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The FAIRHOPE WEST ELEMENTARY PIRATE

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"Learning and Leading to Empower Our Genius!"

2021-2022 FWES Spelling Bee Champion!



Olivia Kaiser

Every year, students across the country have the opportunity to participate in the National Spelling Bee. On December 3rd, twenty-five of our third through sixth graders competed to earn the title of FWES Spelling Bee Champion. These students were asked to correctly spell a broad range of words varying in degree of difficulty. Our contestants included:

THIRD GRADE

Ava Hicks	Ida Mae Myrick	Nate Creel
Darby Butler	Josiah Wells	Ruby Rowe
Henry Brett		

FOURTH GRADE

Dean Nolting	Oliver Kaiser	Parker Padgett
Emory Watkins	Olivia Kaiser	William Derrenbacher
Nico Gigliotti		

FIFTH GRADE

Andrew Edwards	Helen Hapworth	Lexi Arnold
Bailey Johnson	Judah White	Ree Gibson

SIXTH GRADE

Griggs Gilmore	Johnny Beck	Shep Pappas
Jenna Brooks	Karley Schubert	Taylor Scott

Our 2021-2022 spelling bee champion is Olivia Kaiser. She will compete in the Baldwin County spelling bee contest after the new year. Congratulations, Olivia! We are so proud of all our contestants!

Important Dates

Jan. 4	Students Return to School
Jan. 4 - Feb. 21	Yearbook Sales \$35
Jan. 7	Report Cards Go Home
Jan. 11	Fall Picture Makeup Day
Jan. 17	No School, Martin Luther King Holiday
Jan. 18	eLearning Day-School at Home using Chromebooks - Building is Closed, see article
Jan. 27	Leadership Showcase for Leader in Me and STEAM Night 5:30 p.m. Gym
Jan. 28	Perfect Attendance Out of Uniform
Jan. 28	Bus Driver Appreciation Day!!!



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 nine years ago on January 28th. 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!

PLACE YOUR YEARBOOK ORDER TODAY!

**Don't miss out on preserving your 2021-2022
school year memories.**

Please pay \$35 online at www.bcbe.org (select Fairhope West, then click "Pay Online"). Or, send cash or check made payable to FWES to your child's teacher.

"Have I paid Already??"

When ordering, please keep a record of the number of books purchased - we will not be refunding for duplications.

Your child will receive his/her copy at the end of the school year so it can be signed by friends and teachers.

Reserve your copy today!

Deadline for payment is Friday, February 21, 2022.



*Looking for
that one last gift
this Holiday
Season?*

Give the gift of Pirate Dash
Register you & your family for Pirate Dash
2022 by clicking on the link below:

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FairhopePirateDash5k](https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Fairhope/FairhopePirateDash5k)



**MY
SCHOOL
BUCKS
AND
SCHOOL
STORE**

With the new year just around the corner, BCBE will be changing from ePay to MySchoolBucks. You can explore the online School Store and pay for the yearbook and field trips online at MySchoolBucks.com. MySchoolBucks is already used to pay for school lunches, so the transition should be a simple one. MySchoolBucks is a secure way to pay for school activities using your credit/debit card or an echeck.

If you have any questions, feel free to email Mitzi Brett at mbrett@bcbe.org.

OUT OF SCHOOL LEARNING

January 18

We have one more e-learning day scheduled for this year, January 18. On this day, students will not report to school but WILL have to log on to their computers and complete activities and coursework for that day. We hope by telling you this far in advance, you are able to go ahead and make accommodations for you and your student.



Looking for a way to help FWES students in need?

Here is an opportunity to help continue to provide for the systemic needs that less fortunate folks have throughout the year. FWES has partnered with the City of Fairhope to launch a unique program called Neighborhood Bridges. This technology-based system allows community members to work with FSES

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.



neighborhood
bridges

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 Simply choose a need you feel called to meet. **No information is shared between the donor and recipient.**

Thank you so much for helping families in need over Christmas!

Fairhope West National Elementary Honor Society

Our 5th grade NEHS students helped clean up our front flowerbeds. They were busy picking up trash, weeding, sweeping, and helping Ms. Hapworth trim the bushes.

Our 6th grade NEHS students will plant pansies when we return in January.





You're invited to the Leadership Showcase with your Fairhope West student who is learning and leading to empower their genius.

Who: Parents

What: Leadership Showcase

When: January 27, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Fairhope West Gym; Followed by Classroom Visits

Why: Feature our Leader In Me Accomplishments and STEAM Activities

THANK YOU, FEEF!

FEEF is an organization that began over 25 years ago raising money for the Fairhope schools. FEEF's generosity funds many enrichment programs and assists in purchasing materials for STEAM. The \$16,000 master plan grant for the 2021-2022 school year provides materials and equipment for teachers to use in their classroom STEAM instruction. The grant also provides additional supplies for students to build and create in the STEAM Lab, called MakerSpace, early elementary robotics, VEX robots, and broadcasting equipment for students to use in their morning show, FWES Live Breaking News. Finally, a much-needed bass drum has already been purchased, delivered, and debuted in its first performance, the 6th grade Christmas band concert.

All of the students and teachers in the Fairhope feeder pattern schools continue to be blessed by FEEF's fundraising providing enormous amounts of supplies and equipment. Here is a very small list of items purchased in the past with FEEF funds: **Legos, art supplies, robots, TinkerCad computer accessories, National Geographic student reading magazines, books, musical instruments, washtub gardens, 3-D printers, etc....THANK YOU, FEEF!!!**

