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The FAIRHOPE WEST ELEMENTARY **PIRATE**

AUGUST News ♦ 2022

"Learning and Leading to Empower Our Genius!"

MEET THE TEACHER CHECKLIST

- ☐ Bring student
- ☐ Bring school supplies
- ☐ Pick up prepaid School Supply Kit in the gym, if you purchased one
- ☐ Pay opening school expenses in the gym
- ☐ Pick up or purchase school t-shirts in the gym
- ☐ Secure transportation in the gym
- ☐ Join Walking School Bus in the gym
- ☐ Visit with the nurses in the gym
- ☐ Pay for lunch or apply for free/reduced lunch in the gym

My School Bucks payments will open in early June, 2022.

Purchase school t-shirts and avoid long lines at Meet the Teacher by paying online at www.fairhopeelementary.com under My School Bucks.

Important Dates

- Aug. 4** PreK Orientation 5:30, PreK Building, PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE
- Aug. 4** Kindergarten Orientation 6:00, Cafeteria, Parents only, please
- Aug. 8** Meet the Teacher, PreK-6th Grade, 8:00-12:00, Gym
- Aug. 10** First Day of School! 7:40 a.m. (Only students are allowed on the hallways.)
- Aug. 19** Volunteer Breakfast Sponsored by the Parent Teacher Partnership, PTP, 8:00 a.m., Cafeteria
- Sept. 8** Open House 5:00, Classroom

SCHOOL HOURS

7:40 am - 2:50 pm

Tardy Bell - 7:50 am

FAIRHOPE WEST ELEMENTARY UNIFORM POLICY!

As you prepare for clothing purchases this summer, please be mindful that the policy will be more closely monitored. With COVID demands the past two years, clothing has not been a top priority. The most problematic sections include the following:

- Proper length of shorts
- Only on Fridays are students allowed to wear non Fairhope West t-shirts.

On Fridays, students may wear any shirt that supports Fairhope community or pirate pride including PTC clothing. BCBOE policy requires khaki, navy, or denim, or blue bottoms.

Students may wear any shade of blues (not just navy) and white polo shirts. Students may also may wear any t-shirt purchased from Fairhope West Elementary, including past FWES t-shirts, on any day, Monday through Friday.



Fairhope West T-SHIRTS & PIRATE GEAR!

Costa Print is selling Fairhope West Pirate Gear and the Fairhope West t-shirts! The Pirate Gear includes a multiplicity of dry fit, cotton, long and short sleeve, and even winter jackets. A cool new selection of new t-shirts is available along with some favorite older ones.



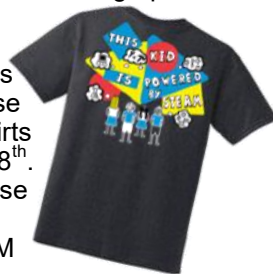
The official kid-inspired Spirit Shirt for the 2022-2023 is "Be Who You Aaargh!" The theme was chosen by the students and designed by Anna Smith.



The 22-23 official Field Trip T-shirt, "Work like a Captain, and Play like a Pirate!" will be available for sale on Saturday, August 6th because each teacher is assigned a different color. Once you receive your welcome letter from your teacher on Saturday, you will know what color t-shirt to purchase. Students wear these colored shirts on field trips so teachers can quickly locate students assigned to their homeroom.

In the meantime, check out the great Fairhope West clothing options for sale at the link: fves.costaprints.com

The STEAM Fairhope t-shirt, designed by students Avery Wren and Aly Rains is available for purchase at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/bdeu4et7>. The t-shirts will be available for pick up in the gym on August 8th. This STEAM shirt will also be available for purchase by check or cash only at Meet the Teacher. The students did a great job encompassing the STEAM vibe of FWE!



Free/Reduced Lunch

Students no longer will receive free lunches as we have during the COVID years. In order to receive reduced/free lunches again, it will be necessary to apply for free/reduced lunch for the 22-23 school year. The application is easy, and the cafeteria staff will be happy to assist you at Meet the Teacher in the gym on August 8, 2022.



Snacks Available to Purchase in the Canteen!

Fairhope West Elementary School continues to offer snack foods that comply with the Health and Wellness policy. Below is a list of items that will be sold in our canteen. Simply send money to school in an envelope with your child's name and snack order clearly marked.

