



A Message from Dr. Hoag's Desk

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR! I'M EXCITED TO HAVE COME THIS FAR INTO THE YEAR WITH YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN AND ESPECIALLY TO HAVE SEEN THE GROWTH THAT HAS OCCURRED IN SUCH A SHORT TIME. GETTING TO SEE THE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES THAT YOUR CHILDREN HAVE ENGAGED IN MADE ME PROUD, SEEING THEIR SUCCESS IN INITIATIVES THAT BENEFIT OTHERS FROM POP-TABS AND CARDBOARD TO SOCKS AND COATS MADE ME CONFIDENT IN THEIR CHARACTER, AND SEEING THEM HAVE FUN AT EVENTS LIKE THE BULLDOG BASH, BULLDOG BONFIRE, AND THE PIG RACES MADE ME EXCITED TO HAVE EVEN MORE TIME WITH THEM. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE BAND AND MUSIC PERFORMANCES LATER THIS MONTH AND FOR OUR



December

Dec 12-Winter **Band** Concert 6:30
Dec 19-Winter **Music** Concert 6:30
Dec 21-**Dismissal at 9:20**
Holiday Parties
2nd Qtr. Awards Ceremony
Dec 22-Jan 4-Winter Break
Jan 5- Students Return

FIS NEWS ...

Gentry's Tutoring – The last day of FIS Gentry's tutoring for this semester will be Thursday, December 14. That's also the day of our Holiday Celebration. Parents are invited to join their child from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. to play Christmas Bingo and Holiday Trivia Challenge. Light refreshments will be served. FIS Gentry's tutoring resumes on Tuesday, January 16. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Virginia Trip - The 5th Grade Virginia Trip will be May 29, 2018-June 1, 2018. There are still some spots available. If you are interested, information packets are available in the office. The deposit is \$125.00 and can be sent in with the student or dropped off in the front office.

Guidance Christmas for Critters – Kisses for Kids

We are still collecting items for the Williamson County Animal Center, and will be right on up until December 20th! Please **only send items from the list** which is posted on the FIS website, the Williamson County Animal Center website and in each homeroom. Remember the winning homeroom from each grade will get a visit from a shelter animal after winter break! Thank you for your participation in making Christmas merry for the homeless critters!

Library News: If your child owes late fines, please make sure they are paid before Winter Break. Your child can check to see how many books are checked out and their fines at <http://www.gofollett.com>. It will not list owed fines unless the books have already been turned into the library. Please note that fines are 5 cents per day, per book, *not the list price of the book*.

We continue to add new books to our library collection! Thank you for supporting our Fall Book Fair this year so that we can continue to offer a fabulous library program! We will have a BOGO Book Fair in March! If you are interested in chairing the Book Fairs next school year, please contact me at wadedin@fssd.org.

GREEN TEAM: Do you have too many books? Games? DVD's? The Green Team can help with that, just bring any books, DVD's or games you no longer need to FIS. The Green Team will have a **FLASH SALE the week of Dec.11-15**, at bargain prices. Books always make wonderful gifts! **We will purchase LuminAid lights to send to Puerto Rico with the money we raise.**

Wow!! Thank you to all of the parents, staff and students for the awesome response to the Recycle Cardboard Challenge. Your effort recycled an 9,040 pounds of cardboard!! This saved over 36 cubic feet of landfill space and 2800 gallons of water. When we add in the office paper and plastics, that is over 4 tons of recycling in 4 weeks.

Way to change the world FIS! Winning classrooms will receive a breakfast party!

Powell – 1,324lbs Mount – 1,490lbs, Foster - 920lbs, and Tisdale - 688

Holiday MAC

MAC is looking forward to the upcoming Winter Break, registration forms will be available on Monday, December 4th and are due by Monday, December 18th. We hope you will join us at the Holiday site. Please note the days that MAC is closed for the holidays and remember to bring a sack lunch each day that you attend. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Peggy Coffee at coffepeg@fssd.org

Thursday, December 21st- Abbreviated Day- Please make sure you sign up to attend

Friday, December 22nd- MAC IS CLOSED

Monday, December 25th- MAC IS CLOSED

Tuesday, December 26th- MAC IS CLOSED

Wednesday, December 27th- Bring your favorite hand held or board game to play with friends

Thursday, December 28th- New Year's Eve Party with DJ Scruggs

Monday, January 1st- MAC IS CLOSED

Tuesday, January 2nd- Mr. Rich Snowflake Science

Wednesday, January 3rd- Make your own Snow and Frozen Hot Chocolate Party

Thursday, January 4th- Chuck E Cheese Fieldtrip- Leaving at 9:00 am- Cost: \$9.00

Friday, January 5th- Return to School

PTO Updates:

Our next spirit night is Wednesday, January 10 from 4-8pm at Red Robin in Cool Springs.

Holiday parties will be on December 21 – 5th grade from 7:45-8:25 and 6th grade from 8:30-9:10. A sign up link will be emailed soon for volunteers.

Keep clipping Box Tops because we're still collecting them! Please submit them with your child's homeroom teacher's name.

Thank you to all the parents who donated to our annual Loaves of Thanks! We had enough savory and sweet breads for all our wonderful staff.

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