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March News ♦ 2019

"Learning and Leading to Empower Our Genius!"

ALSDE Releases State Report Card for FES

FES is proud to announce our 17-18 report card score of 97/A! This improvement is due to the hard work of our teachers, coaches, and part-time tutors who are implementing guided reading, a county-wide initiative for the past two years.

A huge thanks to many who have helped us purchase materials and training for EVERY classroom and reading teacher:

- ♦ Baldwin County Board of Education
- ♦ Fairhope City Council with the support of the Education Advisory Committee
- ♦ Fairhope Elementary Sponsors
- ♦ Generous Support by Parents and Community of Fundraisers

	December, 2017	December, 2018
Reading Achievement	64/D	93/A
Math Achievement	93/A	98/A
Overall including Academic Growth and Chronic Absenteeism	83/B	97/A

Parents are encouraged to partner with us in this emphasis on improvement by requiring your children to practice reading every evening. The text should be easy promoting a love for reading!



Important Dates

- Mar. 1 MoonPie Bike to School
- Mar. 1 Kindergarten Mardi Gras Parade 1:30 p.m., Parents Invited
- Mar. 4-6 Mardi Gras Holidays
- Mar. 7 Cat in the Hat Day - Crazy Hats
- Mar. 7 Perfect Attendance Out of Uniform
- Mar. 7 Subway Spirit Night 3-9 p.m.
- Mar. 8 Fox in Sox Day - Mismatched & Crazy Socks & Shoes
- Mar. 8 3rd Grade Dr. Seuss Parade 8:00 a.m. K/1 Carline, Parents Invited
- Mar. 22 Silent Auction Donation Deadline
- Mar. 22 Report Cards Go Home
- Mar. 22 Special Olympics
- Mar. 28 Kona Ice
- Mar. 29 FEEF Golf Tournament

Kindergarten Mardi Gras Parade Route Change!

The parade will begin at 1:30 pm on Friday, March 1st. Due to construction, the parade route will begin at the cafeteria foyer doors and proceed along the K/1 car line route. **Parents are invited to attend!**

Attendance Tied to State Report Card!

The state FES report card was released in December, and attendance rates continue to be a focus. As a governmental entity, schools are required to follow federal, state, and county laws and policies for attendance. Each governing authority has a different threshold when defining chronic absenteeism/truancy. Below are two thresholds:

The Alabama State Department of Education docked every school's report card grade for students who were absent more than 15 days for any reason. This means we were docked for chronic absenteeism for every student who was absent more than 15 days whether it was excused by a physician or not.

Baldwin County Board of Education Early Warning policies begin after 9 absences unless excused by a physician's note. Vacation absences must be included in the maximum of 9 absences. As the year-end approaches and absences begin to mount, please keep in mind, only 9 absences can be excused unless excused by a physician. You can view your child's attendance on Parent Portal or contact the front office or teacher.

There is no maximum allowed number of physician excuses for absences when interpreting the Early Warning law. Please remember to have students in school every day when possible!



What? When? Where?

FES "Pirate Sound"
FIS Chorus
Performances
5:00

DINNER
5:00-7:00

Food Court (behind gym)
Meals can either be pre-ordered on bidpal.net/onefairhope or by sending back the order form coming home with your child.

SILENT AUCTION
5:30-7:00
Gym

Doors to the gym open at 5:30
Bidpal auction will close at 7:00!

Inflatable Challenge
For K-6• 5:30-7:00
Playground
Movie Night & Crafts
For PreK Only- 5:30-7:00
Music Room

Auction Items Deadline
March 22

Talk to everyone you know! We are accepting items and sponsorships through March 22nd! We've already received some exciting commitments:

- Braces
- Beach Getaway
- 3 months of fresh produce delivered to you
- student-created art
- gift certificates galore

But we still need more items!

Have questions?
Contact our auction chair:
Cassie Morgenstern
cassie.morgenstern@gmail.com

The FES/FIS One Fairhope One Future Family Night and Silent Auction is fast approaching!

This year, FES and FIS are partnering together to host a fantastic night of fun and fundraising! The night kicks off with a FES and FIS chorus performance, food truck and restaurant courtyard, an Inflatable Challenge for our K-6 students, a movie/craft room for our youngest guests and a drawdown for an opportunity to win A DISNEY VACATION PACKAGE!

◆ Dinner

As in years past, we will need to pre-order meals so that our vendors can anticipate demand. Meals can either be pre-ordered on bidpal.net/onefairhope or by sending back the order form coming home with your child. Online orders can begin on March 12.

