



A Message from Dr. Hoag's Desk

As we enter into a season of thankfulness, I'm reminded of the many reasons I have to be thankful for you and your children. From heavily attended parent information sessions at the end of last year for our current fifth-graders, all the way to our recent success with our fundraiser, having supportive parents and excited children who are taught the value of education at home make every day a joy. And there are many more reasons to come: from our Veteran's Day Breakfast on the 10th, to our Spirit Week right before break, I'm excited for the memories yet to be made. Thank you for your continued support as we foster diverse and passionate learners.

AdvancED Update: FIS is steadily completing the required work as we prepare for our District Accreditation Visit in the Spring. To date, faculty and staff have completed online inventories, the Principal's Advisory Council has completed scoring of School Quality Factors, and the collection of evidence has begun to support our scores. In the next phase, we will be reaching out to parents and students to complete a survey about your experiences at FIS. This is an exciting time for our district and we look forward to the celebrations and opportunities for improvement we discover during this process!



November

- 2** Fundraiser Item Pick-up
2:00-6:00
- 3** Spirit Night-All Above
Airsports 5:00-7:00
- 9** **PTO Meeting**
- 10** Veteran's Day Breakfast
8:00am
- 10** Fall Play 6:00
- 11** Fall Play 4:30
- 13-17** Spirit Week
- 16** Bulldog Bonfire 5:00-7:30
- 17** Early Dismissal (11:20)
- 20-24** Thanksgiving Holiday Break
No School

FIS NEWS ...

Gentry's Educational Foundation

What a deal!

Did you know that FIS Gentry's tutoring is **only \$20 per week per student**? By comparison, private tutors in the Franklin area start at \$20 per hour. For this low weekly fee, FIS Gentry's students receive up to 12 hours per week of small group tutoring and enrichment activities. Students also have a couple of 15-minute movement breaks daily to burn off some energy and socialize with peers. The FIS Gentry's student-tutor ratio is less than 10 to 1, with some tutoring groups as small as 4 students per tutor. As a bonus, students are offered a daily boxed meal from the district's Child Nutrition Department. All in all, FIS Gentry's tutoring is a great bargain! Enrollment forms are available in the FIS school office or online at www.gentryeducationalfoundation.com/registration.

Bulldog Council is sponsoring "Stop, Pop, Drop," a can-tab drive benefiting the Ronald McDonald House. It will begin on October 16 and run through November 17. Students will put tabs in their team bins by the front office. This is a competition between the teams, and the winning team will receive a party!

-All veterans of FIS students are invited to attend the Veteran's Day breakfast on Friday, November 10 at 8am. Please RSVP via the flyer sent home in Tuesday folders. Additional flyers are available in the office.

-The 4th annual Bulldog Bonfire is Thursday, November 16 from 5-7:30pm. Please see the flyer sent home in Tuesday folders. There are more flyers available in the office. Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance.

Library News: **YEARBOOK SALES** have officially begun. To kick off sales, the yearbooks will start at \$30. The price will go up to \$35 on November 17. You can order a yearbook by turning the form in to the office or ordering online at www.yearbookforever.com and searching for Freedom Intermediate School. There are options for upgrades when ordering online.



This quarter FIS has received \$340.32 from our Kroger Community Rewards shoppers and \$334.77 from Publix Partners. This is an easy way to automatically earn money for our school every time you shop. Please be sure to link your Kroger Plus card to our school and use your Publix Partners card to earn money for FIS.

Holiday MAC is just around the corner. Sign up for our early release day on November 17th. The deadline to sign up is Tuesday November 14th. After that date there will be a \$10.00 drop-in fee. Also remember to send \$5.00 for pizza that day. Thanksgiving holiday MAC is November 20th -22nd. MAC will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving. The deadline to sign-up for Holiday MAC is Tuesday, November 14th also. If you have any questions you may email Mr. Walden at waldenala@fssd.org or call **615-790- 4718**.

PTO Updates:

Our first spirit night will be this Friday, November 3 from 5-7pm at Above All Extreme Air Sports in Brentwood. Please bring our flyer with you so FIS will receive credit

The Hospitality committee is gearing up for the annual Loaves of Thanks event where we provide loaves of bread for our staff. Be on the lookout for a separate flyer and SignUp to help bake (or buy) a full size loaf of your favorite fall bread!

Thank you to everyone who contributed Box Tops for Education! We sent in over 3500 Box Tops. The winners will be rewarded!!

The overall team winner was team Extreme. They collected over 1,000 as a team. The class winner was Ms. Vaque's class turning in 455 for their class.

Thank you and please keep clipping!! We will continue collecting them. Please submit them with your child's homeroom teacher's name.

Thank you for all the effort and dedication to our fundraising drive! We made our goal of \$40,000!! We can't wait to share the updates we've made to our outdoor classroom, digital signage, maker space, STEM materials, and other additions that will benefit the students.

Make sure you join the Freedom Parents-FIS and FMS Facebook group to keep up-to-date on PTO and extracurricular activities. The group's link can be found at <https://m.facebook.com/groups/1561652104148485>

Questions? Email us at fisptoinfo@gmail.com