



# What's News in the Woods...

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Elementary Magnet School  
May/June 2019 Newsletter  
<http://fwes.wcpss.net> for any info updates

## From Mrs. Pierce...

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It is amazing to think we have made it almost through another school year at FWES. Another year of learning, growing, sharing and making the world a better place through our PYP and the work of our students and staff. The end of the year is full of events and celebrations and we look forward to having your family join us. Please review the calendars and Monday Folders for details about grade level and school wide events and help us celebrate 2018-19. Hope to see you at Author's Tea, Biography presentations, Talent Show, EOG proctoring, Field Day, Walk to School Day, Awards and 5th Grade Celebration- to name a few.

While we are winding down this year, we are beginning preparations for the 2019-20 school year. Thank you for completing the Panorama survey to provide us with feedback to improve our service to our families. We are also working on some campus updates in the Courtyard, K-1

## 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!
- **Stay Informed this Summer!** If you are not getting an email and text each Monday with school in-



Playground and an additional Garden Area- stay tuned, more information to come.

We enjoyed meeting our new families last week at the New Family Picnic- we had over 70 families in attendance! They are excited to join us next year and to get involved.

As this newsletter is the last full newsletter of the year, I wish you all a wonderful summer break full of reading, friends and fun; and will look forward to seeing you back in August!

*With love and appreciation,  
Winston Pierce*



### Go for the Gold!

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

formation, then we do not have your current contact information and you may miss important communications this summer as we begin planning for 2019-20. Please call the school to share updated contact information or log in to your WCPSS Portal to update information.

- **Magnet School of Excellence 2019!** We are proud to have



been nationally recognized as a magnet school of excellence. The award is based on the school's demonstration of commitment to high academic standards, curric-

## May/June, 2019

### Calendar Items to Note...

- May 6-10- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week!
- May 6- Q4 Interims Home; Herrema Talent Show Auditions; Rising 4th Grader Language Selection Due; "Hooked on Books" Appreciation Theme
- May 7- "No erasing our love for you"; Dellinger Talent Show Auditions
- May 8- "Shower you with Love letters"; Pausley Talent Show Auditions; Staff Appreciation Dinner 4:15pm
- May 9- "We would be muffin without you"; Ramos Talent Show Auditions
- May 10- "Thank you for helping us bloom"; 7:45 PTA Board Meeting; 9:30 Volunteer Tea- courtyard
- May 13- Lemak Talent Show Auditions; Read Around the World Event; 6:00 Honor a Teacher Event; Box Top Quick Collection
- May 16-6:00 Ringers and Singers Concert
- May 17- Talent Show Audition Results Shared; End of Box Tops Collection
- May 22- Talent Show Rehearsal 4:15-5:15pm; 4:30pm Proctor Training for EOG
- May 23- 1st Grade Author's Tea Events; 7:35 SIP Meeting; Talent Show Rehearsal during specials
- May 24- 5th Grade Talent 9:30 K-2; 10:30 3-5
- May 27- Memorial Day Holiday
- May 29- EOG Reading 3rd-5th
- May 30- EOG Math 3rd-5th
- June 4- EOG Science 5th only
- June 7- Walk to School Day; GOLD Celebration/Field Day
- June 10- Awards Day K-1; 2-4
- June 11- 5th Grade Celebration 10:00am followed by picnic in courtyard; Report Cards distributed after 11:30am

ulum innovation, successful desegregation and diversity efforts and consistent delivery of high quality educational services to all stakeholders. Thank you to our families for partnering with us to create a school filled with dynamic learning for students!



# FWES Student Services

When a big test like the EOG is just around the corner, student test anxiety is normal and expected! About 30% of students have at least some test anxiety. A little anxiety can help students do better, because it causes them to want to do their very best and to prepare for the test. However, when a student worries too much about the test, it can get in the way of doing well.



Here are some ideas to help:

- Focus on success, not failure. Talk about how much your child has learned so far this school year, and about all the things they have done in class to prepare for the test.
- Reassure your child that you will be proud no matter what.
- Practice positive thinking. Replace negative words such as "If I do badly on this test, I am a failure," with positive words such as "Yes, this is a difficult test, but I am going to do the

best that I can!" or "I worked hard all year, and I am prepared for this test." Make a list of positive sayings so your child can practice saying them to him/herself.

