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The FAIRHOPE WEST ELEMENTARY PIRATE

DECEMBER News ♦ 2020

"Learning and Leading to Empower Our Genius!"

"If you want to **create and be a visionary**, you're probably going to be working with technology in some way."

STEPHEN CURRY
THREE-TIME NBA CHAMPION



What will you create?

Start with an Hour of Code <http://code.org>



Did you know that computing is the #1 source of wages in the U.S.? There are more than 500,000 computing jobs open nationwide, but last year only 42,969 computer science students graduated into the workforce.

Computer science is foundational for every industry today, yet most schools don't teach it. At Fairhope West Elementary, we are trying to change that.

That's why our entire school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (December 7-13). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code.

Our Hour of Code will be held in each classroom during the first week of December. We will make a strong statement that Fairhope West is ready to teach our students critical 21st-century skills. We want to ensure that our students are on the forefront of creating technology of the future - not just consuming it!

Important Dates

Dec. 1-11	Toys for Tots
Dec. 1- 4	Online Book Fair
Dec. 1-10	Disney Raffle
Dec. 3	FWE Spelling Bee 9:30 Facebook Live
Dec. 3	Subway Spirit Night 3-9 p.m.
Dec. 7-11	Hour of Code
Dec. 7	National Elementary Honor Society Induction, 8:15 Cafeteria, Invitation only
Dec. 16	Out of Uniform for Perfect Attendance
Dec. 16 & 17	Christmas Parties
Dec. 18- Jan. 4	Christmas Break
Jan. 5	Students Return to School

Fairhope West Online Book Fair

The holidays are coming, and books make great gifts. Create a win-win by shopping at Fairhope West Elementary's first online book fair from **November 16th** through **December 4th**! Our school earns money for library books when you purchase books from the Online Book Fair and kids get great books!

- Go to: www.cranebookfairs.com to order
- Click the tab: **Shop the Online Book Fair**
Add items to your cart & check out
- **Looking for a certain title?** Click the search icon to help find the book faster.
- **When checking out:** You must choose your School in the drop down box. Make sure to add your Child's Name and Homeroom

**Parents you will have the option to ship to the school or to your home address. We offer free shipping for all orders over \$25.00 or orders being shipped to the school.*

Thank you for supporting the Fairhope West Elementary library!

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Marine Corps League #1378 is sponsoring the Toys for Tots Drive again this year! The drive will begin on November 2nd and end on - December 11th. year over a thousand local children received a bit of Christmas from the contributions! WOW!!

Together small contributions can make a BIG difference!



This holiday, enter for your chance to make dreams come true!

FAIRHOPE EAST AND WEST ELEMENTARY

Walt Disney World Ticket Raffle*

*Raffle winner will have an opportunity to win 20 one-day Park Hopper tickets by completing a game of skill.

\$10

This holiday season, make their dreams come true! Fairhope East and West Elementary schools have tickets available from last year's partnership with the Disney Points of Light program, and we're making them available to one lucky winner. \$10 will purchase your entry to the game of skill for 20 one-day park hopper tickets. Complete details at the link!

<https://fairhopeeastptc.square.site>

Fairhope West YEARBOOK

FWE is excited to share the 2020-2021 school year by offering a hardbound yearbook! This year will be a year to remember, so preserve your child's memories of the year of perseverance.

Reserve your copy today! Please pay \$35 with cash or check made payable to FWES. 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.



Spirit Night!

at Fairhope Subway

Thurs
Dec 3
3-9PM

Tired of Thanksgiving leftovers? Join us for dinner at Subway for Fairhope West Spirit Night!

Be there!

Need a Fairhope West long sleeve t-shirt for the fall or a pirate embroidered fleece jacket for your child or teenager for Christmas?

Our Fairhope West Elementary Official Spirit Wear site offers great options. Thanks to our partnership with CostaPrints, spirit wear is available all year and not just the beginning of school!

fwes.costaprints.com



By popular demand, new options are available: dry fit shirts and hoodies! So check out the new spiritwear!



