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# The FAIRHOPE ELEMENTARY PIRATE

**JANUARY News ♦ 2020**

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

2019-2020  
Red Ribbon Project  
raised over  
**\$1,600!**



The Red Ribbon Project for the 2019-2020 school year, coordinated by Logan Rogers, raised over \$1600.

All monies collected were donated to the Fairhope Police Department for K-9 safety vests.



Kona Ice is  
**COMING!**



## Important Dates

- Jan. 7 - Feb. 22 Yearbook Sales \$35
- Jan. 7 Students Return to School
- Jan. 9 Kona Ice
- Jan. 10 Report Cards Go Home
- Jan. 13 K-3 Leader in Me Family Night 6:00-7:00, Cafeteria
- Jan. 16 Frios Popsicle Spirit Night
- Jan. 16 PTC Provides Snacks for Teachers
- Jan. 20 No School, Martin Luther King Holiday
- Jan. 29 Bus Driver Appreciation Day

# You are Invited!



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

## Bus Appreciation Day January 29, 2020



The Alabama State Department of Education declared this day to be Bus Driver Appreciation Day in memory of Charles Poland who died defending children on a school bus in Dale County five years ago on January 29th. His heroism is an example of all bus drivers in our state who daily protect our children, love our children, and sometimes even discipline our children - all while driving! We hope everyone makes a special effort to say thank you to our wonderful bus drivers!

Looking for a way to help FES students in need?

We have a simple solution! FES is partnering with the City of Fairhope to launch a unique program called Neighborhood Bridges. This technology-based system allows community members to work with FES so that we can assist students with emergency needs. Examples include clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, and other school related needs. This platform will also be used as a way to help after a catastrophic event. Fairhope's Neighborhood Bridges program takes away many of the uncertainties of online giving. Donors will know they are giving to vetted people and that their gifts will reach the intended recipient. **SIGN UP** to receive weekly notifications of giving opportunities at:

[www.neighborhoodbridges.org/community/fairhope-al](http://www.neighborhoodbridges.org/community/fairhope-al)  
Simply choose a need you feel called to meet.

**No information is shared between the donor and recipient.**

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



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

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.

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.



**For the complete sponsor package, please contact:**  
Please contact **Cassie Morgenstern** at [cassie.morgenstern@gmail.com](mailto:cassie.morgenstern@gmail.com) or **Melissa Tompkins** at [melissamtompkins@gmail.com](mailto:melissamtompkins@gmail.com)

## Fairhope Elementary School's Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Angela Vincent



I have been blessed to teach at Fairhope Elementary for ten years. My husband, Mike, and I have three daughters: Ashley(20), Emily (18), and Hannah(17). I graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. Teaching is a rewarding experience. I wanted to become a teacher because, quite simply, I love to be around children. I enjoy their stories and their enthusiasm for life. Most days I feel as if the students teach me more than I teach them! I enjoy working with a staff of dedicated teachers who support each other and strive daily to encourage the students to dream big and work hard.



**FAIRHOPE EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION**

*Invest in kids. It's a smart choice.*

**FEFF SUPPORTS FES!**

FES is so blessed by the continuing support of FEFF, Fairhope Education Enrichment Foundation. FEFF is the main contributor to our STEAM Lab for supplies and professional development in STEAM. FEFF also has purchased magazines and books for students in the classroom, Clear Touch interactive boards, flexible seating, tutoring, and art classes from Ricky Trione!

**Thank you, FEFF!**



## Pre-K PROGRAM APPLICATION

Students applying for this program must reside in Fairhope High School Attendance Zone

**THERE WILL BE A FEE ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM**  
Alabama's nationally recognized First Class Pre-K is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Enrollment is open to all children four years of age who reside in Fairhope High School attendance zone.

<b>PROGRAM NAME</b>	OSR Pre-K Fairhope High School
<b>PROGRAM LOCATION</b>	Fairhope High School 1 Pirate Drive – Fairhope
<b>APPLICATION DATE</b>	Apply at the school January 21 – February 14, 2020

All applicants must provide two (2) proofs of residence and birth certificate at time of application.

**THERE WILL BE A FEE ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM**

**A random selection drawing will be held Thursday, March 12, 2020 (Families do not have to be present in order to receive a placement.)**

\* Acceptance to the program is through a random selection process. The registered applicant must meet residency requirements and complete the essential documents set forth by the program. The registered child must be 4 on or before September 2, 2020. Children who are eligible for kindergarten are ineligible to register. Children will not be denied participation on the basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin or disability.



## Spelling Bee...

Every year, students across the country have the opportunity to participate in the National Spelling Bee. On November 20<sup>th</sup>, fifteen of our third graders competed to earn the title of FES school spelling bee champion. These students were asked to correctly spell a broad range of words varying in degree of difficulty.



Our contestants included: **Austin Arredondo, Lila Jane Cook, Erin Hogue, Kade Kirchoff, Colton Mixson, Evie Nguyen, Logan Rogers, Rhys Rome, Killian Southall, Josh Sugg, Ava Wenzel, and Nolan Yoho.**

Our 2019-2020 spelling bee champion is **Ava Wenzel**. She will compete in the Baldwin County spelling bee contest after the new year.



**Congratulations, Ava!**

*We are so proud of all our contestants!*



## Huge Thanks to Leader in Me Restroom Painters!

We are so excited to make our campus a more welcoming and nurturing environment for our students, staff and community. The mission statement for our Leader in Me Environmental Action Team is "To joyfully inspire through a positive, encouraging environment." The volunteer spirit of generosity is making that possible! Many volunteers have given their time, and we want to say a huge THANK YOU to this recent group of painters who made our cafeteria bathrooms BEAUTIFUL!!!

*Kathryn Watkins, Meredith Montgomery, Stephanie Miller, Holly Langston, Michelle Gillespie, Toni Kemper and students.*