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The FAIRHOPE ELEMENTARY PIRATE

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STUDENT FLU SHOTS

October 21, 2019

Health Hero's will again be at our school on October 21, 2019 to provide flu shots to the Fairhope Elementary School students whose parents/guardians wish for their child to be vaccinated. The Health Hero nurses will arrive at 7:45am at Fairhope Elementary School to start providing flu shots. Parents / guardian must complete the Health Hero's flu vaccine consent form completely in order for their child to receive the vaccine. The flu Vaccine consents will be sent home on Monday the 1st of October in your child's folder. Please return completed flu vaccine consents to school, in your child's folder. If you do not wish for your child to receive the flu vaccine at Fairhope Elementary School, please disregard this message and no further action is required.

**If you have any questions
please contact
Nurse Amy or Nurse Debbie at 929-7369.**

Important Dates

- OCT. 1-25** Be a Champion Read Contest, see article
- OCT. 1-16** Boosterthon Pledging
- OCT. 1** Flu Consent Forms Go Home
- OCT. 2** Custodial Appreciation Day
- OCT. 3** Kona Ice Day
- OCT. 3** Subway Spirit Night, 3-9 p.m.
- OCT. 4** Bike to School Day
- OCT. 7** Boosterthon Pep Rally!
- OCT. 10** End of 1st Quarter
- OCT. 11-14** No School-Teacher Professional Development Day & Fall Break
- OCT. 15** Out of Uniform – Perfect Attendance, No Checkouts, and No Tardies
- OCT. 17** Boosterthon Fun Run, Parents Invited! See article!
- OCT. 17** Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
- OCT. 18** Report Cards Go Home
- OCT. 18** FEEF Fundraiser "School of Rock"
- OCT. 21** Flu Vaccines
- OCT. 28** Red Ribbon-From Head to Toe, I'm Drug Free-**wear crazy hair and crazy socks**
- OCT. 29** Red Ribbon-Wake Up Drug Free-**wear your favorite pajamas**
- OCT. 30** Red Ribbon-Hats Off to Drug Free - **wear your favorite hat**
- OCT. 31** Red Ribbon-Orange You Glad You Are Drug Free?-**wear orange**
- OCT. 31** Halloween Parties at Teachers' Discretion



Dr. Eric Mackey, Superintendent, Alabama State Department of Education, visited Fairhope Elementary School September 26, 2019.



Congratulations to the 2019 Red Ribbon Winner, Logan Rogers!

Logan will invite all of us to participate in his Red Ribbon project in the next few months. **Stay tuned for details!**

ATTENDANCE



Impact on Grades

Last week, families received important information reminding us of the importance of school attendance and its relationship to academic achievement. Tardies and checkouts also impact learning. Below are examples of excused and unexcused tardies and checkouts:

Acceptable reasons for a parent excused check-in/out include but are not limited to: student illness, car accident on school route, car trouble (flat tire, dead battery, etc.), unexpected hospitalization/death of family member, incarceration and emergencies approved by the principal, etc. In short, excused are events out of the student's and/or parent's control.

Unacceptable reasons for an excused parent check-in/out and thus should be unexcused include but are not limited to: overslept, parent/sibling illness, work, family in town, start holiday weekend early, after returning from a fieldtrip, after attending program/function, etc.



The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is conducting a statewide survey concerning some of the perceptions on public education in the state – and YOUR help is needed. From **Tuesday, September 10, 2019, until Thursday, October 10, 2019**, ALSDE will embark upon the **TAKE 10 FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION** survey; an attempt to capture the opinions of a broad spectrum of Alabamians. The survey may only take 10 minutes to complete; however, the impact on the department's Strategic Plan will resonate for years to come.

Click the link to take the survey:
<https://tinyurl.com/Take10AL>

Bike to School Day with a Halloween theme! Friday, October 4th

Decorate your bike for Halloween and get a Bike to School water bottle from Pro Cycle & Triathlon! All participants will also get a spoke bead.

For more details, visit [Facebook.com/BikeToSchoolFairhope](https://www.facebook.com/BikeToSchoolFairhope).

Remember to wear your helmet, enter by the HOV line and walk your bike once on campus.



FES will be kicking off Alabama Education Association's **BE A CHAMPION READ** Contest October 1st. The contest will run through October 25th. Students will be challenged to read six reading level appropriate books to qualify for the Grand Prize: Iron Bowl tickets- one winner for each team – for the student and two guests. Look for the reading logs coming home with your child, record their six reading level appropriate books, and return to school! Postcards will be completed by teachers and returned to the library for students to be entered into the contest! Don't forget to return reading logs before Friday, October 25th! **Happy Reading!!**

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as the

2019-2020



peerhelpers

Arnold
Cooper Brennan

Phelps
Lucy Martin

Gregg
Kiki Quinones

Terry
Callie Giddings

O'Connor
Lane Holcomb
Mhy-Keigh Williams

McDuff:
Mary Eagleston
Chloe Brasfield

Gerstenschlager
Lizzy Hayes Odem

Lazenby
Jack Bowlus

Wren
Greer Lawson
Lila Jane Cook

Workman
Molly Wood
Narayani Patel

Gilmore
Gray Holcomb

Orfanello
Ava Wenzel

3 ADDITIONAL MILS PROPERTY TAX



...Arrives in 2021

THANK YOU! Education for Fairhope students for the next 30 years will be greatly enhanced by the community support of the three additional mils of property tax.

