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# The FAIRHOPE WEST ELEMENTARY PIRATE

DECEMBER News ♦ 2021

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

## Community Helpers Food Baskets



Dear Parents,

Each year Fairhope West Elementary is excited to thank our wonderful community helpers at Christmastime. We recognize Fairhope's police officers, fire fighters, municipal public works employees, and paramedics. We will present these goodies to the community helpers during our Christmas Sing-A-Long on December 17th.

We are asking students to send an item to help fill the food baskets. Below is a list of suggested items. Any prepackaged donation is welcome! We want to show our community helpers just how much they are loved and needed in order to keep our community a safe and beautiful place to live!

**Please send any donation of the items below to the school between now and December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Coffee	Cookies	Bagel chips or crackers
Sodas	Goldfish crackers	Candy canes
Popcorn	Chex Mix	Nuts
Hot chocolate	Chips	Slim Jims/beef jerky
Hershey kisses	Salsa	Cider
Pretzels	Rice Krispie Treats	Marshmallows
Candy	Donuts	

## Important Dates

Dec. 1-10	Toys for Tots
Dec. 3	FWE Spelling Bee 8:00 am
Dec. 3	Bike to School "Holiday Ride"
Dec. 6-12	Hour of Code and Computer Science Week
Dec. 7	Band & Pirate Sound Concert 6:00 pm in the gym
Dec. 14	Community Christmas Food Items Due
Dec. 15	Walking School Bus Santa Stroll - All are welcome to walk with Santa!
Dec. 15	Out of Uniform for Perfect Attendance
Dec. 16 & 17	Christmas Parties
Dec. 20-Jan. 3	Christmas Break
Jan. 4	Students Return to School

## 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 10th. Last year over a thousand local children received a bit of Christmas from the contributions!



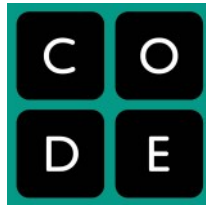
**WOW!!** Together  
small contributions  
can make a **BIG**  
difference!



# Computer Science Week December 6th-12th!

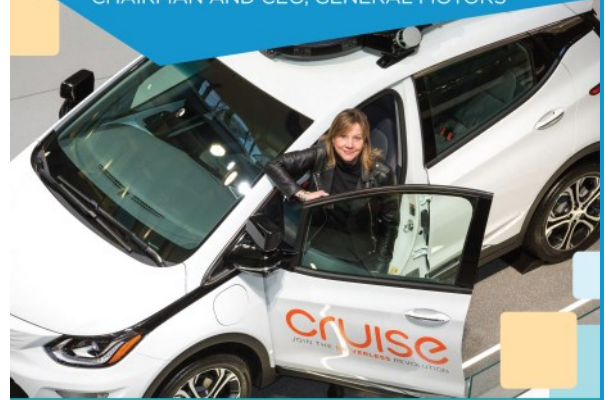


This is a whole week dedicated to the education, advocacy, and advancement of computer science (and computational thinking!!) in schools. We are excited to celebrate this and will post our school involvement on social media. Maybe you can celebrate at home with your child by allowing them to show you how to use **scratch jr.** or **code.org**.



“A car today can have tens of millions of lines of code. As engineers, scientists and inventors, we get to **imagine what’s next, and then make it happen.**”

MARY BARRA  
CHAIRMAN AND CEO, GENERAL MOTORS



What will you create?  
Start with an Hour of Code <http://code.org>



## Fairhope Elementary Schools **PIRATE DASH** 2022

Fairhope East Elementary - Fairhope West Elementary - J. Larry Newton Elementary

*Save the Date:* **February 12, 2022**

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Pirate Dash 5k & 1-Mile Fun Run benefiting Fairhope Elementary Schools. A fun morning in downtown Fairhope with an after party for racers & their families.

**Interested in your businesses sponsoring?**  
**Interested in volunteering on the event committee?**

*More information below*



**CONTACT US**  
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# Support our school just by shopping at Publix.



Publix Partners is donating to our school!  
Here's how you can sign up and participate in just a few steps.

1. Enroll in Publix Partners by visiting [publix.com/partners](http://publix.com/partners) and selecting our school.
2. Enter your phone number every time you check out at Publix.
3. Publix will donate a portion of qualifying purchases to our school!

Publix Partners has contributed \$37.7 million to more than 4,600 schools across the Southeast.

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## 2021-2022 YEARBOOK SALES

FES is excited to share the 2021-2022 school year by providing a hardback yearbook!

Reserve your copy today by going online and paying \$35 through eSchool. Deadline for payment is Monday, February 21, 2022. Your child will receive his/her copy at the end of the school year so it can be signed by friends and teachers.



FWE BAND CONCERT & PIRATE SOUND

## Musical Celebration

**December 7th • 6:00 PM**

The Pirate Sound and our FWE Band will present a combined Christmas concert on December 7 at 6:00 pm in the gym. We are excited that our 6th graders in the band will be able to perform. Due to Covid last year, students were unable to premier their musical skills at Christmas. Everyone is invited to hear the Pirate Sound, our FWE Chorus, and the band! We look forward to a great evening.

## Holiday Ride!

**Friday, December 3**



## BIKE TO SCHOOL

Let's get festive - decorate your bike with holiday spirit! All participants will receive a spoke bead.

As always, remember to wear your helmet, enter by the HOV line, and walk your bike once on campus. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/BikeToSchoolFairhope](https://www.facebook.com/BikeToSchoolFairhope).

## Blessing Box



Fairhope West Elementary has a Blessing Box in a local community that is in need. The Blessing Box was established in memory of Julie Pierce's mother, Jerry Ann Gordon. Classes and grade levels take turns filling the Blessing Box with non-perishable foods, baby food, baby wipes, diapers, toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap, hand soap, shampoo, brush, detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, socks, pencils, crayons, outdoor toys (bubbles, jump rope, balls, frisbee, etc. think Dollar Tree), band aids, Neosporin. Thank you to the PTP for organizing the blessing box.

# Habit 4:

## Think Win-Win

### How does *Thinking Win-Win* look at school?

- Positive language
- Working together to clean-up
- Using Tucker Turtle's Solution Kit
- Participating together at Large Group
- Using "I Can" statements
- Flipping it to green using our strategies

### How does *Thinking Win-Win* look at home?

- Saying "I can do this"
- Using strategies to calm down
  - Examples: taking deep breaths
- Talking about what upset us after calming down
- Setting a goal to be positive
- Taking turns using family member ideas as a solution to a problem



# Save the Date!

## LEADERSHIP SHOWCASE

Thursday, January 27, 2022 5:30-6:30PM

The event will be an hour PACKED with students showing parents how they are choosing to be leaders of their own learning! The evening will begin at 5:30 sharp in the gym with a 20 minute student-led program. Afterwards, the students will review their Leadership Binders with you – which are incredible! Finally, the students will lead you in STEAM activities. We are looking forward to a fun-filled evening! Please plan on joining us by bringing your child so they can show you their leadership skills.

**Need a Fairhope West long sleeve t-shirt for the cooler weather 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.

[fwes.costaprints.com](http://fwes.costaprints.com)



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