Fruit Rollups	50¢
Frosted Fudge Poptart.....	50¢
Lay's Plain Potato Chips	75¢
Lay's Baked BBQ Chips	75¢
Hot Baked Cheetos	75¢
Doritos Nacho Cheese	75¢
Doritos Cool Ranch.....	75¢
Goldfish Crackers	75¢
Ritz Bits Cheese Crackers.....	75¢
Rold Gold Pretzels	75¢
Cookie Crumble Cones.....	\$1
Blue Raspberry Popsicle	\$1

Week 1 and 2 Reminders

- ❑ Parents are not allowed to walk students to the class, including the first day.
- ❑ Parents are encouraged to follow car line procedures and drop students off in the car line and not walk students to the school doors to help ease traffic issues due to lack of parking. Please review the map in the Student Handbook or view these videos on our school's website under Parent Information, <https://www.bcbe.org/domain/8067>
- ❑ Except in case of emergency and approved by administration, no checkouts are allowed after 2:00 p.m.
- ❑ If you send a lunch to school with your child, please send it with your student in the morning. Late lunch deliveries are discouraged. In the event your child forgot his/her lunch, a hot lunch is available.
- ❑ Due to the small space of the cafeteria and continued COVID risks, parent lunch visits are limited to one visit per year, preferably a birthday month. Summer birthdays please choose a time convenient for you. Parents may begin eating with students after the first two weeks of school. To ensure enough food is prepared, please inform your teacher if you will be eating with us.

ATTENTION: Kindergarten and 5th Grade Students

ROBERTSDALE HEALTH DEPARTMENT VACCINATION CLINIC

JULY 11, JULY 12, JULY 25, JULY 26, AUGUST 4,
AUGUST 10, AND AUGUST 11

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

From 9:00am to 3:00pm all days listed above



PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL NURSE IF YOU ARE UNSURE
WHAT VACCINATIONS YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO START SCHOOL.

News from the

PARENT TEACHER PARTNERSHIP (PTP)

Who is the PTP?

YOU! Every parent of children enrolled at FWE is a part of the partnership between the school and home.

How much does it cost?

No membership cost when you enroll your child at FWE. All parents are partners, and that is **FREE!**

How can I get involved?

Contact FairhopeWestPTP@gmail.com or Facebook page Fairhope West Parent Teacher Partnership to get on a specialized email list to help with volunteering. Attend the Volunteer Breakfast on August 19th at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.

What is the purpose of the PTP?

To support teacher needs so our children can receive the best instruction possible and help families feel comfortable and have a presence at the school. After a year of COVID rules, we are all anxious to be back on the halls of the campus! The PTP will match your skills and interests with the needs of the school.

Leadership Committee Terri Thompson
Elizabeth Jones
Annie Dixon

Events Alison Long
Mamie Brett

On-Campus Jenny Beth Rodden

Outreach Jamie Breaux

Pirate Dash Molly Spain
Courtney Calhoun

Appreciation Katie Robertson
Amy Boward



FAIRHOPE WEST

PARENT-TEACHER PARTNERSHIP

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the entire staff of Fairhope West Elementary, welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! The custodians have waxed the classrooms, cafeteria ladies have unloaded food shipments, teachers and paras have attended professional development sessions and prepared beautiful classrooms, and the front office has enrolled our new families. We are all excited to see children in the building!

The staff at Fairhope West has high expectations of both themselves and students. We are proud of our recent achievement, **Lighthouse School**, awarded from Franklin Covey **Leader in Me** in May 2022. Fairhope West was also named a **STEAM Certified** school in 2021. Both reinforce our belief, "Here are Fairhope West, we are learning and leading to empower our genius." Using **Leader in Me**, students strive to take responsibility for their learning through goal setting, controlling their reactions to situations, and synergizing together to solve problems.

We will continue to connect books to each child based on their individual interest so students will increase the number of books they read. This not only promotes improved reading achievement but also helps children learn to become leaders. As children read, they explore what really interests them helping them to find their unique talents with which they were born – "Learning and leading to empower our genius."

Your support is important. Research proves over and over that the amount of time students spend reading *out of school* is the biggest predictor of reading achievement. In addition, reading volume is the single greatest factor in reading achievement – greater than socioeconomic status! *This means that getting kids to read at home at a level that is easy for them in a high-interest book is the biggest predictor of reading achievement.* We hope that you will partner with us every day by reading to your child, reading with your child, and encouraging independent reading! **Reading at home can be a game changer!**

Rest assured Fairhope West is a safe school. Safety is and has always been a top priority for Baldwin County Schools. Every school has a School Resource Officer, SRO. SRO Brian Millines has been with Fairhope West for three years. The doors of every school, including FWE, remains locked, and visitors have one point of entry after showing identification and stating the reason for the visit. Baldwin County Schools has had a director in charge of safety operations for many years. The Assistant Superintendent in charge of safety is Marty McRae.

