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The FAIRHOPE WEST ELEMENTARY PIRATE

SEPTEMBER News ♦ 2021

“Learning and Leading to Empower Our Genius!”

TESTING

AlaKiDS

ALABAMA KINDERGARTEN INVENTORY OF DEVELOPING SKILLS

Kindergarten students are assessed with AlaKiDS in August. AlaKiDS is a whole child assessment given the first month of kindergarten that will provide the kindergarten teacher with needed information on a child's independent skills and abilities. This will be a valuable tool to help guide instruction and set goals for each child.



STAR™
Assessments

STAR is used to assess students in grades kindergarten through six in August, December, and May. STAR assessments are computer-adaptive tests designed to give educators accurate, reliable, and valid data quickly so that they can make good decisions about instruction and intervention. Parents will receive a performance report within a few weeks after the assessment.

CBM
curriculum based measure

Curriculum based measure tests called CBM's are administered to all children three times per year with the STAR tests. Intervention students are tested on a monthly basis. A CBM test allows teachers to accurately assess students' development so they can better target instruction and intervention to each learner's specific needs.

ACAP

Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program

Finally, the Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program, ACAP, is Alabama's high-stakes test for students in grades 2-8 administered in April. All students in grades two through eight are assessed in math and language arts. Only students in grades four and six are assessed in science. **Students who fail to score a proficient score in third grade may be retained as per the Alabama Literacy Act.**

Important Dates

- Sept. 3 FHS vs Daphne – Wear Black!
- Sept. 3 Bike to School
- Sept. 6 Labor Day Holiday, No School
- Sept. 6 Rotolo's Spirit Night 3-8 p.m.
- Sept. 9 Fall Picture Day, Out of Uniform
- Sept. 10 Out of Uniform for Those with Perfect Attendance, No Checkouts, and No Tardies
- Sept. 10 FHS vs Foley – Wear Cowboy/Cowgirl
- Sept. 13 School Dismissal Manager Begins
- Sept. 16 Subway Spirit Night 3-8 p.m.
- Sept. 17 FHS vs Davidson – Wear White!
- Sept. 17 Progress Reports Go Home
- Sept. 20-28 Boosterthon!
- Sept. 28 Boosterthon Fun Run! Parents Invited!

HOV CONGESTION!



Please leave the right lane *on the hill* open for buses to enter the campus. All of the buses will have arrived by 2:50. After 2:50, cars may line up using both lanes. Thank you for your cooperation!

Fairhope West

ELEMENTARY

BEGINNING BAND



Mrs. Melissa White is our new 6th grade beginning band teacher with a huge group of new students! Looking forward to a fantastic year!



**School
is
Back!!**


Hungry and don't
want to cook
dinner?

Join Fairhope West
Elementary for
Spirit Night at
Rotolo's Pizza!!!

**September
6TH 2021
3:00-8:00**

GO PIRATES!!!

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**Fairhope
West PTP**

**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**

Our Trunk or Treat is coming up fast
and we need your help!

If you would like to decorate your trunk and hand out
candy please email Brittain Cryar at d1bcryar@gmail.com
or 256-473-7181. This way she can send you the link for
the sign up genius. We just need your name
and trunk book theme.

If you do not have a trunk, but still want to help out we
would appreciate it if you could send in a bag of individually
wrapped candy, goody bags, or small prizes.
You may turn it into your child's teacher, the office,
or Brittain will be happy to meet you.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Fairhope West Fun Run
on 9/28

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Parents! This year's main fundraiser is the FWE Fun Run! It's a two-week program that kicks off with a pep rally on September 20, 2021. Families will then gather pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on September 28, 2021. Our hopes are that parents can join us! With our big goal of raising \$30,000 for playground improvements and instructional materials, we asked the Fun Run experts at Boosterthon to power our Fun Run. Please help our school by reaching out to sponsors.

Families are invited to come out and cheer on your student!

Boosterthon Fun Run • September 28, 2021!

PreK and Kindergarten 8:15
 1st Grade and 2nd Grade 9:15
 3rd Grade and 4th Grade 10:15
 5th Grade and 6th Grade 11:15

Thank you for your support!

Fairhope West Elementary Presents:



Fairhope Subway Spirit Night
 Thursday, September 16, 2021
 3:00-8:00

LET'S START THE SCHOOL YEAR OFF RIGHT! COME OUT AND SHOW SOME PIRATE SUPPORT!

GO PIRATES!!!!

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Chromebook ISSUES?



If a technology question arises with your child's Chromebook, check out this link for answers:

<https://www.bcbe.org/Page/22683>

PIRATE
Pride!



Football season has begun and our Fairhope Pirate High School football team needs our support! We are inviting students to dress as the high schoolers are dressing in support of the team on certain Fridays. Watch *The Pirate* newsletter for how to dress on football Fridays!

First Friday Bike to School Days are back!

Plan on biking to school Friday, September 3rd, to earn your first spoke bead of the year!

BIKE TO SCHOOL

If you are biking home, notify your child's teacher several days before so they can secure a walker pass for you. Then change your dismissal to "Walker" and pick up kids at the double doors just west of the Cafeteria with your walker pass. If you forget to get a walker pass, you can pick one up in the office.

SCHOOL RULES:

- **Bikes should always be walked on sidewalks once on campus.**
- **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.**

School Dismissal

Changing a child's dismissal involves a lot of folks - front office staff, teacher(s), child(ren), Mom, and Dad. The challenge with one transportation change is to make sure that everyone gets the word. The challenge in a large school with over 900 students is to make sure that A LOT of folks get the word.

Welcome School Dismissal Manager!

School Dismissal Manager is an online system that informs all parties of transportation changes with a few clicks of a button. This reduces the chance of error. Beginning September 13, 2021, FWE will begin using School Dismissal Manager for afternoon dismissal changes. The system promises to be easy. Detailed instructions will be coming to you on September 8, 2021. In addition, the Student Handbook, located on the school website, has a section with more specific information about SDM.

Some of you may have specific custodial situations that will need to be addressed on an individual basis. Please contact Mary Elizabeth Brock or Julie Pierce for assistance. Mary Elizabeth Brock's email address is mebrock@bcbe.org. Julie Pierce's email address is jgpierce@bcbe.org. The office phone number is 251-928-8400. We are here to help and are excited about making transportation changes via email.

