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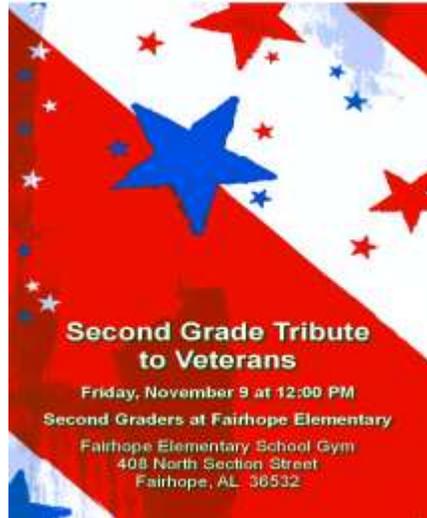
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FAIRHOPE ELEMENTARY

# THE PIRATE

November News ♦ 2018

"Learning and Leading to Empower Our Genius!"



## 2018 Veteran's Day PROGRAM

- WHEN: **Friday, Nov. 9, 2018**  
**at 12:00 pm**
- WHERE: **FES Gymnasium**
- WHO: **Second Graders**
- INVITED: **Parents and Veterans**

## Important Dates

- Nov. 1 Prepay Santa Pictures, Out of Uniform Only for Those Being Photographed
- Nov. 1 Subway Spirit Night 3-9 p.m.
- Nov. 2 Bike to School Day
- Nov. 5-14 Auburn vs. Alabama Canned Food Drive
- Nov. 5 - Dec. 7 Toys for Tots Toy Drive
- Nov. 9 2nd Grade Veterans Day Program 12:00 p.m., Everyone Invited
- Nov. 9 Progress Reports Go Home
- Nov. 12 Veterans Day - No School
- Nov. 14 Perfect Attendance Out of Uniform
- Nov. 14-16 Guided School Tours 8:00-9:00 and 9:30-10:30, RSVP, see article
- Nov. 19-23 Thanksgiving Holidays, No School
- Nov. 28 - Dec. 7 Book Fair, FES Library and Online
- Nov. 29 Kona Ice
- Nov. 30 3rd Grade Spelling Bee 1:45 p.m. Cafeteria



Our Scholastic Holiday Book Fair is on its way beginning **Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>!**

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. The book fair brings the books kids want to read right into our school! It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. **Please make plans to visit our Book Fair on your child's scheduled class shopping date or during our afternoon/evening hours Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.** You may also visit our online Book Fair at

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/fairhopeelementaryschool>. Online fair shopping opens November 22 and closes December 5<sup>th</sup>. All purchases benefit our library!



The Marine Corps League #1378 is sponsoring the Toys for Tots Drive again this year! The drive will begin on November 5th and end on - December 7th. Last year **over a thousand** local children received a bit of Christmas from the contributions! WOW!!

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

## Guidance Counselors Win RAVE Award!

Great news! Kate Wellborn and Dianna Wolchina, counselors of Fairhope Elementary School (FES), have qualified their school counseling program for the Recognition of Accountability, Verification and Excellence Award (RAVE) presented annually at the Alabama School Counseling Association (ALSCA) Awards Luncheon convening this year in Birmingham, Alabama on November 15, 2018. Since this is their first year to qualify, the school counseling program will be awarded the Bronze RAVE Award.

**Congratulations to Kate Wellborn, Dianna Wolchina and all the staff at Fairhope Elementary School for demonstrating excellence in school counseling in Alabama!**



# Auburn vs. Alabama CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Fairhope Elementary is SPONSORING a canned food drive for local food banks. Between November 5 and November 14, students are encouraged to bring canned food to help provide meals for those less fortunate during this upcoming holiday season. Students will get to place their food item in the Auburn or Alabama pile for a fun competition and bragging rights!



