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The FAIRHOPE ELEMENTARY PIRATE

August News ♦ 2019

"Learning and Leading to Empower Our Genius!"

Meet the Teacher CHECKLIST

Bring school supplies

Pick up prepaid School Supply Kit in the gym, if you purchased one

In gym, purchase T-shirt optional

Secure transportation

Join PTC

Fairhope K-6
PTC

Join Walking School Bus

**WALKING
SCHOOL
BUS**
FAIRHOPE SCHOOLS
Alabama's 1st Daily Walking School Bus

Visit with the nurses

Pay for lunch or apply for free/reduced lunch



Important Dates

- Aug. 12 Meet the Teacher**
PreK/Kindergarten 7:45-9:15
1st Grade 9:45-11:15
2nd Grade 11:45-1:15
3rd Grade 1:45-3:15
- Aug. 14 First Day of School!** Only students are allowed on the hallways
- Aug. 19 Get the Facts Night,** 1st-3rd Grades 6:00 p.m. Classroom
- Aug. 29 Volunteer Breakfast**
8:00 a.m. Cafeteria

School Hours
7:40-2:45
Tardy Bell
7:50 a.m.

EASIER UNIFORM POLICY!

In addition to the navy and white polo shirts, students may wear any t-shirt purchased from Fairhope Elementary School, or PTC including past FES t-shirts, on *any* day, Monday through Friday. Fairhope Fridays continue when students may wear any shirt that supports Fairhope community or pirate pride. BCBOE policy requires khaki, navy, or denim, or blue bottoms.

Volunteer Breakfast August 29th 8:00 a.m.

A large school like FES needs lots of folks to help out in many capacities. If you would like to help shelve books in the library, assist in a classroom, organize Box Tops, be a room parent, pass out water at Boosterthon, work the Saturday Pirate Dash, assemble honors medals, paint, etc... then please attend our Volunteer Breakfast on Thursday, August 29th, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.



**Avoid long
lines and pay
online at:**

fairhopeelementary.com
under the Resources column.

eSchool Payments
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2019-2020 Changes for Birthday Celebrations at School

STRESS-FREE Birthday Celebrations

This year, 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 and decrease stress for everyone. Instead, you may purchase "Birthday Cake Ice Cream Cones" for your child's entire class from the school canteen. The kids love them!

Here's how it will work: 1-2 weeks before your child's birthday download the order form found on the FES website and email or send with your child to his/her teacher. On the day of your child's birthday, send a check or cash for \$15 to the school. The teacher will forward the order form and payment to the office where it will be filled and kept cold until the teacher sends for it.



If you forget to plan for the birthday, no worries, we can still accommodate you if supplies allow. Simply call the front office. There will be a non-dairy option for classmates with allergies.

We hope this change will reduce drop-offs and classroom interruptions.

2019-2020 fairhope K-6 PTC BOARD MEMBERS

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2019-2020 FES Snacks Available for Purchase

Fruit Rollups	50¢
Rice Krispies Treat	75¢
Nacho Cheese Dorito	75¢
Lay's Potato Chips	75¢
Pepperidge Farm Goldfish	75¢



Cookie Crumble Ice Cream Cone	\$1
Frozen Fruit Punch	\$1

Fairhope 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.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We are thrilled that you have chosen to partner with us at FES to educate your child.

Connecting each child to books that they love to read so they will read A LOT will be our academic focus this year. This willingness to read a lot because it's interesting will lead to volume reading. Volume reading at home is the key! 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!

In addition to academics, we will help your child discover and develop his or her unique gifts and talents by using the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and the Leader in Me. Opportunities to lead will promote self-confidence, responsibility, and initiative. Your child will learn to work cooperatively with others, encourage one another, and synergize.

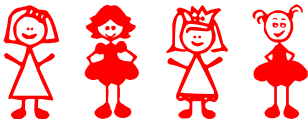
For more detailed information about procedures check out the *Fairhope Elementary School Student Handbook* online at:

<http://www.bcbe.org/fairhopeelem>

The handbook contains the updated calendar, staff listing, procedures, and policies.

We've worked hard this summer to get ready for your children. Should you have any concerns or questions, please know I am available! You may call the school at 251-928-8400 or 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



Meet Our New Staff



Cindy Hutter – Mrs. Hutter and her husband moved to Fairhope this summer from Alabaster. She has 19 years of experience in education teaching kindergarten, first and second grades. She enjoys photography, traveling, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Brooke Galloway – Mrs. Galloway comes to Fairhope from Pinson, Alabama with ten years of kindergarten experience. She is married and has one 4-year-old daughter, Everly.

Jaime Harrison – Mrs. Harrison is our new multiple disabilities teacher. She is from Louisiana and has been working with special needs children for 13 of her 15 years in education. She enjoys boating and spending time with family and friends.

Lauren Cheatham – Mrs. Cheatham recently moved from Houston, Texas. She has five years of experience and will be teaching special education students. She and her husband, James, enjoy spending time on their farm, at

the beach, at the movies, or on the golf course.

Brooke Loyd – Mrs. Loyd is returning to Fairhope. She has been teaching at Alabaster Elementary School for 14 years. She and her husband have three children.

Shannon Edwards – Mrs. Edwards, originally from Ohio, will be teaching second grade. She has six years of experience in education and enjoys instilling the love of reading in her students. She is the mother of three children and enjoys spending time at the beach.

Katherine Kier – Mrs. Kier will be teaching reading intervention. She is married and has two children. She enjoys baking, reading, and going to the beach.

Renee Chavers – Mrs. Chavers is transferring from the Fairhope High School cafeteria. She moved here from Nashville where she was a master gardener and helped start gardens in schools. She has two adult children and likes to kayak!



How to Change Dismissal for a Student

Changing a child's dismissal involves a lot of folks - front office staff, teacher(s), child(ren), Mom, and Dad. The challenge with one transportation change is to make sure that everyone gets the word. The challenge in a large school with 1100 students is to make sure that A LOT of folks get the word. Welcome School Dismissal Manager! School Dismissal Manager is an online system that informs all parties of transportation changes with a few clicks of a button. This reduces the chance of error. Beginning September 9, FES will begin using School Dismissal Manager for afternoon dismissal changes. The system is easy. Detailed instructions will be coming to you the last week of August. In addition, the Student Handbook, located on the school website, has a section with more specific information about SDM.

Some of you may have specific custodial situations that will need to be addressed on an individual basis. Please contact Mary Elizabeth Brock or Julie Pierce for assistance. Mary Elizabeth Brock's email address is mebrock@bcbe.org. Julie Pierce's email address is jgpierce@bcbe.org. The office phone number is 251-928-8400. We are here to help and are excited about making transportation changes via email.

Between August 14 and September 6, dismissal changes should be made by contacting the front office. Oftentimes, teachers do not check email until after school is dismissed, so please go through the office or send a note explaining the transportation change to your teacher for these first two weeks.

Best Advice - Only change transportation the first weeks of school for young children in case of an emergency to help us minimize the stress of moving 1100 children to their correct dismissal points.

Week 1 and 2 REMINDERS

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.**





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 may be dropped off at a pick up table in the office.

Parents may begin eating with students after the first two weeks of school.








Car-Rider Line SURVIVAL Tips

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 and 1 students exit the car on the passenger side. Grades 2 and 3 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 12 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 olds 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.
-  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

<https://www.bcbe.org/fairhopelem>