



What's News in the Woods...

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Elementary Magnet School

March 2019 Newsletter

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

From Mrs. Pierce...

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March, 2019

Calendar Items to Note...

- March 5- Australian Didgeridoo Performance 9:30 and 10:30am
- March 6- 4th Graders NAEP Testing
- March 7- Severe Weather Drill; PYP Exhibition (5th Graders)- 6:45pm ALL Families Invited!
- March 8- Early Release 1:15pm
- March 12- 1st Grade to Meymandi; 4th Grade WCPSS Performance Task Assessment
- March 13- Last day for World Dance Pre-Sale Tickets
- March 15- PTA World Dance 6-8pm
- March 19- Spring Individual and Class Pictures
- March 20- Bruce Hale Author Visit; 2:30 PTA Coffee Chat in Lobby
- March 21- 3rd Grade Trip to Planetarium
- March 25- Principal Parent Chat
- March 26- Feeney/Mitchell Trip to NCSU
- March 28-April 5- Spring Book Fair
- March 29- Teacher Workday- no school for students
- April- Autism Awareness Month!
- April 2- 5th Grade to IMAX
- April 4- Student Led Conference 4:30-7:00pm; PTA Board Meeting; Family Night Book Fair 4:30-8:00pm
- April 5- 8:30 Walk to School Day
- April 8-12 Principal and Assistant Principal Appreciation Week
- April 8- Q3 Report Cards Home
- April 9- FWES Celebrates Autism Awareness Day!
- April 10- 1st Grade to NC Zoo
- April 11- Feeney/Mitchell to Kildaire Farm
- April 12- Family Marathon Event!!
- April 15-22- Spring Break; Students return April 23!

PYP Exhibition scheduled for March 7th is the highlight for PYP learners across the globe. Our students will be highlighting their IB Learning through their Exhibition work for the school community. We look forward to having you r family and many special guests from WCPSS Leadership join us for this exciting evening highlighting learning.

We were very excited to welcome 70 new magnet families to Farmington Woods recently. In reviewing the magnet applicant survey, many families chose school diversity as a factor in their magnet school choice. We are so fortunate at FWES to have a diverse school community. This month we highlight the richness of our school with the

PTA World Dance on Friday, March 15th. We look forward to celebrating our school through music and dance and hope you will plan to join us!

Please be sure to check out the calendar items in March and April as there are many exciting opportunities for families to be involved and for student learning.

Thank you for being a part of our wonderful school family!

With appreciation,

Winston Pierce



Go for the Gold!

Give and Earn Respect

Own your Actions

Lead by Example

Demonstrate Cooperation

A Walk in the Woods ...

- **Taking Action?** Tell us About it! Please use the link here and on our website to share about action your child takes when away from school to be an IB Learner who makes a difference in the world. We invite students who have taken action to share it on the FWES News on Wednesday mornings and would love to share your child's action!
- **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!
- **Clothes Needed in Office for Emergencies:** Students often need to change clothes during the school day due to mud puddles and other accidents. As you find your students growing, please consider donating needed outgrown items to FWES:
 - Boy's Underwear (New only)
 - Boys Long Pants (all sizes)
 - Girls Long Pants (all sizes)

5th Grade

- **Exhibition Night!** Attention FWES students and families! You are invited to the 5th grade Exhibition on Thursday March 7 from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm. Please come and be our audience! :) This is the BIG culminating project for the PYP program. The central idea is "As global citizens we have the responsibility to take care of each other." Students have inquired into problems around the world that affect people and how they can help to make the world a

better place. Some of their concerns that have become lines of inquiry are violence, issues in education, healthcare, access to clean water, and poverty. Come and see how you can take action!

- **Spring Pictures- March 19-** Be on the lookout for information regarding Spring Individual and Class pictures at FWES. In addition clubs and other student organizations will also have photographs taken for the yearbook on March 19th.



FWES Student Services Team

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Annual 5th Grade Career Fair
April 26, 2019
9:30am in the cafeteria

ALL Parents are invited to share their career journeys with our students. The goal of our time together is to introduce our students to a variety of career opportunities. In the past; we have had engineers, doctors, veterinarians, small business owners, police, fire, SBI and countless others. We are hoping to find engaging parents and community resources to help make this year just as fun and engaging as previous experiences. If you are interested in participating, please email Ms. Thakur at jthakur@wcpss.net

From Mrs. Basham, Social Worker-

Snack Collection:

Mrs. Basham will be collecting individually packaged snacks to have available to our teachers to give our students who come to school without a snack. We want to ensure all of students' brains are fueled for learning all day. Please consider donating snacks (single-serving sized; individually wrapped) such as pretzels, Goldfish crackers, whole grain crackers, graham crackers, baked chips, popcorn, fruit squeezes, granola/cereal bars, and/or dried fruit.

