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!*

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**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.

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

PRESIDENT  VICE PRESIDENT  TREASURER  SECRETARY

Mary Parish Castle  Gibson DeLaFosse  Andrew Brodbeck  Madeline Hart Preus

Class Representatives

3rd Grade
- Gunnar Janes
- Kelsi Jones
- Will Roach
- Savannah Gearhart
- Emma Jane Thompson
- Parker Padget
- Amariana Gardner

4th Grade
- Callie Giddings
- Rosalyn Weems
- Mary Page Ellis
- George Hardman
- Brody Bosarge
- Jett Brantley

5th Grade
- Ronequa Moodie
- Fabrico Ruiz-Sierra
- Page Creighton
- Ann Laney Chew
- Nicholas Dyas
- Morgan Fawcett

6th Grade
- Marilee Segars
- Sam Roach
- Hayden Woodford
- Jayda Davis
- Anna Britten Stejskal
- Ferris Hapworth