- Practice simple relaxation techniques at home during the week before the test and the week of the test. For example, closing your eyes and taking deep breaths or slowly counting from 1-10, imagining a relaxing place, or meditation

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## Magnet Musings/Testing Info

from the desk of Anna Goodrum, IB Coordinator/Testing Coordinator  
and Sandra Kidd, ESL Teacher/Testing Coordinator

Last month we celebrated being named a Magnet School of excellence again.

The Magnet School of Excellence is the top merit award category and is only awarded to a select group of magnet schools.

Along with celebrations, May brings us the testing season. May 29th all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will take the Reading EOG and on May 30th the Math EOG. 5th graders will also take the Science EOG on June 4th. We will need parent volunteers to be proctors.

If you are free any of these mornings from 9:00-1:00 we would love to have you. All volunteers must participate in

proctor trainings and will be used to proctor, monitor hallways and deliver lunches K-2. Sign up for volunteering and training is listed below.



[EOG volunteer sign up](#) - ( You must also sign up for a training date as well)

[EOG proctor/volunteer training sign up](#)

Si necesita servicios de traducción gratuitos para comprender los procesos escolares, llame al (919) 852-3303

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# Specialists Activate Learning at FWES...

## Music Notes



Thank you to the Farmington Woods community for a wonderful 3 years together. I will not be returning in the fall, as I enter into a new life stage- I will be getting married this summer! What an adventure we have had singing, playing instruments, going to the symphony, and performing The Little Engine That Could Sing, and 5th Grade Talent Show, among many other experiences. Thank you to parents for all of your support, and to students, for making beautiful music with me. I am looking forward to the Ringers and Singers final concert of the school year on Thursday, May 16th 2019 at 6pm in the Cafeteria. Come join us! Sincerely, Ms. Vitullo

## Healthy Active Kids at FWES!

- Students in Physical Education are working on completing physical fitness assessment, striking with hands and implements. Please ask your child to see their personal fitness 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.
- Walk to School: First Friday of each month from Kildare Plaza parking lot 8:30 a.m. Dates: June 7. We have "celebrity" guests each month with two staff members joining our walks.
- End of year event: Friday June 7. We need volunteers. Sign up using the form included with the 4/29 Electronic Monday Folder. 9:30-11:00 (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade), 12:00-1:30 (K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade), 2:00-3:30 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)



### EOG Testing Schedule Details

More info will go home with 3rd-5th graders

Wednesday, May 29- EOG Reading 3rd-5th- 9:20am-1:10pm; K-2 have lunches in classrooms; No Visitors for lunch K-5- adjusted lunch schedule for all

Thursday, May 30- EOG Math 3rd-5th- 9:20am-1:10pm; K-2 have lunches in classroom; No Visitors for lunch K-5- adjusted lunch schedule for all

Tuesday, June 4th- EOG Science 5th Only- 9:20am-1:10pm; No Visitors for lunch- adjusted lunch schedule for all

K-2 Families:

- Please note that there can be no lunch visitors on EOG Testing days K-5
- Please arrive on time as students who arrive after 9:20am will need to be escorted to their classroom during EOG testing by a school staff member

3-5 Families:

- Students must arrive on time to school or they will have to make up testing- free breakfast is available for all 3-5 students on testing days (5th only on Science)
- Students cannot be released from the classroom prior to the conclusion of ALL testing- please do not plan to pick up students earlier than 1:30pm

### Summer Move?

If your family is planning to move during the summer, please email your new address information to our Student Information Data Manager, Mrs. Nagy at [rnagy@wcpss.net](mailto:rnagy@wcpss.net).

If your child(ren) will not be returning to Farmington Woods/WCPSS due to your address change, please include in your email your child's name, where you are relocating to, and the name of the new school, if known. School records will then be sent out once a request for school records is received from your child's new school. If you have questions about your child's school enrollment options, please contact Mrs. Nagy at (919) 460-3469 Ext. 26504.



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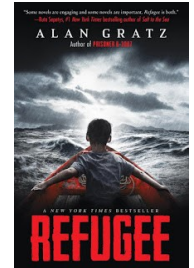
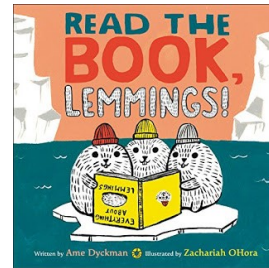


## A Page from the Inquiry Center...

**Read Around the World ...** A celebration is being planned for May 13th for the students who have traveled the full trip around the world with our Read Around the World reading program. Invitations will be sent to each student who has completed the 6 reading logs. At this time, there are about 20 students who have completed (and turned in) their South America logs. Keep reading ... There is still one week to go !



