



What's News in the Woods...

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Elementary Magnet School

April 2019 Newsletter

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

From Mrs. Pierce...

#fwesactivateslearning @fwesibpyp



Happy Spring to our FWES Families!

We are thrilled to once again be recognized by Magnet Schools of America as a Magnet School of Excellence for 2019. I will be traveling to the national conference April 10-13 to accept the award on behalf of our school community. Community is what makes this national level of recognition possible- thank you for choosing to support and become involved in our school community, helping us become the best IB/PYP school we can be!

With the arrival of spring comes beautiful weather and many activities for families and students. We believe our IB Learners need to be balanced, but I would encourage all families to maintain a clear focus on school for the remainder of the year. The most challenging material and preparation for the next grade level occurs in the 4th quarter of

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!
- **Panorama Survey for Parents:** Please keep eye out for Panorama Survey about Parental Engagement sent to the email address of the parent of each student. The feed-



the year. Our students need to continue to focus on being responsible learners and engaging at school and when required for homework.

Please pay close attention to our calendar of events as the spring schedule gets busy at FWES, too. Review Monday folder emails/texts for important updates and if you are not receiving them- please contact the main office to make sure you are included in school communications.

Enjoy your spring break April 13-22- we will see you for the last stretch on April 23rd!

*With appreciation,
Winston Pierce*



Go for the Gold!

Give and Earn Respect

Own your Actions

Lead by Example

Demonstrate Cooperation

back you provide helps our school identify areas for improvement. We appreciate your completing this important survey. If you did not receive a survey via email, please contact 919-460-3469 and a link will be emailed to you.

- **April is Autism Awareness Month** In April, the Farmington Woods Family will learn about and participate in Autism Awareness month. Each student will make paper pin-wheels with facts about autism. The school will "plant" the pin-wheels in the front of the school on April 9th. Spirit Day on April 9th will include wearing blue shirts in honor of Autism Awareness. Autism Awareness facts will be shared school wide on the news and there will be an interactive bulletin board with Autism Awareness information. Here at FWES, we choose to include!
- **Clothes Needed in Office for**

April, 2019

Calendar Items to Note...

- April- Autism Awareness Month!
- April 1-5 Book Fair at FWES!
- April 1- 9:20 Parent Principal Chat; 10:45 Edwards Music Performance
- April 2- 5th Grade to IMAX; Kollauff/DiOrio to Kildaire; 10:45 Daley Music in Café
- April 3- Bulla/Burke to Kildaire; 10:45 Long Music in Cafe
- April 4- Quinn/Gilfillan to Kildaire; Student Led Conference 4:30-7:00pm; PTA Board Meeting; Family Night Book Fair 4:30-8:00pm
- April 5- 7:45 PTA Board Mtg; 8:30 Walk to School Day; Madden to Kildaire; Identikid Retakes 9:30am
- April 6- FWES Garden Day 9:30-11:30am
- April 8-12 Principal and Assistant Principal Appreciation Week
- April 8-12 Spirit and Service Week (fruit and vegetable canned food drive)
- April 8- Q3 Report Cards Home; Dress for Success!
- April 9- FWES Celebrates Autism Awareness Day! Wear Blue
- April 10- 1st Grade to NC Zoo; Animal Mania Day
- April 11- Feeney/Mitchell to Kildaire Farm; Beach Bound Day; Student Led Conferences 4:30-7pm
- April 12- Family Marathon Event!!; Olympic Athlete Day
- April 15-22- Spring Break; Students return April 23!
- April 23- 27- Administrative Assistant, Media Specialist and Social Worker Appreciation Weeks
- April 23- 4th Grade to NC Legislature
- April 24- 2nd Grade to Life and Science Museum
- April 25- PTA Night of Stars- Honoring Liz Miller
- April 26- Kinder to Farm Animal Days; 9:30am 5th Grade Career Fair
- May 2- Special Olympics Feeney/Mitchell/Cerasi; 5:30 New Family Picnic
- May 3- 8:30 Walk to School Day

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)



FWES Student Services

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

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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!



Magnet Musings

from the desk of Anna Goodrum, IB Coordinator

One of the biggest components of the IB program is a culture of reflection.

- We expect students to reflect on their work and their behavior
- As teachers, we are constantly reflecting upon our practice and making adjustments

Reflection is a part of the IB PYP action cycle, it's one of the 8 key concepts and reflective is one of the Learner Profile attributes. If you take a look at the IB program standards and practices you will see the word reflection over and over again. It's a big deal!

Just like the IB Organization expects members of a school community to be reflective, they are constantly reviewing and reflecting upon the IB program. These reflections have resulted in the *PYP Enhancements*. As a school we are working to dive deeply into the changes and move forward.

