

Elementary Newsletter from Wade Putnal



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FIELD DAY is FRIDAY, MAY 12th - 9 a.m. to noon

Friday, May 12th, is our annual Elementary Field Day for 1st to 5th graders. We will have half-day early dismissal at noon for 1st-5th. (3K, Pre-K, and K students will have regular school hours.) Don't forget to apply sunscreen to your child before school that day. If you are interested in volunteering, email Lauren Cheek at mattcheek@cox.net. Class Colors:

1st – ORANGE; 2nd – YELLOW; 3rd – GREEN; 4th – BLUE; 5th - "BLACKOUT" or TIE-DYE

Truth be Told Art, Mother's Day Class - Grades 1 - 8. Come and paint His truth on canvas with fun designs. Participants will go home with a painted canvas just in time for Mother's Day. **Monday, May 8**, 3:45 - 6:00 pm. \$40 To register, visit the school website.

School Supply Kits: Please see the flyer in today's signed paper folders for information on 2017-18 school supply kits. **CURRENT Students: 1st-4th grade:** Your supplies will be ordered for you. Your account will be billed in the fall. No paperwork needed. **Rising 1st Grade Students:** You must sign a school supply form to receive a kit. Please see form in folders today. Deadline is May 9th. If you have any questions, please contact Renita Eversole at 478-477-6505, ext. 177, or email renita.eversole@fpdmacon.org.

Backpack Ministry immediate needs are vienna sausages, Capri Sun juice pouches, jello, and pudding. Thank you for always helping with this outreach!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION about SUMMER READING: The purpose of our Elementary Summer Reading Program is to encourage all our students to continue their daily reading, while developing secure skills. Strong reading skills help students in every academic area and open them up to a lifetime love of learning.

We suggest giving your child as many opportunities as possible – to be read to, to read aloud, to read to themselves, and to read for an audience such as siblings, family, or grandparents. Help your child find things to read about that they are interested in. As you travel and vacation, read signs, trucks, and billboards.

Thank you for helping nurture a love for reading throughout the summer, beyond just completing graded assignments. Let's all work together and watch their love for reading grow!

Please check the school website for details regarding your child's required reading and book reports to be completed for **ALL** rising students in 1st-5th grade.

***Entering 4th grade: Students must choose ONE: *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo; *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen; *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate; *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis; OR *Lunch Money* by Andrew Clements

***Entering 5th grade: Students must read *Frindle* by Andrew Clements.

***Entering 6th grade: Students must read *A Night Divided* by Jennifer Nielsen

****There will be other required books as well. **Check the school website for details.**

LIBRARY NEWS: It's time to clean kids' rooms, car hiding-places, bookshelves, bookbags, etc., to look for lost library books. (It's most interesting to hear where lost books are discovered!) Note that all library books and fines were due yesterday, May 3. It's been a pleasure working with your children in the library this year

FPD Consignment Sale - Monday-Tuesday, May 22 & 23. It's not too late to participate in our sale. (For security reasons, please do not take FPD uniforms to Goodwill or other local charities.) Instead, please sell or donate them at our school's annual consignment sale. Donations may be dropped off anytime in The Viking Store, open daily 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. near the cafeteria in the MAC. **NOTE:** Elementary (1st-5th graders) will wear uniforms on May 22 for the Honors Assembly.

Congratulations! FPD Elementary tied with Tattnall in the Goodwill Donation Drive. We will receive a check from Goodwill. **Mrs. Justice's 3rd grade** had the most donations and will enjoy an ice cream party. Many thanks to all who donated. Go Vikings!

THE VIKING STORE is the perfect place for end-of-year or graduation gifts. We carry red & black nail polish sets with "P" decals, Pomchie brand hair accessories, lipgloss, washable lanyards, car accessories, FPD spikes for drinks in the sand, and T-shirts for summer fun. On sale now: All t-shirts are 20% off and there are new additions to the \$10 clearance rack. Open daily 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the MAC. Call Renita at 478-477-6505, x177 for info.

SUMMER CAMPS NOW ONLINE! Summer is awesome at FPD! There are over 35 camps to choose from with options for students in 3K-12th grade in academics, art, and athletics! The fun begins May 30. Be sure to check out some of our new options like Musical Theatre for Elementary Students; Cookies, Crowns, and Lettering for Middle School Students; Drum Camp; Sports & Games Galore; and Family Bake Nights for the whole family! All are hosted on our campus by caring instructors who teach according to FPD's Core Values. Bring your friends, neighbors, and cousins!

***** COMING UP *****

May 22 - **Elementary Honors Program**, 1:00 pm, Clark Fine Arts auditorium. All elementary students should wear uniforms on this day.

May 23 – **5th Grade Graduation**, 7 pm, Clark Fine Arts auditorium

May 24 - **NO LATE START – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** – Half day/early dismissal at 11:45; Year-end celebration at 10:15 am; no lunch served

Elementary Chapel - May 9 at 12:05 pm. 3K, Pre-K, and K will lead. Parents welcome!

All **library books** are now due. Please clean out closets, bookbags, cars, etc.

May 14 - **FPD Baccalaureate Service**, First Presbyterian Day School, 7 pm.

May 20 - **FPD Graduation** at Ingleside Baptist Church, 12:00 noon