



Lower School Newsletter from Wade Putnal
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Our mission at First Presbyterian Day School is to educate and equip students to change the world for God's glory.

Please note...beginning in November you will receive one Lower School Newsletter for the month with the date being closest to the first of the month and one Counselor's Newsletter mid-month. Please print and post on your home bulletin board for reference. Hopefully, this will help make things more concise. The FPD website will continue to provide weekly newsletter reminders about: sports, fine arts, academic, and other school events. The Lower School Newsletter will always be available for reference on the FPD website also.

Chapel this week... we had high school students in Project LEAD come and share some skits on friends and sharing kindness. The students enjoyed listening to a message from Mr. James Moore. 5th grade Chorus did an awesome job leading chapel and worship. Come join us when you can! Upcoming Elementary Chapel date is Tuesday, October 30th @ 12:05.

THEME Basket donations for Fall Festival...Each class in the Lower School (3K – 5th) has a theme and will bring in donations for making a basket. These baskets will be auctioned off at the Silent Auction part of Fall Festival. ***All items are due by tomorrow at 9:00 am. Participation is voluntary.***

Center for Discovery = "Beyond the Classroom Learning." Many new classes are beginning as November and holiday time approaches. Sign up now at www.fpdmacon.org/center-for-discovery for a complete class detail list. You may also sign up with paper registration forms available in the Elementary office. Bring a friend!

For birthdays and Christmas... The Viking Store has items for all ages, including our own "Viking Bucks" gift card available in any amount! We have a great selection of short and long t-shirts, uniform-approved outerwear, caps, Tervis Tumblers, and much more. Visit our page at www.fpdmacon.org/TheVikingStore. Open school days 7:45am to 3:30pm and located in the MAC near the cafeteria. Contact Renita at renita.eversole@fpdmacon.org or call 478-477-6505.

DID YOU KNOW? All elementary classes in 1st- 5th grades have an FPD International student that their class prays for daily. These students are their International Pals. Throughout the year the younger students make them cards, share goodies, and invite them to their classes to share. We want them to know what it means to be part of the FPD family.



The Elementary Christmas Program is coming soon on Thursday, December 6th at 1pm and 7pm. All students in grades 1-5 are involved. For the costume, this year all children in 1st-5th grade will **wear pajamas (or pajama-like outfits**, such as sweatpants and a t-shirt.) There is no need to purchase pajamas for the program--they do not have to be Christmas-themed or anything special. Christmas-themed is ok, but NOT required. Regular school shoes or hard-sole slippers are fine. Since the children will have to walk outside to get to the auditorium, regular slippers are not allowed. Students will wear their pajamas on December 6th for the 1pm and 7pm shows.



Garden Spotlight... Now that the weather is finally cooling off all classes in 3K- 5th grade are working to clean out and plant their fall garden beds. Raised beds are beginning to be filled with fall vegetables. Some classes are watching as their seeds germinate in our greenhouse. It will be exciting to watch these plants grow as we look forward to picking and having these for snack times and lunch! What an awesome way to experience God's creation as we enjoy the change of seasons and learn about life cycles of plants. We are grateful for the donations ACE Hardware on Forsyth Road gives to our garden projects.

BOX TOPS: Please continue to send in BOX TOPS. THANK YOU for the great response we have already had with sending in Box Tops so far this year!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:



FALL FESTIVAL ... Tuesday, October 23rd... 12- 3pm. Early dismissal 3K – 12th grades @ 11:45. Lunch will be served before dismissal

Ticket Sales begin Friday, October 19th. Available at morning and afternoon carpools and in the Elementary office.

October 24th - **NO LATE START**...3K- 12th grade. School day begins at 8:15

** Early Dismissal for 3K- 5th grades @ 11:45. Lunch will be served before dismissal.

After School Enrichment Program -Viking Clubhouse and Viking Crew will be available on both of these early dismissal days- Oct. 23rd and 24th. Please contact Sally Anne if you plan for your child to attend.

**Please contact Sally Anne Lancour (yes, she got married!) at sallyanne.lancour@fpdmacon.org

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PARENTS/ TEACHERS Partner Corner

Think about the time you spend with your children and the time your children spend doing something.

The time one spends on digital devices is time... time is fleeting as the days in the lives of young ones is the time when developing the foundations for a lifetime of learning is most important.

Nothing can take the place of engaged face to face time with friends, family, and teachers to help develop language, communication skills, and appropriate social/manners skills.

Fill treasured time with holding, hugging, talking, storytelling, saying rhymes, outdoor play, exercise, reading aloud, creating, learning a new skill, experiencing nature in one's own backyard, and building things.

Too much time on digital devices too soon can lead to future problems academically, socially, and even possible digital addictions.

Set limits.

Set a plan for all devices to have a "sleeping/recharging" spot out of children's rooms.

Always make sure children's screens are in view. Safety on technology at home is a parental responsibility- keeping children safe from dangers. Parents and teachers partner as they play the most important roles in teaching digital safety to our children.

**References....*Common Sense Media* for true educational and appropriate apps.
*Healthy-Children.org/Media Use Plan***