For more detailed information about procedures check out the *Fairhope West Elementary Student Handbook* online at our school website. The handbook contains a calendar, procedures, and policies.

If you have any concerns or questions, please know I am available! You may email me at jgpierce@bcbe.org. The school is very large so give me a few days to get back with you. Again, we are super excited about the upcoming school year, and we know it's going to be one of the best ever!

Julie Pierce

Car-Rider Line SURVIVAL

Morning car rider suggestions:

- Have your child dressed, shoes on feet, fed, and ready to exit the car upon arrival. If you need extra time, please pull off to the side before getting close to the drop off point so others may proceed.
- The first car should pull up to the end of the covered sidewalks. Others should pull up as far forward as possible. PULL UP!!
- K -3 students exit the car on the passenger side. Grades 4-6 students exit on the driver side. HOV students exit on the driver side. Please have students exit independently as quickly as possible.
- Limit kisses and goodbyes so others can proceed in order to avoid the tardy bell at 7:50 a.m.

Afternoon car rider suggestions:

- Get your car rider sign for your car from your homeroom teacher. HOV and walker passes will be issued from the gym on August 5 and in the office afterwards.
- The first car should pull up to the end of the covered sidewalks. Others should pull up as far forward as possible. PULL UP!!
- Have your child's name visible until your student is loaded.
- Remain in your car, please.
- Bring a book, magazine, or something to keep you busy while you wait on five years old's to maneuver the car rider line. Lots of emotions are in play for both you and the children. They are all convinced you have forgotten to pick them up!
- Be kind and patient as we try to move the car line along. It will move more smoothly and quickly with time.
- If your child does not come to the car in a timely manner, we will have you pull forward in a waiting position while we locate your child. Over the years, we have learned that younger students are very tired after a full day of school and sometimes don't hear their name called.
- Arrive a bit later to avoid the congestion. If all else fails, have your students ride the bus!

See the Student Handbook for more details.

Click on this link <https://www.bcbe.org/domain/8067> for a virtual ride through the 3 carlines.

BUS RIDER INFORMATION

August 8, 2022 Gym

If your child will be riding the bus any day this year, please stop by the bus transportation tables to sign up your child for the correct route. This helps ensure we have enough seats for everyone. Please review this short safety video with your child:
<https://vimeo.com/350757299>

Bus drivers also ask that you sign up for messages from Bus Bulletin while signing up for a bus route on Monday, August 8th in the gym. Bus Bulletin will send emails, texts, and phone calls directly from the driver to you so you can get up to date information about their routes including late pickups, late deliveries and when to expect a substitute driver.

escape THE MORNING carline By joining The...

Register to participate in the Fairhope West Elementary School's Walking School Bus!



The Walking School Bus (WSB) is a perfect WIN-WIN for you and your child!

- Teachers & adult volunteers provide a safe escort
- Students arrive at school focused and ready to learn
- Enjoy a quick & convenient drop off - **no waiting in a long line**
- **A pattern of daily exercise leads to better academic performance**

The Basics:

- Drop off: 7:05-7:20 am on the corner of School St & Fairhope Ave on campus of Coastal Alabama Community College
- You may "try out" the WSB without registering, but to participate on a regular basis, registration is required
- Children complete "attendance check in" as soon as they arrive
- Children play (recess before school) before WSB begins each morning
- You may walk with your children or use the car line drop off
- WSB leaves at 7:20 am - students **are not on time** for school breakfast
- We walk on rainy days if there is no lightening - rain gear required
- Castle Fridays are a special treat enjoyed by our WSB students
- The WSB is a program of the nonprofit Baldwin County Trailblazers in collaboration with Fairhope West and the City of Fairhope

Questions?

Register by picking up a WSB form at the school office, via FWES or WSB website

<http://fairhopewalkingschoolbus.weebly.com/>

Call WSB Director Charlene Lee at 251-402-2795, West Coordinator Coach Hudson at 251-422-9013 or e-mail walkingschoolbusfes@gmail.com.

Check out the Facebook page:
Fairhope Schools Walking School Bus.

Birthday celebrations are back!