Students have been actively involved in STEAM projects solving problems using the Engineering Design Process, scientific method, 5E's-engage, explore, explain, elaborate, evaluate, and 21st-century skills of the 4 C's-creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, & communication.

Kindergarten

How do you keep bats in the cave? A student said, "We were supposed to design a cave to keep the bats in. It didn't go so well."

1st Grade

How many pilgrims can float in a tin foil boat? Students designed, tested, and redesigned tin foil boats with 5 Lego pilgrims. One canoe-shaped boat stayed afloat the longest. The pilgrims got wet really quickly in a flat boat.



2nd Grade

"How do consumer choices affect businesses?" Students are working through the engineering design process to explore and create an answer to the real world economic problem of producing, selling, and consuming. Students create a product or service, produce advertisements with technology, set prices, and decide where and when to sell at FWE Market Day. Business owners speak to classes about starting their own businesses to help get the kids started on the project. One class is creating a service to sell by building a maze that can be coded by Microbits and Gobblebots. Students will sell their items at Market Day to each other. Everyone earns money in class by showing good behavior and leadership skills and then spends that money on other students' products being sold at Market Day! Lots of fun and inspiring careers in entrepreneurial skills!

3rd Grade

How can you change a floundering Pumpkin Patch into a thriving Fall Festival? Students designed, engineered, and marketed carnival games. 3 students learned that to build a basketball goal, they should have started at the base.

4th Grade

4th grade combined their understanding of circuits and the state symbols to "Illuminate Alabama." A student excitedly said as he was being tucked into bed, "Wait! Mama! I know how my LED string lights work!" He then explained closed/open circuits with extensive detail and accurate vocabulary.

He had played a piano with his body at school in STEAM class and understood how bodies are a conductor because it is made of water. Finally, he connected his learning to STEAM careers. "So if I'm not a construction worker that builds houses, I can work at Austal and do electrical on the ships. But either job I need to know how to do electrical!"

5th Grade

How can we create a habitat that would get an endangered species off the endangered species list? Students researched plants, animals, ecosystems, and transfer of energy. The project culminated in creating an enclosure for an endangered animal to thrive and survive. The Pelican's Nest Science Lab Director, Mrs. Hardman, connected the survival of the brown pelican as a real-world example!

6th Grade

How can we design a food truck so that it helps increase revenue and brand awareness for a local business. Sixth graders hosted restaurant speakers like Pete Blohme and Bob Baumhower to talk about how to run a restaurant during the pandemic. To help increase business profits, students designed marketing plans and menus for food trucks with mathematically accurate principles and created commercials. All of the student ideas will submit to the restaurant owners for review.



Through these project-based units of study, students research and learn basic concepts and then create solutions to real world problems, engineer their designs, fail and try again – constructivist learning that is engaging, fun, and has staying power!



FWE 2020-2021 STEAM Ambassadors

Jayda Davis (Schaff), Oliver Norton (Mulback), Percy Jane Hardman (Kier), Dylan Gilbert (Wren), Jocelyn Henderson (Wren), Makayla Gardner (Hattaway), Matias Bergus, (Hattaway), Tyler Ard, (Gilmore), Annie Minchew, (Rhodes), Maddie Miller (Mrs. G), Avery Matthews (Gersonde), Lucy Macintosh (O'Donnell), Hannah Kate Miller (Buckley), Max Orfanello (Johnson) and Braxton Bailey (O'Donnell)

FWES Clubs

A Huge Success!



Grades 3-6 celebrated the start of CLUBS last month! Thanks to Nicole Arnold and the faculty, over 25 clubs were offered to students. Clubs give students a chance to discover new interests, friendships and opportunities to show leadership. The Kickball Club decided on the rules. The Student Lighthouse Team set goals for Fairhope West. The Kindness Club created plans to promote goodwill among the school community. Other opportunities included archery, football, volleyball, no bake cooking, board games, Legos, doodling, art, yoga, dance, ping-pong, robotics, photography, tether ball, peer helpers, experimental art, chess, science, reading, soccer, cheer, and coding. Students were beyond HAPPY to show their genius at subjects other than the 3 R's. A huge thank you to the teachers and coaches for teaching the whole child!