Available options include:

\$8 Smoking Gringos **\$8 Ben's Burger Kaboose**
\$8 Thyme on Section **\$3 Soul Caffeine Desserts and Coffee**
\$8 Green and Grain

You can also pre-order tickets in \$5 increments that will cover:

\$2 Pizza \$1 Beverages Soul Caffeine Coffee Drinks and Desserts (prices will vary)

Food truck and restaurant meals MUST be pre-ordered. The deadline for returning forms to school is March 22nd. Online orders are extended to April 2. If you miss out on pre-orders, you will be able to purchase tickets in \$1 increments for pizza and drinks.

◆ Disney Drawdown

Brush up on your Disney trivia for your opportunity to win a package that includes 20 Disney Park Hopper Passes and a week of accommodations at a Disney Resort! An entire Disney vacation for \$10! Forms will be sent home and are due March 22nd. Purchase drawdown tickets online beginning March 12 through April 2!

◆ Auction items due MARCH 22

The person who turns in the most auction items will receive 2 free entries into the Disney vacation drawdown! Let's make our largest fundraiser of the year our largest ever! For complete details and restrictions, please visit the FAQ section of bidpal.net/onefairhope

◆ P.E. Inflatable Challenge and Movie Night/Crafts

The P.E. coaches and faculty have graciously stepped forward to provide playground time and fun activities for our FES and FIS students while parents shop the auction! Grab dinner with your children first, if your child is currently enrolled in FES or FIS, you will be able to check them in on the playground for obstacle courses and slides! Strict security measures will be in place so you can shop with peace of mind. Our youngest guests (PreK) can enjoy a movie and craft night in the FES music room while you shop!

What will you win this year?

The Leader in Me™

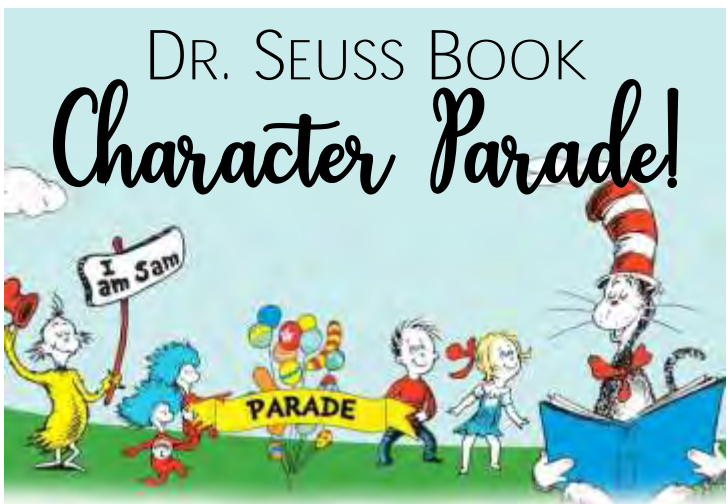
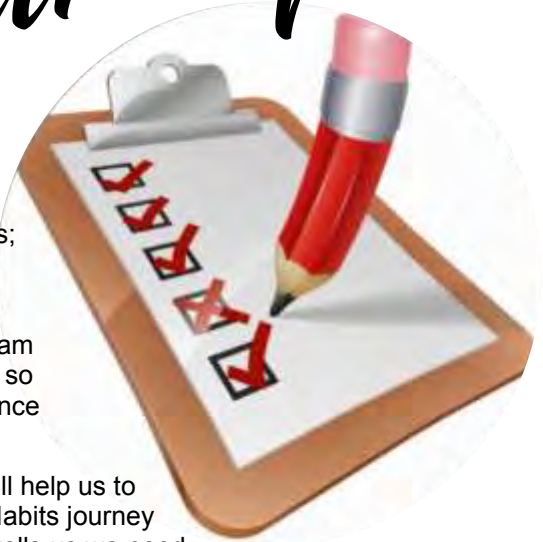
Survey

Seek First to Understand Before Being Understood - Habit 5

Surveys can be annoying since we receive many requests from many sources; however, please remember that surveys about how to make our school better is a very important tool.

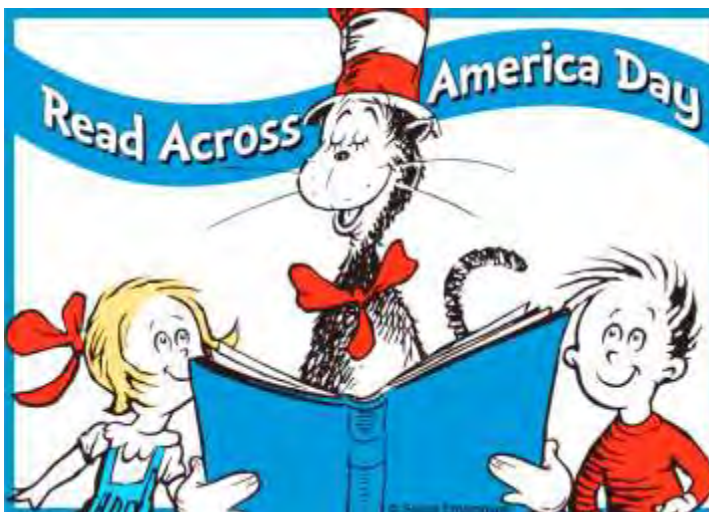
All of us at FES, including the Patrons and the School Improvement Lead Team parents take the responses very seriously. Each question is studied carefully so adjustments can be made to help ensure your child has the very best experience possible at Fairhope Elementary School.