Attendance Facts:

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work. (credit: Attendance Works)

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Kindergarten Registration for 2019-20 Register NOW!

Parents needing to pre-register their incoming kindergarten student for the 2019/20 school year should complete the online registration packet on the Wake County Public School System website. Information about the enrollment process and required documentation can be found by visiting: <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/33753>. Once your online registration is complete, your base school will contact you to set-up an appointment to finalize the registration process at school; please allow up to 3 business days to be contacted by your school to set-up an appointment to complete your child's registration.



Please tell friends and neighbors with 5 year olds!

WCPSS School Enrollment for 2019-2020

School Transfer Applications: The online Request for School Transfer Application window is from February 21 - March 6, 2019. Families seeking to make a school assignment change for the 2019/20 school year (including back to base school or hardship transfer requests), must submit a transfer request during this time frame. Parents will be notified of results as decisions are made, beginning March 7, 2019.

More information regarding the Transfer Request processes can be found at:



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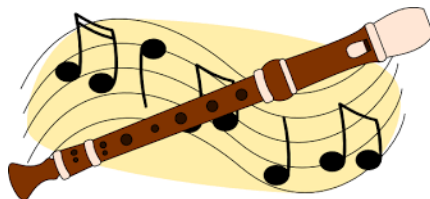
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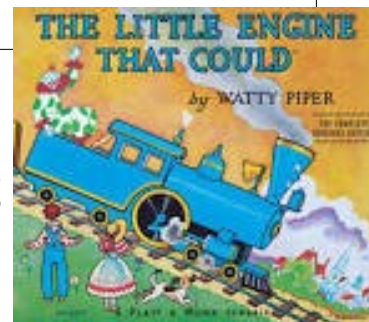
Specialists Activate Learning at FWES...

March Music Notes:

1st grade is learning the songs to perform their mini-musical, The Little Engine That Could Sing. Check out the invitation to see more info and details, including the date and time your child will perform. [You're Invited](#)



4th graders are working hard at learning recorder. We are logging our progress in our Seesaw Journals and in Flipgrid. I could use donations of yellow, orange, green, and/or red yarn if you are willing to send some in with your child! If students want to practice at home here are some [helpful video practice links](#).



2nd graders are creating Fairytale Soundscapes to connect with their How We Express Ourselves IB unit, including their literacy unit on fairy tales and science unit on sound. Students are working in groups and choosing instruments to perform a retelling of the 3 Little Pigs.

Healthy Active Kids at FWES!



- Taking Action:** Jump Rope for Heart through the American Heart Association. Thank you to all our families who took action. Our goal was to raise \$5,000 to fight cardiovascular disease and at the end of February we ended our campaign at \$4,773.

- Students in Physical Education** are beginning basketball skills: dribbling, passing, alone, with partners and small groups. We will introduce striking skills with hands (volleyball) towards the end of the month.

- Walk to School:** First Friday of each month from Kildare Plaza parking lot 8:30 a.m. Dates: April 5, May 3 and June 7. We have "celebrity" guests each month with two staff members joining our walks.



- Bike to School:** Students can bike to school on the May 3 walk to school day. It will be a walk/bike to school event.

- Family Marathon:** We use the family marathon as an opportunity for families to be active together and to help students prepare for the end of year mile run. Event sign up Monday February 18 and runs until March 4: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ADAE2D6-2019> You do not have to sign up to participate. We are collecting number of participants so an email is just as good: deller@wcpss.net

Complete 25 walk/run miles as a family and log your miles between March 4-April 11th!

The final 1.2 mile event will take place on Friday April 12 with times TBD
Running Logs can be found in the Feb 25 and Mar 4 [Monday Folder Documents](#) or Students can also pick them up from the classroom teacher or Mr. Eller. Send me an email if you need more information.



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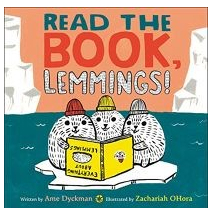
A Page from the Inquiry Center...



