games related to STEM concepts
- toys/games connected to coding
- Find opportunities to take action in the community
- Help a neighbor in need
- Volunteer in a local organization (rescue mission, food shelter, others...)
- Share your action on the FWES website

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A Page from the Inquiry Center...

Read Around the World ... The first Read Around the World "travelers" are turning in their reading logs. So far, **155** North America sheets have been returned and the students have chosen their first charm. Remember you can turn in your log whenever you are finished and get the next log. The second continent on our trip around the world is **Europe**. The first travelers from Europe will begin returning in early December with the next stop on our journey being **Asia**.



Gift of Reading ... It is almost time for our winter break and the Gift of Reading. A special snowflake charm will be available for each student who completes and turns in their Gift of Reading reading log. As with the summer charm, this is a one-time only charm and can only be earned for participation in the Gift of Reading.

Reading Theme Days Dec.13-20 - read 30 min each day

- Thurs Dec.13 - Dress as your favorite book character- Kick Off Day! 60 minutes of reading- Guest Readers invited to join classrooms to read!
- Fri Dec.15 - Flashlight Friday- bring a flashlight to read with
- Mon Dec. 17 - Mix-Match Monday- mixed up shoes and/or socks day
- IB Assemblies- AM
- Tues Dec.18 - Tacky Sweater Tuesday- wear a tacky sweater
- Wed Dec.19 - Wild Animal Wednesday- Bring a stuffed animal to read to
- Thurs Dec 20 - Last Day - Relax and Read Day and Pajama Day! Read 60 minutes

READvolution Student Ticket Rewards !!!



Students who achieved their reading goal of 800 minutes by **November 16, 2018** 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. Go to the site <http://www.canesgroups.com/PowerPlay> and follow the directions to redeem your tickets.



Game Dates for students rewarded in reaching the **reading goal of 800 minutes** are : Friday, 11/30 at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, 12/11 at 7:30 pm, Sunday, 12/16 at 1:00 pm, Monday, 12/31 at 6:00 pm, Friday, 1/4, New Jersey, 7:30 pm

Book Fair ... Thank you to Mrs. Liz Miller (book fair chair) along with ALL of the parent volunteers who helped during our week of the Bedford Falls Book Fair. We had a great week and the Inquiry Center earned over \$3200 to be used for books and supplies.

EVA Perry Public Library ... December Movies @ the Library



- Thursday, December 21, from 3-4:30 p.m. Feature presentation: Muppet Christmas Carol - A group of puppets put a new spin on Charles Dicken's classic Christmas tale. Registration requested.

- Cookie Houses Saturday December 8, at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2 pm, and 3 pm School age children and their families are invited to create a holiday cookie house using graham crackers, icing and treats. All materials will be provided. Space is limited. Registration requested. <http://guides.wakegov.com/cookiehouses>

- Holiday Family Film Festival - Shrek the Halls/ Merry Madagascar Friday, December 28, at 10:30 a.m. Simple craft and popcorn snack. PJs and pillows encouraged.

- Holiday Family Film Festival - Kung Fu Panda Holiday/Dragon's: Gift of the Nights Fury Saturday, December 29, at 10:30 a.m. Simple craft and popcorn snack. PJs and pillows encouraged.

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- Tuesday, December 11th
6:00pm Pirates Cove Clubhouse**

Dear FWES Families,

On behalf of the FWES PTA, we wanted to thank you for the tremendous support that we received during our Global Fun Run. We appreciate everyone coming out to cheer on our runners, and for those that volunteered, thank you! We couldn't have done this Global Fun Run without the support of our administration, teachers, staff, parents, and "our" FWES community! FWES made a profit of \$29,327 from the Global Fun Run this year. As a school we ran 25,703 laps, equalling 1,606 miles, with 1,104 individual pledges. Twenty-four students reached more than \$10 per lap, so as part of the Apex Give-back Challenge, they will make a donation to The Thirst Project to help provide up to 4 years of clean drinking water to those in need. Way to go FWES!!



FWES PTA sponsors fundraisers so that we can better support our school, the staff, and the education of our children. With budget cuts in Wake County and NC, just buying basic supplies becomes difficult for many schools. Because of everyone's support, our PTA can continue to provide funding for vital FWES programs, technology, and curriculum support, as well as special cultural arts events, including the Family Evening Concert. We give teachers the opportunity to apply for mini grants to help pay for basic supplies and to support great projects in their classrooms. Fundraisers also provide the Inquiry Center (Book Fairs) and our Specialists (Art to Remember) necessary funding to maintain their programs. Participating in any school fundraiser is always voluntary. The PTA runs a variety of fundraisers to allow families to choose how they wish to give, if they can. It can be through a direct donation, clipping Box Tops, or purchasing an item, like Go-PlaySave, or Spirit Nights that give back to FWES.

⇒ December Box Tops Collection- December 13-18th!

We will be collecting box tops in a contest for our Teacher Assistants. Please write the last name of your student's Teacher Assistant on your plastic bags of cut and trimmed Box Tops. Please place them in your grade tube near the PTA Mailbox. The Teacher Assistant with the most Box Tops will win an Amazon Gift Card and a special breakfast. Each Box Tops is worth 10 cents for FWES.



⇒ **Yearbook Photos from YOU!** Did you enjoy the beach trip with your 5th grader, or maybe The Rock Quarry with your 1st grader? Did you come see the cultural lunch presentation for your 3rd grade student? If so, we need your pictures!!! Please upload them to Jostens' ReplayIt! site to be used in the yearbook. www.replayit.com. 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). Any questions or problems, just contact Lauri Van Oostrum-Reed, lvomsw@nc.rr.com.



⇒ **RCITYROCKS:** Thank you to everyone that has joined RCityRocks. Since Farmington Woods PTA joined in September, we have raised \$540.37, just for eating and shopping at businesses we already visited!! If you haven't joined, it's not too late. 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 donate 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.

⇒ **Media Center Help Needed:** Do you love books and organizing? The Inquiry Center is looking for a few volunteers to help shelve and maintain the books in the Inquiry Center. Did you know that hundreds of books are checked out and returned each week? If you have an hour to spare either one morning or afternoon a week (or more) we would appreciate your help. Please contact Mrs. Grice in the Inquiry Center if you are interested, egrice@wcpss.net.

⇒ **PTA Tutoring Program needs Volunteers:** Are you a registered volunteer at FWES? Do you want to help the students, but don't know what to do? I am the volunteer tutoring coordinator on the PTA and would love to have some more parent volunteers who would like to work one on one or with small groups in classrooms on a weekly basis. Activities or lessons are planned by the teachers. We need parents to lead these activities to provide remediation and enrichment. If this interests you, please contact me for more information at becca326@yahoo.com.