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# The FAIRHOPE ELEMENTARY PIRATE

**DECEMBER News ♦ 2019**

*"Learning and Leading to Empower Our Genius!"*

## The Leader in Me™ Leadership Day Open House! *You are invited!*

**Who:** Parents  
**What:** Leader in Me Open House/Leadership Day!  
**When:** January 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Fairhope Elementary School Cafeteria  
Followed by Classroom Visits  
**Why:** Feature our Leader in Me Accomplishments



## Important Dates

- Dec. 1-6 Toys for Tots
- Dec. 2-13 Book Fair 7:30-2:30 (Wednesday 5:30 p.m.)
- Dec. 2-6 Red Ribbon Project
- Dec. 5 Kona Ice
- Dec. 5 Subway Spirit Night
- Dec. 6 Bike to School Day
- Dec. 14 Holidays with Homestead Village Volunteer Day 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 18 Out of Uniform for Perfect Attendance
- Dec. 18 Kindergarten Tours
- Dec. 20 Christmas Parties and Pajama Day

Dear Parents and Families.

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- ☛ Set the example. Let children see you read.
- ☛ Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- ☛ Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.



**Monday, Dec. 2nd through  
Friday, Dec. 13th  
7:30 am - 2:30 pm each day**

**Special Extended Hours  
Wednesday, Dec. 4th  
open until 5:30**

**Two NEW shopping options!** Book Fair eWallet is a safe and convenient digital payment option for your student to shop the Fair cash-free. If you're not able to attend the Fair, try our new online shopping. We've partnered with the Scholastic Store to offer over 6,000 products that ship direct to home (with free shipping on book-only orders of \$25 or more)! Visit our homepage to get started: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/fairhopeelementaryschool>



## *Congratulations, Logan, on being chosen as our Red Ribbon Leader!*

This year third grade student Logan Rogers was selected as the 2019-2020 Red Ribbon Leader for our school.

As his community service project, Logan wanted to help the Fairhope Police Department in their fight against illegal drugs. When we contacted the FPD to find out how we could help, they asked if we would raise money to provide protection vests for K-9 Officer Kumba and K-9 Officer Bauer. K-9 officers are a very important part of fighting illegal drugs in our community. Logan will be collecting money each morning before school on December 2-6 in front of the school office. Please consider supporting Logan's efforts to give back to our community by sending in your donation.



## **Holidays with Homestead Volunteer Project**



FES is sponsoring a volunteer project with Homestead Village on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 10am.

The holiday season can be a lonely time for residents at our local retirement homes. We are asking parents and students to sign up to spend a special morning with Homestead residents to bring a little Christmas joy to their lives. We will be helping residents decorate cookies, sing carols and share their favorite holiday traditions with each other.

FES and FIS will earn Disney tickets through Points of Light for this volunteer project to raffle off at our 2020 Dream Big Together Family Night and Auction.

Sign up today at:

<https://www.allforgood.org/projects/9kA1ROkz>

## **BOXTOP WINNERS**



**Evan Robertson**  
Erdossy



**Aaleyah Wells**  
Orfanello



**Earn Cash for Our School!**

Friday, December 6th is Bike to School Day with a Christmas theme! Decorate your bike for Christmas to get a Fairhope Store jingle bell and be entered into a drawing for Fairhope Store T-shirts! Don't be late - we'll pick a winner at 7:35am. All participants will get a spoke bead for their bikes. Remember to wear your helmet, enter by the HOV line and walk your bike once on campus.

## **BIKE TO SCHOOL**

### **Christmas Ride!**

Decorate your bike for Christmas to win prizes! All participants receive a Fairhope Store jingle bell and spoke bead.





## FES 2019-2020 YEARBOOKS!

Order yours TODAY!!!  
Only \$35.00

FES is excited to share the 2019-2020 school year by providing a hardback yearbook! This year will be the last year of FES as a K-3 school; so, preserve your child's special memories as a school with only primary grades. Reserve your copy today! Please pay \$35 with cash or check made payable to FES. Send money to your child's teacher. **Deadline for payment is Thursday, February 27, 2020.** Your child will receive his/her copy at the end of the school year so it can be signed by friends and teachers.



Two Events  
One Donation!  
**Pirate Dash  
and Silent Auction**  
Sponsorship Available!

## Digital Learning, Computer Science Pilot Initiative



Mrs. Workman is part of the Digital Learning, Computer Science pilot initiative that is facilitated by our local AMSTI-USA. The digital learning rotational kit (returned after a quarter for others to use) includes the Wonder Workshop Dash and Dot robots as well as their attachments. Mrs. Workman's class was able to demonstrate in the STEAM lab many varied types of learning using these robots when Dr. Mackey and Mr. Tyler visited Fairhope Elementary. Mr. Tyler graciously offered to purchase replacement materials for the students to have all year when he realized the materials they were using would have to be returned after being used for only a quarter. *Thank you Mr. Tyler!*

This year the Pirate Dash 5K and the Family Night and Auction are teaming up to Dream Big Together!

Your **one** sponsorship will include benefits at **both** beloved community events providing you with an exciting marketing opportunity to reach local families.

From sponsored booths to logos on the back of t-shirts and digital signs to sponsored art pieces hung in our school hallways for years to come, we have creative ideas on how your local business can partner with our schools.

Until the 3 mill funding is distributed, it is still only through the generosity of our donors that we are able to give our students and teachers additional support and educational opportunities they deserve. Become a partner in education today!

The **Pirate Dash** will be held **February 29** and the **Silent Auction** will be on **April 28**. We are currently seeking sponsorship partners for our events.

## WARNING!

### Unexcused Absences = Zero/F in the Gradebook

If your child is absent from school, please send in a doctor's note or a note from home. Parents are allowed to excuse up to 9 absences based on just a parent note. Any other absences will be considered unexcused; consequently, any missed work will receive a grade of 0/F in the gradebook. We have full days of learning and assessing.

**Attendance is important!**

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for the complete sponsor package.

# ANNUAL Christmas Sing Along Community Appreciation Day

The Annual Christmas Sing/Community Appreciation Day Program is coming! We recognize Fairhope's police officers, fire fighters, municipal public works employees, and paramedics. The students sing beautiful Christmas songs, read heartfelt letters/cards, and present each group with a basket full of goodies to take back to their coworkers!



We are asking students to send food items for the food baskets by Friday, December 13. We want to show our community workers just how much they are loved and needed to keep our community a safe and beautiful place to live! Watch your child's book bag for the list of requested food basket items.



Do you know a parent who will be new to Fairhope Elementary School next year? Please invite them to attend our **'New Parent' tour** scheduled for **Wednesday, December 18th at 9:00**. This informational session and guided tour is for **PARENTS** only. Children will have a chance to see our campus at another time. An additional parent tour will be scheduled in the spring. Watch the website and Facebook page for details.

The intersection of Fairwood and Bayou Drive will be closed due to construction activities. This will remain closed through the Thanksgiving Holiday. In the event that construction activities do not progress sufficiently prior to Thanksgiving this closure will continue until construction activities are completed and the intersection is safe for the traveling public.

