

Lower School Newsletter from Wade Putnal

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Our mission is to educate and equip students to change the world for God's glory.

- **DRESS DOWN FRIDAY for BACKPACK MINISTRIES** - Friday, May 19, is our last Dress Down Day for this school year. Students may bring a \$1 donation and wear jeans or shorts (non-athletic) and a FPD spirit shirt. Money raised will help with summertime needs for some of the local elementary children who are helped by this vital program.
- **Elementary Dress Code Next Week:** On Monday, May 22, all students should wear FPD uniforms for our Elementary Honors Program. Tuesday, May 23, students may wear FPD spirit shirts and shorts (non-athletic). Wednesday, May 24, students may wear their favorite T-shirt and shorts (non-athletic).



We are excited to announce that FPD Elementary School received a check from **Goodwill Industries** for our outstanding participation in their Donation Drive 2017! Thank you, FPD family, for your donations. **Mrs. Justice's 3rd grade class** had the highest percentage of participation and will receive a special treat! Way to go, Vikings!

- **All library books** and fines are now overdue. Call the office (478-477-6505, ext. 112) to make payment arrangements if books are lost. All accounts must be cleared before report cards can be released.
- **WANTED: Science Lab Supplies** - Mrs. Clausen is restocking her lab and needs cardboard tubes (any size) and small jars (baby food, pimentos, etc.) Thanks for your help! You can bring these items during the next few weeks or during the summer and leave at the Elementary office.



Keyboard Practice



Would you like to encourage your child to **sharpen their keyboarding skills**? Summertime is a perfect time to practice typing, and just by working 10 minutes a day for a couple of weeks, your child can greatly increase their speed and accuracy.

Typingclub.com is a free resource that teaches touch typing through self-paced lessons. This web-based application is most suitable for students in 3rd grade or higher. If you need more information, contact Lyn Brumbelow, Elementary Computer Science teacher, at lyn.brumbelow@fpdmacon.org. Happy Keyboarding!

- **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.

- **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. 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.**

- **FPD "Viking Summer Extended Day" Program --** Our dedicated staff have worked hard to re-imagine our FPD Extended Day program for summer 2017 and beyond by introducing new, exciting weekly themes and daily surprises. The "Viking Summer Extended Day" is an all-day program for students entering 3K through 5th grade designed to help them stay active and engaged all summer. With a different theme each week, our Viking Summer Extended Day counselors will lead students in games, art activities, stories, experiments, relays, movies, crafts, and exciting snacks all related to the themes. Parents and students can pick from an assortment of weekly themes and choose which sessions they prefer, or they may participate the entire summer. If children are attending a Center for Discovery Camp, they can also participate in Before & After Camp Care at an hourly or weekly rate. To register or for more information, visit www.fpdmacon.org/extended-day-program.
- **SUMMER MUSIC LESSONS for Adults - Students - Children:** Check out this great opportunity for group lessons in acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar and drums on Tuesdays,

Wednesdays or Thursdays, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at FPD. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Leslein through our Center for Discovery office or John Hughey at FPD Group Guitar (478-238-3134.)

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