

Fleming County Schools Flemingsburg Elementary School



FES Friday Focus



September 15, 2017

Positive Thought

“The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other. Without collaboration our growth is limited to our own perspectives.” –Robert John Meehan

Happy Birthday

September 19-Eric Robinson

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 -Kristen @ Continuous Improvement Summit -Ms. Angel and Ms. Leet @ training today -Preschool Pictures Today (tentative location is the PLC room) -Library Collaboration Day -MSU students @ FES 8:00-10:00 -Second Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Kristen @ Continuous Improvement Summit -Library Collaboration Day -Second Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -High Attendance Day! Wear your black and gold! More information will be sent tonight through email. -Wacky Wednesday special schedule & times -MSU students @ FES 8:00-10:00 -Tammy Cowan out for training -1st Progress Monitoring date for Tier 3 (DIBELS) -Second Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty -Session 2 of Restraint Training with Coach Price (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -NBPL daytime meeting (Grannis, Manning, Vice) -3:45 Meeting with New Teachers in Library -Second Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Library Collaboration Day -Aspiring Administrator Cohort (Hardin & L Price out of building) -Bricker @ preschool training -Ms. Angel @ training today --Grade Level PLCs -Second Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty

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Upcoming Events & Reminders

- Please send a picture of you and your family (either through email, text, or an actual copy of the picture) to Kristen this week. We are going to use the picture to create something for our school, so please send a picture that you will not need back.
- First SOS Session- September 25 @ 2:15
- Next New Teacher Induction Meeting September 25 @ SMS
- Afterschool PLC- September 26 3:30-5:00 (certified staff attend)
- DILT Meeting @ CO September 27 (Edmond, Manning, Montgomery)
- First ELEOT Cohort Meeting September 28 @ WES
- Grade Level PLCs next week are on September 28
- Lexington Children's Theatre presents "The Ugly Duckling" for K-3 and "Sleepy Hollow" for 4-6. Performances will be at Simons Middle School auditorium during the school day. Homeroom teachers may want to include a notice to guardians in their newsletters about the daytime trip to SMS for the performance. Thank you Mrs. Deborah Ishmael for planning this wonderful experience!
- FES Fall Carnival is the Friday evening of September 29. A classroom game sign-up sheet is in the front workroom. A sign-up sheet to help with desserts for Fall Festival is also be in the front workroom. Our book fair will be open at Fall Festival for parents and students.
- FES Book Fair open September 29-October 5.
- 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.
- First Character Trait Assembly on October 2 @ 8:15 for Primary and 1:15 for Intermediate
- Vertical Team Meetings-October 4
- Fall Break-October 6-9
- 6th Grade Health Fair- October 12
- Agricultural Education Week- October 9-13; FC Tractor Parade-October 13
- Benchmark 1 Window: October 16-25

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Message From Kristen

“The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other. Without collaboration our growth is limited to our own perspectives.” –Robert John Meehan

Flemingsburg Team,

I feel so blessed this evening as I scroll through the pictures on my phone and look back at all the great experiences you provided our students this week. The kindergarten team opened the school doors to grandparents and families on Monday evening, teachers worked diligently in PLCs to define advocacy the ‘FES way,’ and students in different homerooms participated in similar experiences because of the collaboration amongst their teachers. Our student experiences are so rich when we collaborate with our colleagues and work together as a team.

FES is a big school and tackling school challenges in large buildings can be difficult. However our school is making gains in terms of our school goals because of our willingness to work collectively and support one another.

After spending the day in your classroom with students, it is important to reflect with colleagues and share your struggles and triumphs. Collaboration helps us feel a shared responsibility for our school and our students. It also helps us to realize that our colleagues oftentimes hold the solutions to our classroom struggles and dilemmas.

If you are spending countless hours preparing your lessons, remember your grade level or subject level peers are an amazing resource to help carry the workload. Dividing up the tasks at hand makes planning for classroom activities much more manageable. Imagine how many ideas and strategies you can steal from your colleagues by planning lessons as a team. Imagine how much time you could save!

Observing effective teaching in action is one of the most powerful professional learning opportunities. We are very fortunate to work for a district that allows teachers release time to observe in other settings. If you are interested in observing your peers in Fleming County, please see me. A simple one-page form can provide a sub for your classroom so you can spend time with colleagues and learn in the most authentic of settings.

Another great collaborative resource for educators is Twitter. By following teachers on Twitters, you can get a daily dose of ideas from teachers that teach in settings such as yours. I love getting ideas from Twitter.

Consider taking a few minutes of your time with the teacher next door this week. Your colleagues really are your most valuable resource.

Have an awesome weekend!

-Kristen