The increased millage will be assessed in October of 2020, due in December of 2020, and in the hands of the schools during the first months of 2021! The Fairhope School District Commission will be formed in the upcoming months in preparation of working with the principals and the Baldwin County Superintendent.

The increase in funds will enable Fairhope Elementary to provide instruction like:

- ◆ an increase in enrichment activities like musical instruments, PE equipment including an archery program, and visiting theater troupes
- ◆ continuation of the Leader in Me student version of the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* including student materials, clubs, teacher training, and the Leader in Me license
- ◆ more books and magazines for the classrooms and guided reading room that fit each child's reading level and interest
- ◆ reading and math instructional manipulatives, supplies, and digital programs like IXL, MobyMax, Starfall, Mystery Science, and Reflex
- ◆ remedial materials and tutors
- ◆ teachers who have been exposed to the best and most recent professional training like Ron Clark Academy, Leader in Me Symposium, Alabama Best Practices Center for Professional Development and access to a highly qualified instructional coach to assist with implementation of that new learning
- ◆ teacher for STEAM education
- ◆ addition of a sensory room for students with autism and other behavior needs
- ◆ outdoor classroom space
- ◆ improved sound system for gymnasium to enhance student program effectiveness

The list of dreams can expand and change as the needs of our Fairhope students change over the next 30 years! How wonderful!

Until January of 2021, Fairhope Elementary and Fairhope Intermediate will continue to join hands to raise funds for our schools. We will each host Boosterthon in the fall. In addition to providing critical funding, Boosterthon provides students with excellent character lessons and a focus on the importance of physical fitness. In the spring, Fairhope Elementary and Fairhope Intermediate will be "Joining Hands for the Parting of Ways" as two separate K-6 schools. We are in the beginning stages of planning, but we know that students from both schools will present parting gifts to each other in commemoration of celebrating the past and looking forward to the future. Look for more information in the coming months.

Thank you, again, for your support over 30 years of increased instructional funding for students in our community.



OCT 18, 2019
 Fairhope Civic Center
6:30 pm

Join the Fairhope Educational Enrichment Foundation for its annual fall fundraiser **FEEF Presents School of Rock** on Friday, October 18, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at the Fairhope Civic Center. The night will pay tribute to great rock and roll and will have amazing food provided by Cactus Cantina, drinks and music provided by D'Jones Entertainment.

All proceeds from this exciting evening benefit FEEF and the STEAM (*Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math*) enrichment programs in all five Fairhope public schools.

Over the last 23 years, FEEF has provided over \$2.5 million in enrichment programs to our Fairhope students. These programs include the creation of the award-winning **Pelican's Nest Science Lab**, the **Black Box Theatre** at Fairhope High School, and the creation and sustained funding of the **piano, guitar and choral** programs at both the middle and high schools. As well as providing integral equipment for students such as **school-wide calculators** for testing, **band instruments, iPads and smart boards**.

Your support and generosity, by sponsoring FEEF events, provided **over \$192,700** to our schools for the 2018-2019 school year. This support continued to fund the hands-on **Science Labs** at Fairhope Intermediate and J. Larry Newton, provided upgrades to the **engineering, art and dance** classrooms at Fairhope High and funded **teacher classroom grants** that included **robotics, graphic design tablets, project based learning, guided reading programs**, and more.

These enrichment programs are critical to the development of our students and these opportunities would not exist without your support.

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People® is one of the key frameworks of the Leader in Me model. The 7 Habits help students learn and apply social-emotional skills. Additionally, the 7 Habits give students and staff members a common language and are essential in building a strong leadership culture. Last month we studied Habit 1: Be Proactive. This month we are focused on Habit 2: Begin with the end in mind.

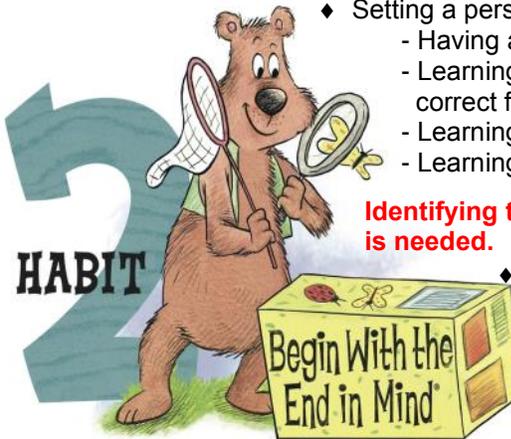
Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind

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 I can plan for what is needed.

- ◆ Examples:
 1. Following recipe
 2. Making a project (bird house)
 3. Building a fort, gathering supplies before starting

Boosterthon 2019-2020

Parents! This year's main fundraiser is the FES Fun Run! It's a two-week program that kicks off with a Pep Rally on October 7, 2019. Families will then gather pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on October 17, 2019. With our big goal of raising \$40,000 for **Leader in Me, literacy materials, and beautification of the old special needs playground**, we asked the Fun Run experts at Boosterthon to power our Fun Run. Please help our school by reaching out to sponsors.

Students will also experience an amazing character theme, **MINDSPARK WILD WEST!** The six MindSpark kids from last year will be back in action, solving an even bigger mystery with the help of their S.T.E.A.M skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) and strong character. This time they'll have to travel back in time to the Wild West and save Dr. Shock from the outlaw Bully Malone and his No-Good Gang.

Also, all families are invited to come out and cheer on your student at the Fun Run on October 17, 2019!

PreK	8:00
1st Grade	8:30
Kindergarten	9:45
2nd Grade	11:00
3rd Grade	12:15

Thank you for your support!

