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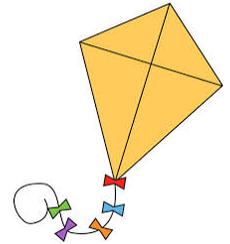
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PFA Newsletter Spring 2017

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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Testing continues! Please keep in mind students are not actually testing more, however testing is spread out further than in the past. You should have received specific dates in the Tuesday Folder a couple of weeks ago, as well as individual reminders from grade levels. Although the testing window has been extended this year my goal is to minimize the disruption to schedules, resources, and movement throughout campus. You will however notice changes to lunch schedules and resources as this is unavoidable.



The Spring brings with it bicycle safety awareness. While we do address this in our curriculum, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the use of bicycle helmets. So many of our students travel to and from school by bike, and we count on parents to see that their children are equipped.

As we begin to look to next school year, I am asking for your assistance. **We will not accept teacher requests this year.** Should you wish to discuss your child's needs an appointment will need to be scheduled through administration. Our classes are created through a variety of factors including teacher input as well as the academic and social needs of all students. Thank you for understanding as ultimately this is in the best interest for all students.

Next year we have been allocated the following resources: P.E, Music, Art and Technology. I will be discussing with the team as far as scheduling for next year.

Thank you all for the trust you demonstrate each day in allowing us to educate and care for your children.

Sincerely,
Dana L. Archibald, Principal



May 2nd – Interim Reports on Portal
May 8th-12th – Teacher Appreciation Week
May 12th – Early Dismissal
May 29th – No School – Memorial Day
June 7th – Last Day of School
June 15th – Reports Cards on Portal

Drama Club

Rehearsals for Disney's Lion King Jr. are well underway. Our performances will be on April 21st & 22nd at 7pm in the Cafeteria. Advance tickets are on sale. Hakuna Matata! 🎭



Music Notes

The upper grades are continuing to explore and read music through playing a song on the Orff instruments or the recorder. The lower grades will explore the elements of Tempo, Dynamics, listening and identifying instruments.



FIE Chorus will be singing at the Clay County Music Festival, Tuesday, May 16, 2017 from 10:15 - 12 noon. Then they will have their Spring Concert, Thursday, May 18th at 7 p.m. A newly formed Orff instrumental group will be performing as well.

Raise Money For F.I.E. From Home

Remember there are easy ways to help FIE raise money. Please continue to send in your Box Top, Labels for Education and Tyson Project A+ labels. Every box top and label counts toward monetary donations directly to F.I.E. You may drop off box tops to the front desk or send them in through your student's Tuesday folder.

Visit www.mycokerewards.com to donate *Coke Rewards* points to Fleming Island Elementary.

Go Green Charity Recycling: Bins are located in the cafeteria loop to accept clothes, shoes, and stuffed animals. Our school receives money per pound we donate. Please continue supporting this program as well as raise money for FIE!



Items that can be donated are shoes, clothing, belts, stuffed animals, linens, towels, etc. Donated textiles can even be used because Go Green will turn them into filler material. Thank you to all who have donated items and continue to clean out those closets!



Shoparoo is an easy way to raise hundreds, or even thousands, of dollars for our school. To join in on this fundraising initiative, simply download the free "Shoparoo" app. Follow the steps to link your account to FIE. Then take pictures of your receipts. It's that easy! The school earns points from each receipt submitted. These points translate into a check at the end of the year. The more supporters the school has, the bigger our check will be. Please consider participating in this hassle-free, beneficial program.

PFA Nomination Forms Available

We need parents to help make Fleming Island Elementary the best it can be. If you feel that you can contribute to our success, please fill out the PFA nomination form that went out in the last Tuesday folder or see fiepfa.org to download a form. The forms are due on April 26th and elections will be the following week.

For questions or more information, or to get new form, please email Stephanie Bocchieri at stefbocci@aol.com.

PFA Bylaws

Every few years we are required to review and as needed update the PFA's bylaws. We have made some changes this year. The red-line version of the updated bylaws can be found on our PFA's website, fiepfa.org. To review these changes just open the website and click on the info tab. We will be voting to approve these changes at the board meeting on May 22nd. All FIE parents and faculty are allowed to attend and vote. If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Bocchieri at stefbocci@aol.com.

Let's Appreciate Our Teachers & Staff

This year the week of May 8th – 12th is TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK!

We are in need of volunteers for a committee to make this week a success.

We are having a Luau theme and are open to any ideas.

