

Fleming County Schools Flemingsburg Elementary School



FES Friday Focus

September 8, 2017



Positive Thought

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

Celebrating Our Successes!

-There are amazing things happening at FES this year! Classrooms exploring new seating options, students experiencing science at a whole new level, tons of students auditioning for All-State choir, several teachers pursuing advanced degrees or National Board certification and more. I'm really proud to be a part of this team!

Happy Birthday

September 13-Missy Arrasmith

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 -Bookmobile Starts Today -Admin Team 9:00 PLC Room -Library Check Out Day -MSU Partnership begins-expect to see several MSU students in the building -Project Reading Training Continued @ HES 3:45-5:45 (optional) -Kindergarten Grandparents Day Ice Cream Social 6-7 PM in the cafeteria (K staff attend) -Third Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -5th Grade Environmental Field Day Starting @ 9 AM Fox Valley Lake-Will be rescheduled. -PTO Meeting (Kristen) @ 10:30 -Bookmobile Day -Library Check Out Day -Midterm grades must be posted & saved by noon today -Third Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty -District Coordinated School Health Meeting (FES Admin) 3:00 @ SMS -Project Read Training @ HES 3:45-5:45 -SBDM Meeting @ 5:00 in the Library (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Wacky Wednesday special schedule & times -Grade Level PLCs in the new PLC room (SOS focus today) -MSU students @ FES 8:00-10:00 -Midterms go home with students today -Third Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty -Session 2 of Restraint Training with Coach Price (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Jennifer Stiedel-Jones, novice reduction coach from KDE, will be in the building. -Third Grade Homeroom Teachers have late run dismissal duty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Library Check-Out Day -Third 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.

-If you notice anything different with our water supply it is because our water hydrants are being flushed this week.

-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! If anyone has any wonderful ideas to encourage attendance on this day, please share them!

-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 is in the front workroom. A sign-up sheet to help with desserts for Fall Festival is also be in the front workroom.

-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

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” –Helen Keller

Flemingsburg Team,

Can you believe we are starting the 21st day of the school year on Monday? Time sure does fly and I’m beyond proud of our many accomplishments in this school year alone.

We’ve talked so much about the importance of relationships lately that I decided it may be time to switch gears and hit another hot topic for Fleming County Schools..... how to be a School of Distinction. We all know our vision statement is deciphered by many of our stakeholders in various ways. To some it may seem like we’re focusing only on a test score. However regardless of how state accountability changes, one thing will remain the same—To us, being a School of Distinction means being the BEST for OUR students Every. Single. Day.

Everyone knows that I am constantly examining the work that I do and reflecting on my practices. I’m always trying to find ways to become better. I continually ask myself, “How did my phone call to Timmy’s mom go?” “Would that have worked better if I did this instead?” “What could we do to make our school safer?” “Is there a better way to manage the pick-up traffic?” “How could we better promote a positive school culture?” My mom says that I’m my own worst enemy, but to me it’s just that I really enjoy improvement efforts in education.

We desire to be our school’s depiction of distinction and when we want to be the BEST, all we really have to do is work together. I’ve had multiple experiences at FES of how teamwork really does make the dream work. In the classroom, I took nearly every challenge I had to my colleague down the hall. She always had an answer when I couldn’t seem to find one.

FES is a big school with a priceless staff. In this building, we have some staff members who are innovative problem solvers. We have others who are proactive in their practices. Flemingsburg has some staff members who can organize, some that can advocate, like no other, and others with so many rich and meaningful experiences to share. Take advantage of this wonderful array of REAL resources. The best of the best work at FES. There isn’t a challenge you will face in this school that a staff member doesn’t have a suggestion or a solution for.

We have more planning time built into our schedule than we have had in years and I absolutely love walking past your classrooms and seeing you working as a team during your planning. If you happen to be interested in securing an additional amount of time to work as a team and collaborate, consider applying for collaborative release time from the district. This opportunity provides a sub for your classroom and gives you extensive time to learn from a colleague. I encourage you to take advantage of it!

Have an awesome weekend!

-Kristen