**NCCBA ...** All kindergarten classes have read and voted for this year's North Carolina Children's Book Award (NCCBA). Our school favorite was Read the Book, Lemmings! followed by The Bad Seed. The winning picture book title for the state of North Carolina is Read the Book, Lemmings! (Ame Dyckman) and the winning junior book is Refugee (Alan Gratz).



**SPRING BOOK FAIR ...** Our Scholastic Spring Book Fair was held March 28th - April 5th. Our profit from the Book Fair was slightly over \$3000 which will be used by the Inquiry Center. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make this event a success and especially to Elizabeth Miller, our book fair chair. I could NOT do it without all of the help !

**Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge ...** Farmington Woods will again participate in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. Students began logging minutes on May 6th. This year's summer reading challenge will run from May 6th through September 6th. Information about the reading challenge as well as usernames and passwords will be sent home in Monday folders on May 6th. Students reading and recording 1500 minutes will receive a special charm associated with the Summer Reading Challenge. It will be the first one for next school year's reading keychain and can only be earned for participation in the Summer Challenge. Any student who reads and records 2000 minutes will be entered into a drawing for an e-reader. A copy of the informational letter will be added to the school website. If you need further information please contact Mrs. Grice directly at [egrice@wcpss.net](mailto:egrice@wcpss.net)



**Overdue Library Books ...** Parents have begun 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. If your student feels that their book was returned please have them come talk to Mrs. Grice so that we can check the shelves. Often times books are simply not checked in properly.

All library books will need to be returned by Friday, May 24th in order for inventory to be completed for the collection.

## What's the Buzz on... Being an IB Learner while you play



"Children are curious and naturally want to explore the world around them. They are always ready to learn" (Gilbert, Harte & Patrick, 2011). What a powerful statement and not only is it true of our students, but it is also connected to the IB philosophy and Learner Profile. As IB educators, we aim for students to be life-long learners, true inquirers and take action on what they've learned. As teachers and parents we strive to find genuine ways for students to practice these IB skills. Purposeful play is an excellent way to achieve this goal. For example, when you take your student to a park or while they practice a sport, you can use the IB Learner Profile to encourage and engage with them in play. Encourage students for being risk-takers when they try the monkey-bars for the first time, or attempt a new stroke in the pool, or a practice a turn in ballet. We can also note the IB traits of caring, communicator and being open-minded as we engage in purposeful play. Additionally, Gilbert, Harte & Patrick (2011) offer some strategies to promote your child's play:

- observe children to inform appropriate planning
- ask "What if...?" questions to encourage inquiry
- describe events and emotions to focus understanding
- introduce new words in meaningful context
- elaborate on children's conversations to expand vocabularies

Following these suggestions and connecting our student's play to the IB Learner Profile will increase learning opportunities and our opportunities as adults to engage in the learning process with our students.

# 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, May 10 7:45am**  
**FWES Inquiry Center**  
**All are invited to attend!**

⇒ **Teacher and Staff Appreciation week May 6-10.** This is a time to thank our school's hardworking staff. Please see the themes for each day. In addition to these, the PTA is working on some special treats and of course treating our teachers to an amazing meal on Wednesday. If you would like to make a cash donation to support the PTA's efforts you may drop money off in an envelope labelled teacher appreciation in the blue PTA mailbox in the lobby. We will also be accepting online donations here: <https://fwespta.memberhub.store/>

More information will be available via room parents, and a sign up is forthcoming for volunteers to help with the Staff meal on Wednesday May 8 after school.

⇒ **Final PTA General Body Meeting on May 16.** We will be hosting our final General Body meeting on May 16 immediately before the Handbells concert at 6:00 PM. We will be voting in new officers and voting on our interim budget (to cover summer expenditures) at this meeting. **We are still in need of volunteers for next year's board.** Please contact [ushukla.pta@gmail.com](mailto:ushukla.pta@gmail.com)



⇒ **Volunteer Tea:** FWES Thanks all of our volunteers who have helped the PTA or our school throughout the year. Please join us on Friday, May 10th at 9:30am in the courtyard for our annual Volunteer Tea to show our appreciation!

