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The FAIRHOPE WEST ELEMENTARY PIRATE

JANUARY News ♦ 2021

"Learning and Leading to Empower Our Genius!"

STEAM at Home!

You're invited to experience STEAM with your Fairhope West student who is learning and leading to empower their genius.

- Who:** FWE Parents
What: STEAM At Home
When: The week of January 18, 2021
Where: Kitchen, yard, garage
Why: Students will direct parents in a STEAM activity and record their experience with you and post on social media platforms with #FWESTEAM

More details will be coming in January from your child's teacher!

Fairhope West YEARBOOK

FWE is excited to share the 2020-2021 school year by offering a hardbound yearbook! This year will be a year to remember, so preserve your child's memories of the year of perseverance.

Reserve your copy today! Please pay \$35 with cash or check made payable to FWES. Send money to your child's teacher.

**Deadline for payment is
Thursday, February 27, 2021.**

Your child will receive his/her copy at the end of the school year so it can be signed by friends and teachers.



Important Dates

- Jan. 5 - 8** Students Return to Distance Learning 8:30 a.m. Sharp!
Jan. 7 - Feb. 27 Yearbook Sales \$35
Jan. 11 Report Cards Go Home
Jan. 12 Fall Picture Makeup Day
Jan. 18 No School, Martin Luther King Holiday
Jan. 18-22 STEAM at Home
Jan. 29 Bus Driver Appreciation Day



Bus Appreciation

January 29, 2021

The Alabama State Department of Education declared this day to be Bus Driver Appreciation Day in memory of Charles Poland who died defending children on a school bus in Dale County five years ago on January 29th. His heroism is an example of all bus drivers in our state who daily protect our children, love our children, and sometimes even discipline our children - all while driving! We hope everyone makes a special effort to say thank you to our wonderful bus drivers!

Spelling BEE

Every year, students across the country have the opportunity to participate in the National Spelling Bee. On December 3rd, twenty-five of our third through sixth graders competed to earn the title of FWES Spelling Bee Champion. These students were asked to correctly spell a broad range of words varying in degree of difficulty. Our contestants included: **Ty Nichols, Gray Chamblee, Olivia Wilson, Gunnar Janes, Savannah Grace Jones, Eli Smith, Emory Watkins, Ryan Cordell, Helen Hapworth, Kade Kirchoff, Ree Gibson, Judah White, Wyatt Hill, Emmalyn Webb, Maddie Miller, Tyler Ard, Taylor Scott, Braxton Bailey, Jack Gerhardt, Brayden Cramer, Lola Webb, Kate Gardner, Khloe Powell, Hannah Beall** and **Margaret Conyers**.

Our 2020-2021 spelling bee champion is Olivia Wilson. She will compete in the Baldwin County spelling bee contest after the new year. Congratulations, Olivia! We are so proud of all our contestants!



Looking for a way to help FWES students in need?

We have a simple solution! FWES has partnered with the City of Fairhope to launch a unique program called Neighborhood Bridges. This technology-based system allows community members to work with FES so that we can assist students with emergency needs. Examples include clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, and other school related needs. This platform will also be used as a way to help after a catastrophic event.

Fairhope's Neighborhood Bridges program takes away many of the uncertainties of online giving. Donors will know they are giving to vetted people and that their gifts will reach the intended recipient. **SIGN UP** to receive weekly notifications of giving opportunities at: www.neighborhoodbridges.org/community/fairhope-al Simply choose a need you feel called to meet. **No information is shared between the donor and recipient.**

FEEF

Blesses Fairhope West Students AGAIN!

Gardening is not only a science but an art. It requires an appreciation of the natural world and the recognition that humans can impact that world positively or negatively. If given the opportunity, children are drawn to nature and are curious observers of the constant changes brought about by the weather, fauna and humans. To provide that opportunity, Mrs. Dumas' fifth and sixth grade gifted students were awarded a FEEF grant (Fairhope Educational Enrichment Foundation) for washtub gardens. In addition to providing beauty, students evaluate placement areas; calculate the amount of soil needed for each garden; determine the best plantings for each garden based on the amount of sunlight; devise a method and plan to plant, and then maintain the gardens. All of this is a great example of how STEAM encourages students to solve real world problems. **THANK YOU, FEEF!!!!**



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Invest in kids. It's a smart choice.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT COUNCIL! 2020-2021 Student Council Officers

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