Visiting Author is Coming Bruce Hale, award winning author, will be visiting us on MARCH 20th. Mr. Hale lives in Santa Barbara, California. He states that he believes "he has the best job in the world. He's written or illustrated over 50 seriously funny book for kids. He's visited schools and libraries from New York to New Delhi. He's ridden the library's float in a parade, and judged a chocolate chip cookie baking contest. And one of his Clark the Shark books even ended up in a McDonald's Happy Meal!"

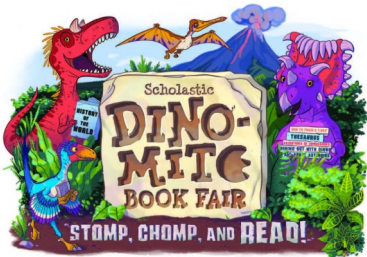
Pre-ordered books are being provided by Quail Ridge Books and offered at a discount to our students. **Presale orders must be returned by March 8th.** For more information about Mr. Hale, please go to www.brucehale.com

WAKE Up and Read ... Collection has ended for this school year. Thank you to all the families who donated books to this year's drive. We collected about 1085 books during our 4 weeks of collection. These books will be added to the other books collected and distributed to families in Wake County. Thank you for your support.



NCCBA ... All kindergarten and 1st grade classes are working hard to read the nominees for this year's North Carolina Children's Book Award (NCCBA). Our favorite is Read the Book, Lemmings! Last year FWES picked the same book for our school winner as was chosen for the state winner; can we do it again this year?

Read Around the World ... We will begin giving out the last continent reading log (**South America**) in a few days. Remember you can turn in your log whenever you are finished and get the next one. Those students who complete their travels around the world will receive a special charm and attend an event near the end of the school year ... Can you be a "world reader"?



Spring Book Fair - Scholastic ... Our Spring Book Fair will begin on Thursday, March 28th and run thru Friday, April 5th. The theme this year is "Dino-Mite Book Fair : Stomp, Chomp and Read". Mrs. Liz Miller, PTA Book Fair Chair, will be recruiting parent volunteers to assist classes with filling out their wish lists and purchasing their chosen books. (We will need lots of volunteers Thursday-Tuesday). Please use this link to sign up to volunteer during the book fair.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944abae2da6fb6-dinomite>

Family Night will be Thursday, April 4th in conjunction with the first night of student led conferences. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Book Fair.

Special Events at Your Public Library ... (EVA Perry)

St. Patrick's Day Party Friday, March 15 at 4:30p.m. (K -5)Wear your green and come celebrate all things Irish with games, crafts, trivia, and more! Registration requested.

STEM Challenge: Roller Coaster Tuesday, March 19 at 4:30 p.m. (3rd -5th) Have you ever been on a roller coaster? They twist, turn, and are all kinds of crazy fun. We'll be making our own twisty, turny roller coasters! Registration requested.

Fractured Fairytales Tuesday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m. (3rd -5th)We all know tales of Cinderella, Little Pigs and the boy with the beanstalk, but we are going to mix them up. We will create our own fairytale and read silly versions of the classics! Registration requested.

Meet Anansi - African Folktale Trickster Thursday, March 28 at 4:30 p.m. (K -2nd) Explore trickster folktales set in Africa. Then, create your own Anansi spider. 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/HSR1217711004> (must also be approved by WCPSS)



Next PTA Board Meeting- Friday, March 8 7:45am
FWES Inquiry Center

⇒ FWES PTA World Dance!

The 5th Annual FWES World Dance is right around the corner on March 15th. Come join us at the most popular event of the year!

- DJ Shawn B is returning to drop some beats from around the world!
- Come learn some international dance steps from our parents and students! Cultural Dress Encouraged!
- Food will be available for purchase from 4 food trucks: Hibachi Express, Gussy's Greek Street Food, Taco Grande and Bruster's Ice Cream. All of these vendors have agreed to give 10-20% of their sales back to the PTA!
- Tickets are \$2 in advance (until March 13) and \$3 at the door (on March 15) or until 500 tickets are sold so get yours soon! You can purchase online here: <https://fwespta.memberhub.store/> Or fill out the form that went home in the Monday folders, attach payment and drop into the blue PTA mailbox.
- The dance is on March 15th from 6-8 PM, food trucks will begin service at 5:30 PM.
- If you would like to share an international item for display, or a popular dance song from your country, contact Ushma at ushukla.pta@gmail.com



⇒ PTA Coffee Chats

PTA Coffee Chats are an opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet with members of the PTA to learn more about programs and events as well as to give us feedback and ideas.

