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The FAIRHOPE WEST ELEMENTARY PIRATE

MAY News ♦ 2021

"Learning and Leading to Empower Our Genius!"

TEACHER Appreciation Week MAY 3 - 7

The Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP) wants to encourage everyone to take some time to honor all our teachers: PE, art, music, special education, librarian, guidance counselors, instructional coaches and, of course, classroom teachers. A way that everyone can contribute is to send the teachers a thank you note to tell them how much you appreciate them!

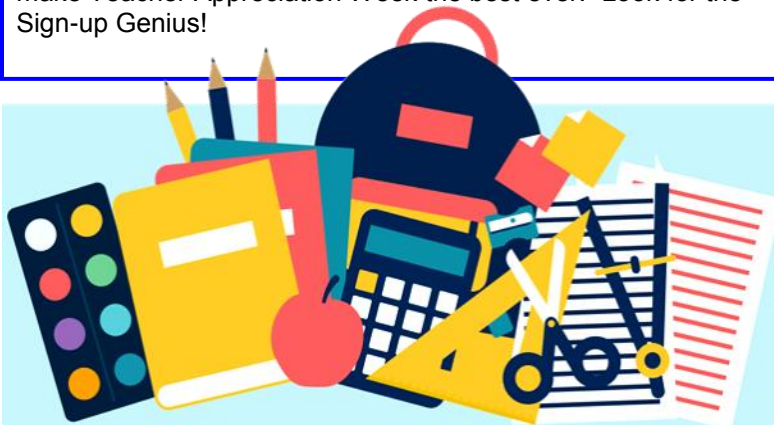
Extra ways parents can help to make teachers feel special is to take part in the PTP daily activities. The theme for the appreciation week is "Leaving on a Jet Plane." All parents will receive a Sign-Up Genius for ways you can help donate items for the daily appreciation activities listed below:

- Monday:** "In Flight Beverage Service." Volunteers will distribute drinks to each classroom.
- Tuesday:** "In Flight Snack Service." Snacks and small waters will be delivered via a snack wagon.
- Wednesday:** "In Flight Meal." Volunteers will provide lunch for teachers.
- Thursday:** "Baggage Claim." Volunteers will provide a memento for the teachers to remember the year.

PTP would like to thank all families of Fairhope West for helping to make Teacher Appreciation Week the best ever! Look for the Sign-up Genius!

Important Dates

- MAY 3 Library Books Due to Library
- MAY 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- MAY 5 National Elementary Honor Society Induction Ceremony 8:15, Facebook Live
- MAY 6 School Nurse Appreciation Day
- MAY 7 Field Day, Parents may not attend
- MAY 7 Cafeteria Appreciation Day
- MAY 7 Ride Your Bike to School Day, see article
- MAY 10 Video for Virtual Talent Show Due
- MAY 10 PreK - Grade 3 Synergy Assembly 2:00, Facebook Live
- MAY 10 Grades 4-6 Synergy Assembly 2:00, Facebook Live
- MAY 21 Grades 5 & 6 Virtual Talent Show
- MAY 24 Kindergarten Graduation, see article for schedule
- MAY 24 Grade 6 Promotion, see article for schedule
- MAY 24 Lost and Found in the Gym for Parents
- MAY 25 Last Day of School! 2:45 p.m. Dismissal
- MAY 25 Medication Pick Up Deadline



School Supply Packs are BACK!

***The deadline to order supply packs is
July 23, 2021.***

Back by popular parent demand, school supply packs for the start of the Fairhope West 21-22 school year are for sale. If you don't like shopping for school supplies, then this is for you.

Simply log in to Olensky Brothers at: <https://olenskybrothers.wixsite.com/backtoschool/back-to-school-packs> and click on School Packs.

Find Fairhope West, your child's grade level next year, and pay online! (**Fill in the bill to and ship to address even though the school supplies will be shipped directly to the school.**) Paper orders are accepted as well. School supplies can be picked up at Meet the Teacher August 5, 2021. At the bottom, families can even donate a school supply kit to a student in need. Fliers will be going home soon with more details.

BIKE TO SCHOOL

May is National Bike Month and we're bringing Bike to School Day back on Friday, May 7th!

Ride your bike to school and get special prizes plus a spoke bead for your bike! Remember to wear your helmet, enter by the HOV line and walk your bike once on campus. For updates, follow Bike to School Fairhope on Facebook.

We're looking for volunteers to help with monthly Bike to School Days in the 2021-2022 school year. If you're interested in volunteering 1-2 hours a month, please email:

BikeToSchoolFairhope@gmail.com

Kindergarten and 6th Grade Graduations May 24, 2021 on the Field



We are thrilled that parents are allowed to come to school to celebrate two important milestones in the lives of elementary students - the end of kindergarten and elementary school! **Two guests per family are invited to attend. Please bring your own chair and seat yourselves 6 feet from each other on the PE field facing the podium.** Below are the scheduled times for each homeroom teacher. We look forward to celebrating your child's accomplishments with you!