The enhancements are divided into three parts with the center focus on **Agency**.

The PYP curriculum framework begins with the premise that PYP students are agents of their own learning and partners in the learning process. They have innate potential to inquire, question, wonder and theorize about themselves, others,

and the world around them. When learning communities recognize children's emergent identities and competencies, they create an educational context that values children both for who they are in the present and who they will become in the future.



As a parent think about how you can help your child access their role as a learner at home and at school. Can you give them more voice, choice and ownership for their own learning? When students' have agency, the relationship between the teacher and students becomes a partnership. This can also be seen in the learning relationship between parent and child. Students with a strong sense of self-efficacy bring a stronger sense of agency to the learning community (in the home and at school). The next time you are planning a learning engagement with your family, bring your child into the conversation and learn together. This will create a greater sense of learning ownership and contribute to their social, emotional and cognitive growth.

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Specialists Activate Learning at FWES...

Academically Gifted (AIG) Notes:

Single Subject Acceleration (SSA):

- [WCPSS website](#) has information about parent nominations for Single Subject Acceleration. It is noted that nomination forms will be available 4-1-19 on the website.
- Does My Child Qualify?
 - SSA allows students to show mastery of content in select elementary or middle school courses. Students who prove mastery do not have to take the course and may move on to the next level.
 - Parents may nominate their child to skip a grade level of content in either English Language Arts or mathematics.
 - Students are nominated for SSA by their parents or guardians. They will be assessed at their school based upon grade level. Depending on grade level and subject, this could include a multiple-choice test and/or a writing sample. Your school will have more specific information about this process once your child is nominated.
- Nomination Window for Farmington Woods Elementary is April 23-May 6, 2019 (due by close of school day 3:45pm).

PAGE of Wake County Event:

- Saturday, May 4, 2019 is Super Saturday Event at Triangle Math & Science Academy. Registration opens April 4th at <https://www.wakepage.org/super-saturday.html>

Healthy Active Kids at FWES!

- Students in Physical Education are concluding basketball skills: dribbling, passing, alone, with partners and small groups and starting on striking skills with hands and implements.
- Students are encouraged to include their personal fitness data in their family conference in April. Please ask your child to see their data on Welnet: <https://www.focusedfitness.org/> Sign in using lunch number and password is last name. End of year testing will begin the week after the family marathon.
- 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. April 12 is the conclusion of our family marathon. All students who completed their 25 miles prior to the event will be recognized with a certificate of completion. All classes will have twenty minutes on Friday April 12 to do laps either on the track or field. Families are encouraged to come and participate with their child (must sign in the office).
 - Kindergarten: 11:00-11:30
 - First Grade: 11:30-12:00
 - Second & Third Grades: 9:30-10:00
 - Fourth & Fifth Grades: 10:25-10:55
- Walk to School: First Friday of each month from Kildare Plaza parking lot 8:30 a.m. Dates: March 1, 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.



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A Page from the Inquiry Center....

Bruce Hale, award winning author and illustrator, visited us on MARCH 20th. We had a great time hearing about his baby brother (who ate his crayons while Mr. Hale was trying to draw), all the careers that he thought he wanted to do (pirate, cowboy, tarzan, and finally author) and his dog Riley's perseverance.



Remember... "If you can Dream It ... You can do it!"

Overdue Library Books Parents will begin receiving an email notice when your child's library book has been overdue for one month or more. This is simply to serve as a reminder to help you to encourage them to return the book(s). There is NO FINE ... we just need the book returned so that another student may have the opportunity to read it.



Read Around the World ... We have started collecting the final reading log from those students who Read Around the World! Remember you can turn in your log whenever you are finished and get the next one. Those students who completed their travels around the world will receive a special world charm and will be invited to attend an event on May 13th ... Can you be a "world reader"?

Spring Book Fair - Scholastic ... Spring Book Fair - Scholastic ... Our Spring Book Fair began on Thursday, March 28th and will run thru Friday, April 5th.

The theme this year was "Dino-Mite Book Fair : Stomp, Chomp and Read". Thank you to Mrs. Liz Miller, PTA Book Fair Chair, for all of her hard work during the Book Fair. The profits from the Book Fair will be used for the Inquiry Center.



Family Night at the Book Fair- Thursday, April 4th 4:30-8:00pm! Come by to shop before or after your student led conference or if your conference is the next week- stop by after you eat dinner at City BBQ Spirit Night to do some shopping!

Have a great Spring Break and REMEMBER TO READ Try something new! A new series ... a new genre some non-fiction What about reading a book and then watching the movie? Some good ones are Charlotte's Web and Winnie the Pooh. There is always my favorite - The Lorax Read something Read Anything Just READ !