**Roll Tide  
and War Eagle!**



## 3rd Annual Boosterthon Huge Success!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the second Boosterthon Fairhope Fun Run a success! Our "pledged profit" is \$44,656 far surpassing our goal of \$40,000. The funds will be used for instructional supplies and Leader in Me. The deadline for sending in pledges is November 15th. Let's have 100% of pledges collected! Thank you for your support!

### Here are our final pledge stats:

States:	45
Registration %:	79%
Participation %:	66%

### Top classes:

Kindergarten:	A. Turner
1st grade:	C. Smith (Number 1 in the whole school!)
2nd grade:	Erdossy
3rd grade:	O'Connor

## FES Kids Raise Money for Breast Cancer Awareness

FES raised over \$900.00 to send to the American Cancer Society. One of our teachers, Mrs. Jodi Blohme is out on leave and battling cancer. The money will help to sponsor her Making Strides American Cancer Society team, the J-Walkers this weekend! All money raised will help support local women who are battling breast cancer! We miss Mrs. Blohme and look forward to her return to school next year!



Friday, November 2nd is the Bike to School Iron Bowl Challenge! The bike parking area will be divided into an Auburn zone and an Alabama zone. Which team can get the most bikes? Help your team win by biking to school and you'll also get a spoke bead for your bike! Remember to wear your helmet, enter by the HOV line and walk your bike once on campus.

Find details and updates at:  
[Facebook.com/BikeToSchoolFairhope](https://www.facebook.com/BikeToSchoolFairhope).

**Get active.  
Reduce traffic congestion.  
Increase environmental stewardship.  
Have fun!**

### SCHOOL RULES:

- Students must wear a helmet (it's the law!) and be accompanied by an adult.
- Students on bikes should enter the campus by the HOV line entrance on Fairwood, walk their bikes down the big hill and park on the north side of campus near the cafeteria doors. Please do not enter campus from Section St. at the HOV line exit.
- Bikes should always be walked on sidewalks once on campus.

# Kona Ice is Coming!



## KONA ICE

- \$2.00 **Tiny** (Size available for PreK Students Only)
- \$3.00 **Small** (Only size available for Kindergarten Students)
- \$4.00 **Medium**
- \$5.00 **Large Cool Color-Changing Collectible Cup**  
(To be used for refill at later events for only \$3!)

## 2018-2019 Red Ribbon Leader for FES!



Congratulations to Hays Bishop from Mrs. Workman's class for being selected as our 2018-2019 Red Ribbon Leader! Hays, along with his family, attended an awards ceremony on September 24<sup>th</sup>. His community service project will be to raise money for the Fairhope Police Department's K-9 units to assist in the fight against drugs. Be sure to stay on the lookout for more details on how you can help Hays make his project a success!



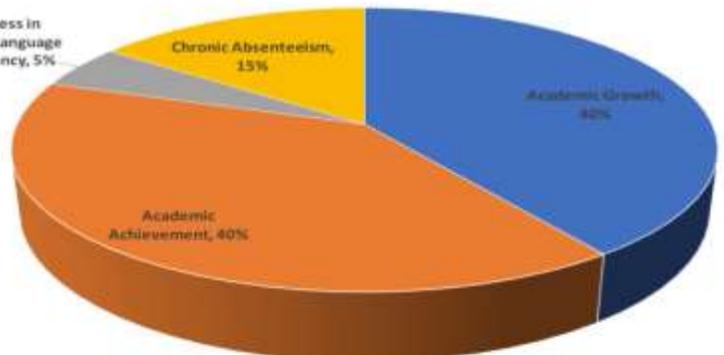
## School Tours!



November 14-16, FES will be hosting school tours from 8:00-9:00 and 9:30-10:30 each morning. Please RSVP to the front office at 251-928-8400. We want to keep the tour groups to a manageable size so we can offer you the best experience possible. You will have the opportunity to observe instruction in reading and math, student/teacher interaction, walk the campus, visit the STEAM Center (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) and ask questions. At the end of the tour, you will be offered a packet of information about Fairhope Elementary School including ways that you can offer financial and volunteer support!