Interested? Please contact Amanda Vernon at vernonaj@gmail.com.

Donation Appreciated!

- Clorax Wipes
- Hand pump soap
- Ziploc bags (gallon & quart)
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Dry erase markers

Any donation is greatly appreciated. Please drop items off at the front office.

Kindergarten Notes

Kindergarten is enjoying the caterpillars, purchased by the PFA. The kindergarten classes are anxiously waiting for the metamorphosis to take place. Thank you PFA! We are excited about our Mother's Day Picnic on Thursday, May 11th. Watch for more information from your child's classroom teacher. Please continue to encourage your child to read from his/her reading binder and sight word list.

1st Grade Notes

Spring is in the air! We are looking forward to a gorgeous Kite Day on April 21st. Remember to send in a packed lunch and a blanket or towel to sit on. We will begin our picnic at 11:00am and hope to see many of our families there! Another exciting upcoming event is our Zoo field trip on April 26th. This coincides with our study of animals. No lunch is needed on this day, as it is being provided by the zoo. To say we were impressed by the dioramas and animal reports would be an understatement. The research skills, public speaking, and creativity displayed was truly wonderful. We have loved sharing them in our classrooms. As we continue to prepare for second grade, please practice basic addition and subtraction facts, as well as read nightly. It has been a fantastic year and we have enjoyed every minute with your children!

2nd Grade Notes

It is hard to believe we are in the final quarter of the school year! We are excited about our field trip to the Alligator Farm on April 18! This is a trip that our students look forward to each year. We are also "egg" cited to be hosting incubators in each of the second grade science classrooms. The 4H Club dropped off our incubators on Tuesday, April 11th and we expect to have our first chicks hatch around April 25th. This is always a fun and educational experience for our students. We are working hard to prepare your children for the SAT10 assessment that will be given in early May. This assessment is given to all second graders in Clay County. Please continue to read and practice math facts at home to reinforce the standards we are teaching in the classroom. As always, we thank you for your support!

3rd Grade Notes

We cannot believe that we are in the last quarter of the year! We are so proud of how much our students have learned and how hard they've worked. We need to continue this and finish the year strong! We have many exciting things that we are looking forward to. In Social Studies, we will be studying the Caribbean, and also the Spanish and pirate influence in our area. This will culminate with our field trip on the 26th to the Castillo De San Marcos and the Pirate Museum. In reading, we will be working on biographies. Students will be working on a biography project. There will be an end the year study of Charlotte's Web. Be looking for information about how you can help with our County Fair end of year bash. Science classes will end their studies on plants and move into animals. Each student will be doing a research project on an animal and create a representation of their environment. In math, we will work on problem solving and application of the many skills that we've learned this year. There will be greater focus on students learning their multiplication tables. Thanks to the parents that helped with FSA snacks and attended the field trip to the fair. We are so lucky and appreciative to have such amazing families!

4th Grade Notes

We are finishing up Florida State Assessments and the fourth grade teachers would like to thank you for everything you do for your child during such an important time.

The Tropicana Speeches were a success! Students learned how to write and deliver a speech with confidence. Congratulations to all of our fourth grade participants!

This is a great time to check with your child to see that he or she has school supplies, especially pencils and paper. Remember that school days are going by very quickly and academics need to remain a priority as we continue to challenge and take our students to the next level. Let's keep up the hard work and finish the school year strong!

5th Grade Notes

Fifth grade teachers would like to remind you of some important testing dates. The FSA Reading Assessment will be on **April 20-21**. This is a computer based test. The FSA Math Assessment will be on **April 24-27 (classes are assigned two days of these four)**. This is also a computer based test. Finally we have the FCAT Science which will be on **May 1-2**. This final test will be paper based, not on the computer. **Fifth grade resource and lunch schedule will be adjusted** on testing days. Check with your child's teacher for specific times. Remember that attendance is important while we review content for these specific tests. On the actual test day please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before and eats a filling breakfast the morning of testing. If the student chooses, he or she may bring a snack to eat after the day's test is complete. Thank you for your flexibility and assistance in making this testing season a successful one.

6th Grade Notes

Sixth grade is preparing for the Math and ELA FSA. We will be testing Thursday, April 27th - Friday, May 5th. We have been working hard to prepare for the FSA and encourage a positive attitude. Please ensure that your children are well rested and arrive on time in the morning.

Also, mark your calendar for the Sixth Grade Promotion and Awards Ceremony which will take place Tuesday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m. More information will be sent home as we get closer to this date.