

Fleming County Schools Flemingsburg Elementary School



FES Friday Focus

August 25, 2017



Positive Thought

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Celebrating Our Successes!

-Week #1 for preschool was a huge success! Great job working together as we welcome the little ones to our family.
-LOTS of students celebrated their accomplishments this week with Bobcat Paws. What a great motivation for our kids!

Happy Birthday

Amanda Bricker-August 28

Brian Creasman-August 31

Tammy Cowan-September 1

Jana Fife-September 3

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 -Library Check-Out Week -SOS Sorting Day (Bolar, Edmond, Masters, Vice, admin) -Bookmobile Starts -All DIBELS & Xtra Math data completed & ready for review in grade level PLCS. -New Staff Induction Meeting @ CO -Suzanne Farmer, NBPL Meeting @ 3:20 (Grannis, Manning, Vice) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Library Check-Out Week -Tentative KTIP Orientation Meetings -Project Read Training @ HES 3:45-5:45 -RTI Team Meeting (Fife, Vice, Hamm, Cowan, Manning, Masters) in Library immediately following dismissal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Grade Level PLCS in the new PLC room (room 10 in the back hallway across from the workroom)-We will be determining RTI groups for reading. I will bring the materials you will need. -Fifth Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty -K-3 Exit Criteria Assessments Due- Please send a copy to Kristen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dr. Creasman's Birthday! -Fifth Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Kevin @ NISL --Library Check-Out Week -Paid Jeans Day (please offer a donation if you wear jeans today. See email for details) -Fifth Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty

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Upcoming Events & Reminders

- ELEOT Classroom walkthroughs will begin this week.
- Certified Staff-Please submit your classroom daily schedule to the office by 5th.
- Xtra Math notification- We've noticed some students placement scores not showing up on the website. When students complete the initial task, they will see a notice on the screen that they are finished, but actually have to complete the "Race the Teacher" task in order to record their placement score.
- MAP testing will begin on September 5, 2017. Homeroom teachers, I will be around to your grade level teams on Monday during planning to share MAP testing information with you.
- Don't forget our preschool classroom could use some small riding toys! Please donate!
- Please remember to review hallway procedures & safety drill procedures with students. We will have some drills this week.
- The substitute teacher list has been updated again. The newest version is attached to the focus.
- Please remember to park in the parking spots by the playground, outside of the primary building, or in the lot in front of the sixth grade building. Please do not park in front of any exterior building doors.
- You can nominate a deserving staff member to be included in the Weekly Leadership Connection from Dr. Creasman. Just email him the name of the staff member you are nominating along with a brief explanation and a picture. You can also nominate students to be recognized in the student spotlight!! We have SO many amazing students and staff that we should recognize!
- Emergency Lesson Plans should be submitted to Kristen or Kevin by September 8, 2017. Please let us know if you think yours are still on file from last year.
- Self-Reflection & PGP due to CO by September 30. Use this link to access the documents you will need to complete your self-reflection & PGP: <http://www.fleming.kyschools.us/Content2/70> Once you access the website, find the heading that pertains to you (teacher, counselor, etc) and select 'self-reflection template' and 'professional growth plan template.' When the documents are complete, you can upload them to your one drive folder. Just select your name, certified evaluation, and then certified evaluation 2017-18. You can upload both documents here. Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance.
- All students should be accompanied by an adult as they depart the building at the end of the day. Please be sure an adult is walking with your first run students and homeroom teachers please stand at your classroom door as late run students leave for the cafeteria at the end of the day.
- Please remember to accompany any student with a late run bus note to the cafeteria and take them to Terri McKee.
- All students should use the restroom before entering the cafeteria for late run dismissal.

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Message From Kristen

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Staff,

It's been another fantastic week! We are all getting comfortable with the daily grind at this point. Students are easing into their routines and the building is alive with excitement about the school year.

A teacher at lunch this week told me about a student saying "I'm so glad we're back in school." As she walked away I started thinking more about the student's statement. I wondered what moment, memory or realization made him say that to his teacher. Was it because she smiles at him each morning as he enters the building or because he loves playing with his friends each day?

We all know the first few days of school are usually quiet and uneventful in terms of classroom issues. As students start to feel more comfortable and life continues along around them at home, the only thing that will keep our students saying "I'm glad we're in school" is US-the adults in the building.

Several times this week I've heard staff members having conversations amongst themselves about particular students in their class. Staff have expressed concern about academic performance: "I'm worried this student is really having trouble keeping up in class." Some staff members have acknowledged students appearing unmotivated: "I can't seem to find anything that will help this student stay on task. This student wants to put their head down whenever we start working." Some of you have even said "I'm afraid something is wrong, this student has missed three days this week."

If we know anything about the profession we selected, it's that relationships are the key to everything. Relationships trump every other element of education. Whatever the problem our students are facing in life, whatever issues they bring through the front doors of the school, the only real way to move students and to open doors in life for them is through building relationships.

This week I'm going to ask myself, "What am I doing to make them want to come back?"

Have a great weekend,
-Kristen