

Fleming County Schools Flemingsburg Elementary School



FES Friday Focus

September 1, 2017



Positive Thought

"The most apathetic kid in your class cares about something. The best teachers never give up trying to figure it out." – Danny Steele

Celebrating Our Successes!

-It is wonderful to watch students learn in our classrooms with our amazing staff. I feel so blessed tonight as I reflect on all the amazing learning opportunities our students experienced this week. Everyone keep up the great work!

Happy Birthday

September 7-Alexa Hardin

September 8- Tammy Cox & Janet Leet

September 9- Jill Doyle

Weekly Events

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-Labor Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lesson Plans due in Google Drive or One Drive by 6 pm Monday -Certified Staff Daily Schedules submitted to Kristen by today -Library Collaboration Week -MAP Testing Window Opens -Project Read Training @ HES 3:45-5:45 -Fourth Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Principal Meeting 8:30 @ SMS (Kristen @ SMS part of the morning) -Following Monday's special class schedule and special class times -K MAP Testing in 6th Grade Hallway Computer Lab -Grades K-2 Grade Level PLCs in the new PLC room(I will send an email regarding the XtraMath data needed for math groupings) -Fourth Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty -Called Board Meeting 6:00 @ CO (optional) -Session 1 of Restraint Training with Coach Price (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Kevin @ NISL -Grades 3-6 Grade Level PLCs in the new PLC room (I will send an email regarding the XtraMath data needed for math groupings) -Fourth Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty -K Trip to FC Public Library 8:45-10:30 -3:45 NBPL Meeting (Grannis, Manning & Vice) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Kevin @ NISL -Emergency Lesson Plans due to Kristen or Kevin by today --Library Collaboration Week -K MAP Testing in 6th Grade Hallway Computer Lab -Fourth Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty -IT Grant Kick-Off in Bowling Green on Saturday (Hardin, Manning, Montgomery, Singer)

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Upcoming Events & Reminders

-Grade level teams: please send an email to Kristen with your MAP testing schedule. Also please remember to login to the NWEA website this weekend and check to be sure all of your students are on your MAP roster. Email Kristen with names of students that need to be added to the NWEA roster.

-Homeroom teachers: Please have an adult walk the Hurricane Harvey relief t-shirt forms, cash, and the multiple receipt form for each day to the front office by 8:30 AM

-A bookmobile sign-up sheet is in the front workroom (4-5th grade hallway) for any homeroom wishing to participate.

-Coach Price's restraint training sessions are September 6 and September 13. Anyone wishing to gain certification must attend both afterschool sessions.

-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!

-High Attendance Day is September 20!!!! Please include this in your classroom newsletter and plan exciting things to encourage ALL to be at school ALL day on the 20th!

-Aspiring Administrator Cohort September 22 (Hardin & Price)

-DILT Meeting @ CO September 27 (Edmond, Manning, Montgomery)

-Next New Teacher Induction Meeting September 25 @ SMS

-First ELEOT Cohort Meeting September 28 @ WES

-FES Fall Carnival is the Friday evening of September 29. A classroom game sign-up sheet will be in the front workroom on Tuesday of this week. A sign-up sheet to help with desserts for Fall Festival will also be in the front workroom on Tuesday.

-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.

-Benchmark 1 Window: October 16-25

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Message From Kristen

“The most apathetic kid in your class cares about something. The best teachers never give up trying to figure it out.” – Danny Steele

Team,

We’ve had another great week at FES! I know nearly all of the August Friday Focus messages have related to the importance of building relationships with students, but it is one of the most important things we will ever do for our kids.

If you take a minute and look around the lunchroom during our lunch mods, you will quickly notice the make-up of our student population is varied. We teach students of different home lives, different achievement levels, different circumstances, different values, different interests and more. Every student has unique characteristics, just like every adult.

There is nothing more important in our line of work than developing a relationship with our students. Everyone has something they care about and something that makes them feel important. What can we do to figure out what makes our students “tick”?

Sarah Hamm has a quote displayed in her classroom that says “Do more of what makes you awesome.” I saw one of our students draw for the first time today. I’ve known her for years, but I never knew she could draw. Her artistic ability is part of the reason why she is awesome. Another student told me today that he was working on creating a muscle car for his genius hour project- I’ve known him for three years and I had no idea he liked cars until today. Yesterday I found out that a struggling student looks forward to playing a certain game on his phone every day when he gets home from school. I had no idea what made this student tick until yesterday. We will find ways to incorporate his love of gaming now that we know about it—and I’m certain it will make him a better student.

We can find out the most interesting, heartwarming and helpful things when we just take the time to ask. Step back and examine the students in your line of work at FES. Do you know what you need to know to help them be successful? If the answer is no, spend some one-on-one time with that student this week. This is a guaranteed way to increase student attendance, promote positive behavior, and increase student achievement.

I already have my students for the week picked out, with alarms set on my phone to talk to them every day. ;)

Have a great LONG weekend,
-Kristen