

# Fleming County Schools Flemingsburg Elementary School



## FES Friday Focus



November 22, 2017

### Positive Quote

"We have students, right now, who are counting down the days until the doors to OUR school reopens. How will you greet them on Monday?" –Karen Norton

### Happy Birthday

November 27- Tommy Porter

December 2- Lindsey Moran

### 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>-Library Collaboration Day</li> <li>-Principal Meeting @ WES 12:30</li> <li>-Schoolwide PLC 3:45-5:30</li> <li>-First Grade Teachers have late run dismissal duty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Library Collaboration Day</li> <li>-Kristen @ Blue Ribbon Conference</li> <li>-First Grade Teachers have late run dismissal duty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Food Taste-Testing Event hosted by Jan Anderson 9:30 in cafeteria. Each K-6 homeroom will have one student that attends the event. Please refer to the attachment for information.</li> <li>-Last Day to Complete the Student Voice Survey</li> <li>-Kristen @ Blue Ribbon Conference</li> <li>-First Grade Teachers have late run dismissal duty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Kristen @ Blue Ribbon Conference</li> <li>-Kevin @ NISL</li> <li>-First Grade Teachers have late run dismissal duty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Kristen @ Blue Ribbon Conference</li> <li>-Kevin @ NISL</li> <li>-Library Collaboration Day</li> <li>-First Grade Teachers have late run dismissal duty</li> </ul>

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### Upcoming Events

- Jingle Bells Family Christmas Night @ FES December 4 5:30-7:30
- Katie Montani from Achieve 3000 @ FES- December 5
- Jennifer Stiedel Jones KDE Novice Reduction Coach @ FES December 5
- Benchmark II- December 6-7
- District-Wide Vertical Team Meeting- December 7 After School
- Character Trait Assemblies for November-December 11
- SOS Session- December 11 @ 2:15
- FES Christmas Dinner @ FES Cafeteria 5:00 PM December 11 (payment due to Kim Mineer by Dec 7)
- MSU Eagles Basketball Game (some classrooms are planning to attend)- December 12
- SBDM- December 12 in the Library @ 5:00
- Carly Baldwin, KDE Effectiveness Coach @ FES- December 14
- FES Evening Christmas Concert- December 14 @ 6:30 PM
- FES Daytime Christmas Concert- December 15 in the AM
- FES Classroom Christmas Parties- December 15 1:30-2:15 (all visitors need to be out of the building by 2:15 to prepare for dismissal)

### Reminders

- **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. Doors were left open this past week.**
- SBDM and the school administration team are partnering to begin a student pick-up protocol, which will eventually involve a set time that guardians and parents can begin entering the parking lot to pick up students. Additional information will be provided soon.
- Please monitor students if they are sent to the stage to get bulletin board paper. Students have a difficult time pulling the paper off the rolls and paper is being wasted.
- Katie Montani from Achieve 3000 will be back at FES on December 5. She is available via email in the meantime. If anyone would like to schedule time with Katie on December 5, please let me know. Katie can model Achieve lessons in your classroom and/or conference with you about the program and your needs.
- 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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Message from Kristen

“We have students, right now, who are counting down the days until the doors to OUR school reopens. How will you greet them on Monday?” –Karen Norton

FES Family,

The above statement couldn't be more true. I got to eat lunch with some of our awesome students yesterday and we talked about our plans for the holiday. While some of them had extensive Thanksgiving plans, many others did not and some weren't planning a Thanksgiving meal. I talked with students who were planning to go to three or four different dinners and one who is going to New York City over the break, but also several others that didn't have any plans for the holiday. As students exited the building yesterday afternoon, a few students in particular stayed back, as if they were taking their time leaving. I think it's so important for us to remember during the holidays that for some of our students, school is their safe haven and the most comfortable setting they have. Some of our students really don't want to leave for holiday breaks.

This week our teachers took some of our students to the movies, some of you brought in home-cooked meals for your students that you prepared yourselves, and many of you did fun relationship building activities with your class around the Thanksgiving theme. There were a lot of smiles on the faces of our students this week and I really enjoyed seeing everyone in the holiday spirit and just enjoying being together.

Time off for school staff is few and far between. Sometimes we relish and count down until a break comes, deservedly so, because we spend so much time in and out of school thinking about our students, preparing for them, and working for our students and school. It's necessary that each of you take time for yourself over the break. Spend time with your family. Do something you enjoy. Our jobs are the most demanding, as we are messing with the minds and souls of the youth that will eventually be charged with leading our community and state forward.

There is no more important work than the work of a school staff. I want to thank each of you for all the little and big things you do each day for our students. Please enjoy this Thanksgiving break and get rested up. Our work never ends and there will indeed be a school full of Flemingsburg students happily awaiting us on Monday. They will be ready for us to continue inspiring, motivating and shaping them into wonderful young people.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday

-Kristen