The Leader in Me survey link will soon be emailed to you. These questions will help us to better understand your thoughts and feelings about our participation in the 7 Habits journey at FES and the transformation of our school to student leadership. Research tells us we need at least a 20% response rate. The survey should take only about 15 minutes. **Thank you for your time helping us move forward successfully with the Leader in Me program!**



FES third graders will celebrate Read across America with a character parade on **March 8, 2019!** Parents are invited to view the parade from the breezeway near the K/1 car line.

The parade begins at 8:00.



March 7-8

Fairhope Elementary School will celebrate reading on March 7-8 with a tribute to Dr. Seuss. Classes will pair up to read together for Buddy Reading. Guest readers are encouraged to read favorite books to classes. The uniform policy will remain in place, and students are invited to add a few fun bits of apparel during the week.

THEMES:

THURSDAY

The Cat in the Hat Day (*crazy hat*)

FRIDAY

Fox in Sox Day

(*mismatched/crazy socks /shoes*)

Pre-K
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WHERE THE RIGHT DIRECTION BEGINS
Fairhope Point Clear Rotary Pre-K

**Now accepting applications for the
2019-2020 school year**

Who: 4 Year Old Children (Must be 4 on or before 9/2/19)
What: Accepting applications for Pre-K - Online
Where: <https://alprek.asapconnected.com>

Complete the Pre-Registration Form online and submit birth certificate, proof of residence and immunization record.

When: January 15 – March 15, 2019
Questions - Call 251-928-9148

More information: www.childrenalabama.org and see Pre-Registration info under First Class Pre-K.

All are not applicable on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national or ethnic origin, or disability. Terms, conditions, will vary after March 7th, or before at 855. Events are subject to be rescheduled.

The Scholastic Holiday Book Fair was a success!

Total sales for our school fair were
\$21,345.09...wow!!
Our profit earned from the fair was
\$5,296.30!

This money will be used to add new books to our collection and begin buying furniture to make our library a place for learning, collaborating, dreaming, and of course, reading! Thank you for your support to build reading habits at a young age in your children!

**BIKE TO
SCHOOL**
moonpie ride
friday, march 1

Friday, March 1st is our Mardi Gras Bike to School Day! Ride your bike to school to get a Moon Pie and a spoke bead for your bike! Remember to wear your helmet, enter by the HOV line and walk your bike once on campus.

Honor a Teacher, Staff Member, Coach, Team or Classroom

Sponsor a Tee Sign at the 31st Annual Mayor's Golf Tournament benefiting the Fairhope Educational Enrichment Foundation (FEEF).

Tee signs are \$150 per sign and will be displayed prominently at one of the 18 tee boxes during the golf tournament and again in the school car lines the week following the tournament. **\$25 from each tee sign will go directly to the honoree to use in the classroom.**

TEE SIGN DEADLINE – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Download Tee Sign Form at:

(<https://feefonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019-Tee-Sign-Form.pdf>)

Just want to spotlight your business on the course with a tee sign, no problem! Just leave the honoree section blank and send the form in with only your name and information completed.

Team Sponsorships Available

The four-person scramble, presented by title sponsor Terry Thompson Chevrolet, will offer morning and afternoon start times.

All proceeds from the tournament are distributed by FEEF directly back into Fairhope's five public schools. Tournament proceeds allow FEEF to provide Fairhope students with innovative, creative and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) initiative programs. The tournament also provides an opportunity for FEEF to support special funding requests directly from teachers for their classrooms.

Funds raised through this event last year allowed FEEF to continue to provide the following programs:

- ◆ The Pelican's Nest Science Lab, offering hands-on learning to over 4,000 Fairhope students each year
- ◆ Art, reading and STEAM lab equipment for Fairhope Elementary students
- ◆ Hands-on discovery science labs at Fairhope Intermediate and J. Larry Newton
- ◆ Guitar and choral classes in addition to a new piano lab for Fairhope Middle
- ◆ Upgrades for the art, choral, dance and band classes, engineering tools and the Black Box Theater at Fairhope High School

For more information visit www.feefonline.org or call 251-990-3333.

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