

# Fleming County Schools Flemingsburg Elementary School



## FES Friday Focus



February 9, 2018

### Positive Quote

"Around here, we don't look backwards for very long. We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we're curious....and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." –Walt Disney

### Happy Birthday

February 12- Toshia Mckee

February 15- Kristen Manning

### Weekly Events

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Lesson Plans due in Google Drive or One Drive by 6 pm Sunday</li> <li>-Admin Team in Cowan's Office @ 8:15</li> <li>-Abraham Lincon's Birthday</li> <li>-SOS @ 2:15</li> <li>-Second Grade Teachers have late run dismissal duty</li> <li>-FES New Teacher Meeting @ 3:45 in Library</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Library Collaboration Day</li> <li>-1<sup>st</sup> Grade level PLC</li> <li>-Second Grade Teachers have late run dismissal duty</li> <li><b>-*Mandatory for all certified staff: Testing training 3:30-5:15 in the library: Please bring your testing inclusion and admin code manual</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Grade Level PLCs in PLC Room</li> <li>-Second Grade Teachers have late run dismissal duty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Admin Team in Cowan's Office @ 8:15</li> <li>-Midterms going Home Today</li> <li>-Second Grade Teachers have late run dismissal duty</li> <li>-1<sup>st</sup> Book Club Meeting @ 3:45 in Library</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Library Collaboration Day</li> <li>-Valentine's Exchanges 1:45-2:30</li> <li>-Second Grade Teachers have late run dismissal duty</li> </ul>

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### Upcoming Events

- SBDM February 20, 2018 @ 5:00 in FES Library—Notice the date has changed.
- FCS New Teacher Induction Meeting- February 19, 2018
- FES Parent Cohort Meeting-February 19, 2018 @ 5:00 in FES Library
- FES Parent Cohort Meeting-February 26, 2018 @ 10:00 in PLC Room
- Schoolwide PLC February 27, 2018
- District-wide Vertical Team Meetings- March 6, 2018
- SOS March 12, 2018
- FCS New Teacher Induction Meeting-March 19, 2018

### Reminders

- Anyone wishing to submit an application to present at the Leading from KY Classroom Conference should do so by April 1<sup>st</sup>!
- February is Black History Month. Primary and Intermediate homerooms received a file of resources that can be used while planning instruction.
- Please remember to text anything you'd like posted to the FES social media pages to Kristen or Johna.
- As part of our school's formative quality review and our continuous improvement process, students in grades 4-6 will be asked to complete a survey within the next week. Intermediate teachers will receive an email containing the survey link.
- Please be sure to shut down your classroom computers/chrome books at the end of each day to conserve energy.
- Janice worked on the clothes closet over Winter Break. Please only add jeans or shirts to the closet that would fit elementary students. If you donate items, please make sure to take items out of bags and put them in the correct spot in the closet.
- ALL exterior doors to the building MUST be LOCKED at all times. This is essential to student and staff safety. If any students go out to recess after completing assignments, etc and are unaccompanied by an adult, the teacher must check the building door after the student exits.
- SBDM meetings are always on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 PM in our library. You are welcome to join us at any of the meetings. You can also access SBDM monthly meeting agendas and minutes on our school's webpage or by using this address:  
<http://www.fleming.kyschools.us/5/Content2/64>

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School Family,

We have reached the point in the game where doing what we’ve always done becomes a very dangerous play. We are a distinguished school and we worked so hard to reach this milestone. Albert Einstein says that to do the same thing and expect different results can be viewed as the definition of insanity. It’s also true that doing the same thing we’ve always done can result in the same outcomes, but in some instances, the outcomes can actually be worse than they were to begin with. Doing the same thing can be boring, and bored students can become complacent, even unmotivated.

Our vision is to be a School of Distinction. By reading the comments on our latest survey, staff members feel that becoming a School of Distinction means ALL students are achieving at high rates; ALL students are cognitively engaged; and ALL of us (students, teachers, and staff) are dedicated to pushing ourselves further. To reach our goals, we must remember to keep looking forward. When we think we’ve tried every method in the book to reach a student, we have to remember there is always an untried idea out there- and it might be the one that’s needed for a certain child.

It would be a disservice to our school, our students, and our future to not show up and strive for continuous improvement. A lot of our success is dependent on showing up with a smile on our face and giving this school our absolute best. If you start to feel stagnant in your ideas or practices, reach out to your colleagues for ideas. When a student is struggling, invite parents and guardians to the table. Keep a mindset of refusing to settle for anything other than our absolute best.

We can find examples of this commitment to success all throughout our building: A 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom setting proficiency goals and celebrating their progress, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms having so much fun collaborating that students didn’t even realize they were learning certain standards, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom working hard on Achieve 3000 at 2:30 on a Friday afternoon. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom even set a goal this afternoon of everyone answering 75% or more of the questions correctly on Achieve.

We are a remarkable school- full of the right individuals to help us reach our goal of distinction. Continue to challenge and inspire one another and always remember that with zeal, hard work, and a contagious mindset of high expectations for ALL, we WILL reach our goals.

Have a great weekend,

-Kristen