# PTA President's Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year:

It's hard to believe it's that time already! Time to enjoy the remaining weeks of summer, making as many memories as possible. Time to start thinking about school supplies. Are you scanning the ads for the coolest deals? Or are you a one-stop shopper and using Yubbler this year? Time to get excited about who your child's teacher will be and getting reconnected with school friends. And time to think of all the wonderful things we are going to accomplise



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## Our Voices Are Stronger Together!

Like past years, there will be many new faces at Farmington Woods...new teachers, new students, new PTA leaders. We are so excited to welcome everyone to our FWES community. We are a community of different cultures, backgrounds, traditions, and ideas all brought together by one of the best magnet schools in the country! Last year we were able to do so many great things together. There are new picnic tables around campus, new mats in the gym, a coffee cart for the ID Mod classrooms, and new technology in the Inquiry Center and classrooms. We were also able to continue successful programs like the Book Fair, World Dance, Raz Kids reading, Scholastic News, and staff appreciation.

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Looking forward to this year, we are on track to continue all of those wonderful annual programs. In addition, we are looking forward to new ways of bringing our FWES community together with events like a movie night, coffee chats, and FWES nights at local restaurants to name a few. And it all kicks off with our Back To School Picnic on the FWES playground. Come celebrate back to school with your PTA on August 22nd at 4:30pm! After the class lists are posted on the front doors, bring a picnic dinner and watch all the students reconnect running around the playground.

Lastly, Thank you!! Thank you for your time, thank you for your membership, thank you for your donations, thank you for your encouragement. And thank you for your incredible support. I am so excited about all of the amazing things we will do this year because...

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Sincerely,

Stevie Martino President FWES PTA

Visit FWES PTA Website for more news and information!

### 2019- 2020 FWES PTA Executive Board

Stevie Martino – President Liz Miller – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Jennifer Lietzke – Treasurer Elizabeth Plotkin – Secretary Debbie Reuther – VP of Services Sarah Barrett – VP of Programs Rashelle Hamilton – VP of Ways and Means Vivian Lin - VP of Communication

# FWES WELCOME BACK EVENTS & PTA NEWS:

# Back to School Picnic

# August 22,2019 - 4:30-6:30pm

Bring a picnic dinner and kick off the school year with other FWES families! On Thursday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> after class lists are posted, families are invited to socialize on the playground. Other activities include:

- Joining or renewing your PTA Membership
- Shopping for spirit wear
- Meeting PTA leaders
- Eating Bruster's Ice Cream 🐵



# Meet the Teacher

# August 23,2019 - 8:30-10:30am

Meet your child's teacher during a floating openhouse style event at FWES. Kick off the 2019-2020 school year by:

- Joining or renewing your PTA membership
- Purchasing 5th grade agendas
- Purchasing spirit wear
- Signing-up to volunteer



### **Reflections Art Contest**

Looking for an activity to keep your child busy this summer? Have them create original artwork for the PTA Reflections competition. The theme is "Look Within", and entries are accepted in Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. More details to follow!

# Noteworthy Announcements:

### How to join the PTA!

2019-2020 Yearly Membership fee will be **\$7.00 individual** OR **\$12.00 family** Starting in July, join in person or online and help us support learning for all at FWES! Visit : <u>https://fwespta.memberhub.store</u> or join in person during a back to

school event in August and September!

#### FWES First Fundraiser: Go Play Save Coupon Books

Coupon books will go home with each student along with a purchase form for additional books. Families are asked to purchase the book or return it to school. Sales will last fo the first month of school.

### important dates:

8/30/19 - books will go home 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 9/4/19 – books go home with Kinder 9/27/19 – all purchases due



#### First General Body Meeting Your vote is needed!

Join us for the first PTA General Body meeting in September. The meeting will take place in conjunction with the first parent night event. During the meeting, you will have a chance to meet board members, review the annual budget, hear program initiatives for the school year and learn about ways to support our school! We invite you to come learn about programs at FWES and get involved with your student's school community! We can't wait to see you there!

### Follow us on social media

Get updates on programs, information and opportunities to get involved! Also see our IB Learners in action during the school year!

Facebook: FarmingtonWoodsPTA