Your choice of birthday cake flavored or cookie crumble flavor ice cream cones are available for sale for your child's class from the school canteen. Cupcakes and other baked goods will be discouraged. Drop-offs of cupcakes for birthday celebrations at school have become burdensome. This change will avoid classroom interruptions, decrease drop-offs, and reduce stress for everyone.

One to two weeks before your child's birthday, download the order form found on the Fairhope West website and send to the teacher along with cash or check made out to FWE for \$20. If you forget to order ice cream before your child's birthday, the office can still accommodate you if inventory allows. Simply call the front office. There is a non-dairy option for classmates with allergies.

For birthdays occurring in the month of May, there will be a cutoff date of May 5, 2023 to place and pay for orders. This will allow us to be sure to have ice cream available.



FWE NEW FACULTY & STAFF

Allison Kelley is beginning her 2nd year teaching after spending nearly a decade in television production. She taught third grade at Magnolia School last year and is very excited to join the Fairhope Pirate family in 3rd grade. She lives in Fairhope with her husband, Chuck, and two children. Connor attends Fairhope Middle School. Jillian is in 5th grade at Fairhope West. Mrs. Kelley is a runner and loves to read and spend time outdoors.

Kia Johnson will be working in our cafeteria. Her daughter attends FWE. Kia has worked in food service for several years.

Kacie Aston earned her Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education at the University of North Alabama and Master's in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education at the University of West Alabama. She is a mother of three and is returning to the classroom after homeschooling her children for five years. She loves the beach and is active with her church, serving as a worship leader.

Sherry Erwin is new to our custodial team. She worked for FedEx Express in Mobile for 32 years and retired 2 years ago. Both she and her husband, Butch, enjoy beautifying their yard and consistently failing to grow tomatoes. She looks forward to joining the Fairhope West team.

Rebecca Wilson is returning to Fairhope West to teach fifth grade! She is originally from Alaska but moved to Alabama in 2008 to go to Auburn University. She loves spending time with family and has a spunky little girl named Caroline and big fur baby named Kodiak. She and her husband like taking adventures outside and cheering on the Auburn Tigers

Stephanie Smith will be joining the Special Education Resource team at Fairhope West and has over 15 years of teaching experience in Baldwin County. Mrs. Smith has been married for 13 years and has an 11 year old daughter. Her hobbies include reading, having family game night, going on family trips and exploring new adventures together.

Tyler Harrison is a new custodian for FWE. He moved to Baldwin county in 2017 with his wife Stephanie. They have one son, Lawson, who is 2 years old.

Beth Higgins is from Daphne and will be serving as an instructional aide. She is married and has 3 daughters, Lillie, Leighanne and Lauren. Mrs. Higgins enjoys sewing, gardening and crime show podcast.

Christy Whitney will be starting her 21st year of teaching this year. She received her masters from South Alabama as a Reading Specialist. She loves spending time with her husband and three boys, reading, and going to church.

Kacie Maddox is beginning her ninth-year teaching. She is married and has a daughter named Murphy. She enjoys pickle ball, working out, and reading. She is a Fairhope alumnus and thrilled to be teaching in the Fairhope community. Go Pirates!

Leah Hymel, a para educator, is excited to be returning to Fairhope West Elementary. She enjoys being outdoors with her husband and twin daughters.

Sandra Cummings will be working in our cafeteria. She is originally from Chilton County. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren who live here in Baldwin County. War Eagle!

Michelle Hagins is a transplant from Texas who will be teaching 6th grade. She loves the beach and does not enjoy cooking.

Melody Jordan will be a special education teacher. She recently moved from Birmingham. She was born in Germany, loves to bake and cook and go to the beach.

Taylor Hibbard recently moved here from Georgia but grew up in Knoxville. She loves the outdoors especially the beach. She has known that she wanted to be a teacher since she was in the 6th grade.

Susan Eaton comes to Baldwin County from Florida. She has taught in Florida and Texas for 23 years. Her favorite subject to teach is reading.

Holly Jordan is from Mobile, Alabama. She is beginning her 19th year in education and 15th year in Kindergarten. She enjoys cooking, traveling, reading, and beach days. Miss Jordan and her fiancée are excited to join the Fairhope community.

Rebecca Beuparlant is one of our new custodians. She is from Mobile, and her husband is from Texas. She tells us the name Beuparlant means beautiful language.

Emi Hayden has been a counselor at Old Shell Road Magnet School and Pathway Elementary. She is will be our new behavior coach. She and her husband have two girls and a dog name Maggie.