

Fleming County Schools Flemingsburg Elementary School



FES Friday Focus



October 13, 2017

Positive Thought

"Your toughest kids are never absent. The tough ones show up for a reason every day. It's the connection. It's the relationships." –Rita Pierson

Happy Birthday

October 15- Deborah Waggoner

Weekly Events

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lesson Plans due in Google Drive or One Drive by 6 pm Sunday -Grades must be posted by 3 PM in Infinite Campus **Spring 2017 Benchmark Scores are in your Mailboxes for Goal Setting!!!! -Library Collaboration Day -Admin Team 9:00 in Cowan's Office --MSU students @ FES 8:00-10:00 -SOS Session @ 2:15 -Special Ed Teachers have late run dismissal duty -New Teacher Meeting 3:30 in ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Library Collaboration Day (only in PM because of benchmark) -Report Cards go home with students today! -Benchmark Testing Day I -3rd Grade @ MSU Planetarium -Following short PM specials schedule -Special Ed Teachers have late run dismissal duty -Amanda Bricker's Wedding Shower directly following dismissal in library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Benchmark Testing Day II -Following short PM specials schedule -Special Ed Teachers have late run dismissal duty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Aspiring Administrator Cohort (Hardin & L Price out Today) -1st Grade Trip to Two Sisters Pumpkin Farm -Special Ed Teachers have late run dismissal duty -Tammy Cowan is out today -FCS Staff Health & Wellness Fair 4-7 @ RECC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Grade Level PLCs (Carly Baldwin at FES today) -Library Collaboration Day --Special Ed Teachers have late run dismissal duty

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Upcoming Events

- Primary Teachers- Exit Criteria Assessments for first nine weeks will be administered the week of October 23, if not already finished.
- New Teacher Induction Meeting October 23
- Make Up Picture Day October 23
- Schoolwide PLC October 24
- Flu Shots available before school begins in Nurse Stacey's office- October 25
- Carly Baldwin, Effectiveness Coach from KDE is here on October 27
- KPREP Awards Ceremony- October 27
- November SOS Session- November 13
- November Character Trait Assemblies- November 13
- November ELEOT Cohort (Arrasmith & Grannis)- November 15
- DILT (Edmond, Montgomery, Manning)-November 16
- Schoolwide Data Night- November 16
- November Aspiring Administrator Cohort (Hardin & L Price)- November 17
- November New Teacher Induction Meeting- November 20
- Schoolwide PLC- November 28

Reminders

- There are flyers in your mailboxes for a memorial run/walk. This annual event is in memory of Kate Despain, which is Ann Despain's daughter. Ann is a very valuable substitute teacher at Flemingsburg Elementary School. Please refer to the flyer for more information.
- 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>
- Flemingsburg's RTI tracking tool is attached to this email. This document is used to record interventions used for tier 2 and 3 students. Please fill out one document for each group. You do not need an individual document for each child receiving intervention. Please let me know if you have any questions about the tool.

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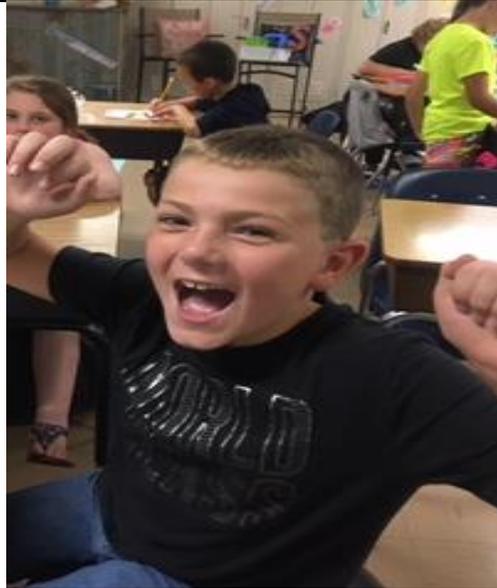


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Building Relationships with SOS



This is Wyatt. I don't know who his advocate is without looking it up, but Mrs. Norris snapped this picture of his reaction when she told a group of fourth graders that SOS was on Monday. ☺ I don't know what he did in his first session, but it left him begging for more.

As you set out to make plans for your SOS session this week, remember that the experiences students have in your group should encourage and inspire them to want to come back to school the next day. You should have fun, too. SOS is designed to be a relaxing, meaningful time in which we get to KNOW our kids. While the setting is laid back, we must remember that as an advocate, we might be the person that turns a child's life around. What happens in your SOS session could end up being the most important thing that happens to some of our students all week.

We talk about the importance of relationships all the time. Travis Jordan stated, "Teachers- it is much easier to teach them if you reach them." Isn't this the truth. Every child, just like all of us, have something that we love and something that motivates us. Reaching out and learning about interests and about who a child really is helps them to see we care. Steve Jobs said "If you are working on something exciting that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you." Students will surpass our expectations every day of the week once they know we care and that we KNOW them-really KNOW them.

SOS can be a challenge. There are several students in each group and it's a challenge to get to know each one on a personal level. Sometimes the students are so excited we can leave the session feeling like we spent the last 45 minutes herding cats instead of building relationships. BUT- what we must remember is that student behavior says far more about what they are going through than it does about what they are putting you through. These kids need us to be the person in their life that we needed when we were growing up. Student success is all about connections and relationships.

If you're looking for meaningful ways to spend your SOS session on Monday, check out <http://www.nea.org/tools/29469.htm> and <https://www.thoughtco.com/strategies-for-building-rapport-with-students-3194262> for general tips. <https://literacyandlattes.com/2016/08/17/team-builders-for-the-classroom/> has some great activities to consider.

Have a great weekend! -Kristen