The next Coffee Chat is Wed, March 20 2:30-3:30pm



⇒ Yearbook Purchase:

We have already sold over 175 yearbooks! If you still haven't ordered a yearbook this year, please go ahead and order it now online at

www.jostensyearbooks.com - we will not be ordering a lot of extras and sold out last year.



⇒ Book Fair Volunteers needed!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon to FWES, March 28 - April 5. We are looking for volunteers to help our youngest students write their Wish Lists on Viewing Days Thursday, March 28, Monday, April 1 and Tuesday, April 2 during special 1 hour blocks for our Kindergarten classes from 9:15-10am and 1st Grade classes from 11:10-11:50am. We would really appreciate as many volunteers as we can get to come during these times. Whenever possible, we have listed which teachers are coming during each volunteer time slot. More specific information about the Book Fair will be coming home in Monday Folders. Please use this sign up to volunteer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944abae2da6fb6-dinomite>

⇒ Playground Equipment from PTA!

With profits from our successful fundraising efforts this year, the PTA has purchased playground equipment for FWES students to enjoy at recess! The equipment will be available for 2nd - 5th grad-

ers to start, with plans to purchase another storage box and equipment for the K - 1st playground later this spring. The PTA has provided 4 basketballs, 4 soccer balls, 3 volleyballs, 3 footballs, 6 kickballs, 4 frisbees, and 8 jump ropes. We hope the equipment encourages physical activity and fun at recess! Please help remind your students to use the equipment properly and return equipment as they go back inside.

⇒ FWES PTA Project Parents

are looking for volunteers to help around the FWES campus with a variety of small projects from resetting the world wall clocks in the lobby to assembling dustpans to some spot painting. Time can be flexible and the work done independently. Must be a WCPSS approved volunteer. Also looking for team leaders for our Campus Clean Up - save the date - April 6 from 9:30-11:30am. Please contact Berryman Hill at berryman_hill@hotmail.com

⇒ Farmington Woods Elementary Spirit Day- Thursday, April 4, 2019 at City BBQ!

Want to get out for lunch, or heading to school for our Family Night at the Book Fair, or Student Led Conferences, and don't want to cook... Come join us at City BBQ, on Thursday, April 4th, and help raise money to replace the mats in our gymnasium....

Present this flyer, at City BBQ, **anytime during the day** to help support FWES PTA!

⇒ Sign up for RCITYROCKS and earn \$\$\$ for the PTA

The Farmington Woods PTA has reached \$1000 in total donations on R City Rocks. To thank you for your past and future participation, and to encourage more of our families to easily enroll, we are having a contest. The person to text the receipt that puts our earnings over \$1500 will win a \$50 gift card to the R City Rocks business of your choice!! We are steadily moving towards that goal; our current total earnings are \$1184.47 (last updated on 2/25/19). Keep in mind, each receipt texted earns 30% of the total for the PTA. Good luck!!! When you shop or dine at the following participating businesses, 5% of your total comes back to the FWES PTA. Businesses who are currently participating include: Alpaca Peruvian Chicken, Buffalo Brothers Pizza and Wings, Chick-fil-a at Cary Towne Center, City BBQ, Georgina's Pizzeria, Go 2 Girls, Great Harvest Bread Co., Jasmin & Olivz Mediterranean, Papa Murphy's, Penn Station Subs, Phillips Farms, PotBelly Sandwich Shop, Rocket Fizz, Ruckus, Spa Retreat Cary, Supper Meals, Sweet, The Butcher's Market, The Corner Tavern & Grill, The Melting Pot Raleigh, NY Pizza, The Produce Box, Tony's Oyster Bar, Totopos, TreeRunner Raleigh Adventure Park, Tribeca Tavern, Two Guys Grille, Viva Mexican Kitchen, and vomFASS Oils in Waverly Place. All donations are matched by Town & Country Reality, Roofwerks, The Original Mattress Factory, Amy Bonis Mortgage Team, John Tudor State Farm for a total of 30% of your total. Simply text "JOIN" to fwespta@rcityrocks.com and then all you have to do is snap a photo of your receipt after each purchase and text it to fwespta@rcityrocks.com. Thank you for your support and good luck!!