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

Storybook Ball Saturday, April 6, from 6:30-8 p.m. Join us while the library is closed for a magical evening of dancing, crafting, stories and more! Come as your favorite storybook character and dress in your royal best! For children 3 & up and their families. Registration encouraged.

Music for All! Sunday, April 14 from 3-4 p.m. Drop in for an hour of delightful melodies from members of the Youth Philharmonic performing as a string quartet.

What's the Buzz on... Math is more than Numbers



In addition to teaching the content standards in math, students in North Carolina use a series of learning approaches called practice standards. These are a discrete set of 8 principles that complement the standard course of study and prepare students to be mathematicians inside and outside of the classroom. The eight practice standards are intended to help students think about how to solve math problems. The practice standards are:

- Standard 1 - Make Sense of Problems and Persevere in Solving Them
- Standard 2 - Reason Abstractly and Quantitatively
- Standard 3 - Construct Viable Arguments and Critique the Reasoning of Others
- Standard 4 - Model with Mathematics
- Standard 5 - Use Appropriate Tools Strategically
- Standard 6 - Attend to Precision
- Standard 7 - Look for and Make Use of Structure
- Standard 8 - Look for and Express Regularity in Repeated Reasoning

A key approach to help your students practices these principles at home centers around asking them how questions. For example, "How did you find your answer?" "How did you know which strategy to use?" and "How did you know which part of the problem was important information?". As students practice being reflective and giving language to their problem solving process, they will be more confident and more accurate mathematicians.

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)



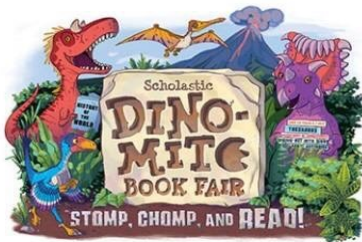
Next PTA Board Meeting- Friday, April 5 7:45am
FWES Inquiry Center

- ⇒ **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, **any-time during the day** to help support FWES PTA!



- ⇒ **Book Fair- THIS WEEK AT FWES:** Scholastic Dino-mite Book Fair **March 28th - April 5th** in the Inquiry Center.

Family Night, Thursday, April 4 4:30-8pm
Can't wait to see you there!



- ⇒ **PTA Every Kid Healthy Campus Clean-Up & Food Drive: Saturday, April 6th, 9:30-11:30am.** Join in and help us plant flowers, vegetables and spread new mulch **TAKE ACTION - FOOD DRIVE** - Please bring canned food with you until our garden's vegetables are ready to donate!



Use this Sign Up to RSVP:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944abae2da6fb6-every>

- ⇒ **April 24th- Resilience, The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope- Adult Movie Learning Experience**

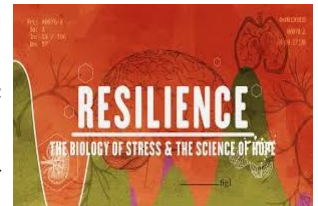
What: Resilience, the Biology of Stress & The Science of Hope Movie (64 minutes plus guided reflection after the showing)

When: Wednesday, April 24th, 6:30-8:00pm

Who: Adults Only/Cary Teen Council will provide childcare for school aged children (RSVP required for child care)

RSVP: Michele Wilson at MichiJohns@hotmail.com

Hosted by: Public Schools First NC along with the FWES PTA
"One great takeaway from this movie is there is always hope. Science shows the effects of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are not *permanent."



- ⇒ **Celebrating our March PTA Events and Programs**

- *New 2nd-5th Playground Equipment
- *Cultural Arts Digeridoo Down Under
- * 2019 World Dance- 579 attended!
- * Art to Remember
- *Visiting Author, Bruce Hale
- *Spring Picture Day Helpers
- *Teacher Snacks- Hospitality
- *2 PTA Coffee Chats

- ⇒ **FWES PTA is looking for Leaders for 2019-2020 School Year!** The terms of our President, VP Ways & Means, and VP of Programs are coming to an end. We are also looking for new chairpersons and members for our Nominating Committee,

Outreach Committee, Spiritwear Committee, and Membership Committee. If you are interested in learning more about these or any other positions please contact our outgoing president Ushma Shukla at ushukla.pta@gmail.com.

- ⇒ **Congratulations FWES! WE hit a big milestone with R City Rocks** FWES PTA has reached \$1000 in donations and our next challenge is to raise \$1500. The family to text the receipt that puts our earnings over \$1500 **wins a \$50 gift card** to the R City Rocks business of your choice!



How it works: When you shop or dine at the [following participating businesses](#), 5% of your total comes back to the FWES PTA. 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. Text "JOIN" to fwespta@rcityrocks.com and then snap a photo of your every receipt and text it to fwespta@rcityrocks.com. Thank you for your support and good luck in the contest!!