⇒ **Art To Remember Late Orders through May 8:** Did you miss out on ordering keepsakes made from your child's artwork through Art to Remember? We will be collecting late orders until May 8. You can order online at [order.arttoremember.com](http://order.arttoremember.com) (no extra cost to you or the PTA) using the code that was provided to you on the flyer. If you need your code, please contact Mrs. Smith at [bsmith3@wcpss.net](mailto:bsmith3@wcpss.net). We can accept paper orders until May 8 as well.

⇒ **Support the PTA and get a discount on Massage from Massage At Hand.** One of our parents, Jason Fogleman, owner of Massage at Hand, is offering a \$10 discount and a \$10 donation to the PTA for each massage session purchased using the coupon code FWESPTA. Massages make great gifts for staff appreciation or for Mother's Day. Please visit [MassageAtHand.com](http://MassageAtHand.com) to schedule online or text/call 919-907-0907.



⇒ **Box Tops Collection May 13-17.** We will have our final box top collection competition of the year May 13-17. Please clip and send in all your box tops as each one is worth 10 cents back to FWES!

⇒ **Farmer Families Needed:** The FWES Community Garden looking for Farmer Families this summer! Last year we grew over 100 pounds of food together that was donated to the Dorcas Food Bank! Can your family help? We are looking for families who will adopt the garden for one week. During that week you would water, harvest and help as needed to keep the garden growing. We provide all the tools and information you need. Please use this link or contact Amy Long for more information. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944abae2da6fb6-fwes2>



⇒ **ALL FWES FAMILIES ARE WELCOME** to come water and harvest every Thursday at 9:30am during the summer break. Join our FWES/PTA garden team weighing and packaging up our harvest. Sign in at the front desk and then meet us in the garden.

⇒ **Simplify School Supply Purchases and give back to the PTA by ordering through Yubbler!** The PTA is happy to offer online school supply purchases at discounted prices through Yubbler.com. Yubbler will donate 50% of the profits back to our PTA!

Find the supply list for your child's grade by going to <https://www.yubbler.com/Yub/Details/20659>

Click on the purchase button ("Full List") then enter your shipping and billing information<sup>1</sup>

You can customize your cart in checkout by removing or adding items

Supplies are shipped "Next Day" to your home for free (\$25 minimum purchase).

Purchase by August 15 to ensure delivery in time for the start of school

**Order early and save 10-20% off your order!**

If you have any questions, you can contact Yubbler at [info@yubbler.com](mailto:info@yubbler.com) or send us a note.

⇒ **Lost and Found:** Hundreds of items are currently in the Lost & Found. Think you have lost something over the school year? There are hundreds of coats, water bottles, lunch boxes, hats, gloves and misc. items on the Lost & Found rack and in the closet in the back of the cafeteria. Anything left after the last day of school will be donated.



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Dear FWES Families,

It has been an honor to serve as your PTA president for the last two years. As the NCPTA bylaws only allow someone to hold this role for a two year term, my term is ending.

Our dedicated board of volunteers has been absolutely amazing. It has been a joy to give back to the school that has done so much for my children.

In the last two years, our PTA has brought in over \$60,000 of funds and has been able to fund the following for our children:

- 8 cultural arts presentations, plus an artist residency, two visiting authors, more than \$15,000 dollars in classroom grants.

- We supported the advocacy efforts of the NC PTA.

- We have paid for Scholastic News and Raz Kids Learning software for each of our students, plus Rockalingua for our Spanish classes.

- We have purchased bottle filling water fountains, new picnic tables, chromebooks, classroom TV screens, playground equipment and storage.

- We have matched grants from the Rotary club to fund the Read a book get a book program.

- Provided a coffee cart for ID mod, sponsored the Reflections arts program, hosted four book fairs, supported parent led clubs.

- Hosted fun nights at goldfish swim school, jellybeans skating, movie nights and our two best attended world dances ever!

- Our volunteers have organized and led Hook-A-Book, helped with picture day, worked in the Garden, helped our teachers prepare classroom materials, performed various hands on tasks, organized and led two campus clean ups and much, much, more.

None of this would have been possible without the tireless efforts of our volunteers.

If you are interested in giving back to our school in any capacity please contact me at [ushukla.pta@gmail.com](mailto:ushukla.pta@gmail.com). We could use help with grant writing, garden care, fundraising, translation, and more. If you think your skills would be of service in any of these or other areas please contact me. I would be happy to talk to you.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve our school community.

Sincerely,

Ushma Shukla Oldham  
FWES PTA President