May 24 - Outdoor Kindergarten Graduation, Parents Invited - In case of rain, the event will be cancelled.

8:00 Hutter and Madson
8:45 Duell and Hayes
9:30 Reynolds, Galloway & Segars

May 24 - Outdoor Sixth Grade Graduation, Parents Invited - In case of rain, the event will be cancelled.

11:30 Hattaway and Wren
12:30 Kier and Buckley
1:30 Schaff and Mulback

Appreciation Days for Nurses & Cafeteria Staff

Last month we honored many of our classified staff. The month of May we honor our school nurses and our cafeteria ladies. **We will honor nurses on May 6th and cafeteria staff on May 7th.** Below is a list of their names. Join with us in honoring these very important employees!

CAFETERIA STAFF

Linda Cowart, Kim Frego, Claudia Carrizales,
LaTasha Jackson, Jan Spratlin, Tamonika Williams,
and Emily Hemphill

NURSES

Debbie James and Amy Megginson

Online REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- If your child attended school with us during the 20-21 school year and was enrolled by mid May, you will need a code called a SNAP CODE. The snap code with instructions **will be in your child's report card.** The link will be available around the first of June.
- If your child is a brand-new kindergartener to FES for the 21-22 school year, the link is open now: www.bcbe.org/registration.
- If you will be a new student to FES for grades 1-6, please register at this link: www.bcbe.org/registration.
- Please call 251-928-8400 for assistance.



Congratulations to our Fairhope West Olympians who competed in the Baldwin County Spring Games! A special thank you goes out to the teachers and paras: **Jaime Harrison, Jodi Blohme, Theresa Wooten, Sheila Holcomb, Tony Edwards.**



Kelly Parker's son, Brayden, was the Torch Bearer for the ceremony and sang the National Anthem. Mrs. Parker has been a para for FWE for many years. Congratulations to our students, parents, and staff!



Paint the Tiles

**Come Paint a Tile to
FEATHER THE NEST**

Feather the Nest is the Fairhope Educational Enrichment Foundation's (FEEF) capital campaign to raise funding to "Preserve our Past" (renovate and expand the current Pelican's Nest Science Lab for grades K-6) and "Prepare for the Future" (renovate the four outer buildings on the K-1 Center to become the FEEF Innovation Center for grades 7-12).

**When: 69th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival
May 1 - 2, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Where: Mobile Bay Realty New Office
(Corner of Section St. & Fairhope Ave - Clock Corner)**

Cost: \$25.00 per tile

Leave your legacy for the future of Fairhope. Tiles will be placed at the new FEEF building project property (similar to the ones placed at the Pelican's Nest and Fairhope's Community Park).

Special thanks Hood's Home Center for donating the tiles!



The Annual Talent Show will be available virtually May 21, 2021 on the school's website. Any 5th or 6th grader who would like to participate must prerecord their talent for the Audition Committee which is due May 10. Due to the lack of time for every child to perform their talent, the preview committee will have to be selective on who is chosen to perform on May 21. Talent Show sign up forms were sent home with students last week.

The audition is necessary for selecting the Talent Show participants, planning the length of the show and arranging the show order for maximum enjoyment! We look forward to celebrating children and their wonderful talents. Please email Mrs. Edwards, dedwards1@bcbe.org with any questions.

News from the PARENT TEACHER PARTNERSHIP (PTP)

Who is the PTP?

YOU! Every parent of children enrolled at FWE is a part of the partnership between the school and home.

How much does it cost?

No membership cost when you enroll your child at FWE. All parents are partners, and that is **FREE!**

How can I get involved?

Contact FairhopeWestPTP@gmail.com or Facebook page Fairhope West Parent Teacher Partnership to get on a specialized email list to help with volunteering.

What is the purpose of the PTP?

To support teacher needs so our children can receive the best instruction possible and help families feel comfortable and have a presence at the school. After a year of COVID rules, we are all anxious to be back on the halls of the campus! The PTP will match your skills and interests with the needs of the school.

When is the next PTP meeting?

Meet the Teacher on August 5, 2021 in the cafeteria at either 4:00 or 5:30 whichever suits your schedule. Committee chairs and FEEF will explain the various volunteer opportunities and classroom needs. Sign up will be available afterwards.

**Leadership Committee Terri Thompson
Anne Dorman**

Appreciation Committee Katie Robertson

On Campus Crew Elizabeth Jones

Outreach Jamie Breaux

**Events Brittian Cryar
Annie Dixon**



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