Alabama's Accountability System - State Report Card Weights

Progress in English Language Proficiency, 5%



# ALSDE

## REPORT CARD

Our school's ALSDE state report card will be released soon! The formula for calculating a school's success has changed. 85% of the report card is the responsibility of the school, and 15% of the report card is the responsibility of the parent. Missing school impacts a student's

achievement; so, the ALSDE is trying to send the message through the report card. The Fairhope Elementary School yearly grade will be negatively impacted by each child who is absent 15 or more days. This is the ALSDE definition of chronic absenteeism.

Even if a child has a doctor's note for all 15 absences, our school report card will be lowered.

We are working very hard to improve our academic rigor and are already seeing big results as evidenced by being named one of the top 50 schools in the state for reading academic growth in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade!

**Please join with us in improving our school by keeping absences below 15 days! Thank you so much!!**

# Volunteer Project to Earn Disney Tickets for Silent Auction

To help earn money for FES and FIS at the Silent Auction in April, we will be auctioning Disney tickets that we earn through volunteer projects. This summer FES sponsored a school cleanup day and we earned 10 one day hopper tickets for the auction. Now FIS is sponsoring a volunteer project on the Fairhope Intermediate campus on December 15, 2018 from 9:00-12:00 – Grow the Garden to Grow the Community!

Teams of 15 -20 will be assigned to one of three areas of need: refurbishing established beds and adding two new beds or growing mounds; weeding and winterizing existing Satsuma trees, and beautifying the West snack area. Volunteers will need to bring garden gloves, any garden tools they have, e.g., shovels, clippers, rakes (plastic and steel), and a bottle of water or two depending on the outside temperature. Volunteers need to be at least 8 years of age and should not have any allergies to insect bites or stings. 20 minutes prior to the 12:00 p.m. end time, volunteers will gather for light refreshments and a discussion/survey of the project.



**So come out for a win-win project!**

## The Leader in Me™ Lessons Continue!

The month of October, the students studied Habits 2 and 3! One parent shared on Facebook this month that their kindergarten child was going to play before doing homework. The mom reminded the child of Habit 3 and the child said, “Oh yeah! Work before play,” and happily completed homework first! We love hearing the stories of how these character traits are impacting home life. Feel free to email your child’s teacher so we can celebrate the successes.

Many parents are asking for more information about how The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People® can be used at home; so, below are some helpful questions and suggestions.

### Habit 2: *Begin With the End in Mind*

What does *Beginning With the End in Mind* look like at school?

- ◆ What do I want to do when I grow up?
- ◆ What do I want to learn about today (project work)?
- ◆ Making a plan during center time
  - What do I want to accomplish?
  - Where do I want to work/play?

What does *Beginning With the End in Mind* look like at home?

- ◆ Setting a personal goal:
  - Having a “Green” day
  - Learning to put on my shoes on the correct feet
  - Learning to get dressed by myself
  - Learning to brush my teeth by myself
- ◆ Identifying the goal so can plan what need
  - Examples:
    - Following a recipe
    - Making a project (bird house)
    - Building a fort, gathering supplies before starting



### Habit 3: *Put 1<sup>st</sup> Things 1<sup>st</sup>*

How does *Putting 1<sup>st</sup> Things 1<sup>st</sup>* look at school?

- ◆ Putting personal items away in backpacks before starting the day
- ◆ Washing hands before eating breakfast/snack
- ◆ Finishing one project before starting a new one
- ◆ Cleaning up materials before moving on to another Activity

How does *Putting 1<sup>st</sup> Things 1<sup>st</sup>* look at home?

- ◆ Doing what mom and dad ask me to do before doing what I want to do
- ◆ Cleaning up my room before playing outside
- ◆ Finishing my dinner before eating dessert
- ◆ Putting away my toys in the living room before going to play in my bed room



**“Leadership is communicating people’s worth and potential so clearly that they are inspired to see it in themselves.”**

*-Dr. Stephen Covey*