

# FHES "Principal" News February '09

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As the school year leaves February and enters into March, many things are still to be done. One of our biggest events for March will be the Fifth Grade Writing SOLs. They are scheduled for the first week in March. Please be sure to help your child get ready with a good nights' rest and a healthy breakfast. Also, make sure your child arrives to school on time and avoid appointments during this week. With everyone's effort, we will have another successful testing season. Regarding FCPS, stay tuned to the issues regarding SLEEP and proposed changes to school start and end times. Complete the online survey to share your opinion. The Fairfax County School Board has voted to adopt the FY 2010 advertised budget, which includes budget cuts and cost avoidances that reduce the cost of supporting student learning by \$157.5 million and calls for a net loss of 248.1 positions. For more information, visit [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu).

## WIDA

Some parents may have recently received a letter regarding the WIDA Access for English Language Learners. WIDA stands for World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment. FCPS uses this assessment to meet the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. The NCLB Act requires an annual assessment for all language minority students. Language minority students are all students who have a second language spoken at home. This is a federal education regulation and all FCPS must comply. Once your child is assessed, a determination is made whether to monitor and/or continue to assess. If you have any questions, please contact our school.

## Tuesday Folders/Virtual Tuesday Folder

As many of you are aware, all Flint Hill ES teachers use FCPS 24/7 Learning, also commonly known as Blackboard, to post announcements, homework, projects, and even staff contact information. Additionally, FHES sends home a weekly Tuesday folder or Virtual Tuesday folder, hard copy for families requesting hard copies of FHES and PTA items. Please note that completed assignments come home in the paper copy of the Tuesday folder. Completed assignments are not found on the Blackboard site. Please review these assignments with your child, sign the Tuesday folder, and students should return it the next day of school. If you have any questions, please feel free to email your classroom teacher.

## Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Spelling Bee participants. Thanks to Mrs. Williams and her committee for organizing a wonderful educational experience. The finals will be held next Thursday, March 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the gym.

## Faithful Falcons for January

This month we would like to recognize the following "appreciative" students as Faithful Falcons of the Month for January. Students recognized will receive a Joey Card from our business partner Outback Steakhouse in Vienna, will have a popcorn party with the principal, and have extra time to explore the climbing wall. Thanks to Outback Steakhouse in Vienna for supporting this program. We will meet for our celebration on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in the gym. The students are:



- K Coffin: AM- Annika M. & Kirk G.  
Gage: AM- Tyler B. & Amy P.  
PM- Olivia M. & Mac K.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Ennis- Eleanor T. & Alex D. Jr  
Mislavsky-Ellie M. & Jacob P.  
Spengler- Ava B. & Christian C.  
Talty- Soren A. & Molly G.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bechtle- Miller W. & Erin S.  
Kaneshiro- Julia K. & Eli W.  
Sharp - Josh G. & Rebecca L.  
Wilson – Andy L. R. & Hannah R.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reynolds- Becky M. & Oliver M.  
Hoak- Nick B. & Erica C.  
Tarr- Nicholas H. & Rebecca I.  
Coffey- Will N. & Rachel A.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wolters- Andrew F. & Allison L.  
Gripka- Alex L. & Isabella R.  
Nye-Boomer B. & Kiley S.  
Trainor- Joseph C. & Samantha H.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bailey- Jack H. & Lauren P.  
Dickenson-Madison P. & Brandon T.  
Hargrove- Gabe R. & Abbey J.  
Prentice- Jane C. & Luke D.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Cowles- Kaitlyn T. & Tameem R.  
Caruso- Shelby B. & Thomas Z.  
LeClerc- Daniel S. & Jill S.  
Marder- Matthew F. & Emily M.



## Keep your child home?

Keep sick children home. It is difficult for students to concentrate or do school work when they are not feeling well. Children who have fevers (temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher), vomiting, or diarrhea are not able to stay in school. It is best for children to be at home for 24 hours after these conditions resolve.