



BULLDOG BULLETIN



A Message from Dr. Hoag's Desk SPRING has come! It is always exciting to see students return from a break and witness how much they seem to have grown in stature, independence, and academics! I'm especially proud of the effort students have put forth in their studies this year and look forward to them rocking TNReady as we head into the final weeks of the school year.

****TN Ready Testing****

April 17
April 26-May 2

Please DO NOT schedule any doctor appointments on these days.

April

- April 17- Progress Reports
- April 19- Spring Musical 6:00
- April 20- Spring Musical 6:00
- April 21- Spring Musical 4:00

TEST TAKING TIPS FOR PARENTS.

On the Day(s) of the TN Ready Test:

- Make sure your child gets a good night of sleep before a test day
- Ensure that they have a healthy breakfast before testing
- Be on time and prepared
- Stay positive and encourage your child! :)

Celebrate the Earth! April 21st **Everyone** at FIS will receive a packet of native flower seeds and information about **Saving the Bees**. The seeds are perennials, so please try to plant them where they can come back each year. If that is not possible just put them in pots on your patio or porch. Remember no insecticide no pesticide on your plants. *Bees pollinate 70% of our food supply.* **Come celebrate the earth and TREES at the Franklin Arbor Day/Earth Day Festival @ Pinkerton Park from 10-2 on Saturday April 22.** Check it out! Free stuff! <http://www.franklintn.gov/government/parks/city-parks-events/arbor-day-celebration>

Gentry's Educational Foundation is offering a summer reading program at Freedom Intermediate School for rising 5th through rising 7th grade students.

What: Three individual week-long reading programs. Each week, students will read selected books from the 2018-2019 Volunteer State Book nominees list. Certified teachers will lead students through specific activities designed to boost comprehension.

Where: Freedom Intermediate School's library

When: Week 1: June 4-8, *Woosh* by Chris Barton and *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar

Week 2: June 11-15, *Moo* by Sharon Creech and *Six Kids and a Stuffed Cat* by Gary Paulsen

Week 3: June 18-22, *Step Right Up* by Donna Janell Bowman and *Strong Inside* by Andrew Maraniss

Why: Summer reading programs guard against academic regression during an extended break, often referred to as "summer slide." Multiple studies indicate that students who participate in summer reading programs can significantly improve their reading skills.

Cost: The cost is \$10 per week for currently enrolled Gentry's students; \$15 per week for students who are new to Gentry's programs.

Check your child's backpack for the enrollment form. Additional forms are available in the FIS office.

FIS NEWS

Guidance - As part of the health curriculum for 5th grade, Mrs. Pizzillo (School Counselor) and Coach Burgess teach a puberty lesson on **May 11th**. The young ladies are with Mrs. Pizzillo, and the young men are with Coach Burgess. This is a very generic lesson covering hygiene, changing bodies, and menstruation. There is nothing sexual in the content. If you would like to preview the video we watch, you can do that by going to <http://www.pgschoolprograms.com>. Click on Programs for Parents, scroll down to videos, and choose "Always Changing (original)." If you do NOT want your child to participate at all, please let your child's teacher and the counselor or Coach Burgess know.

Library – Please have your child check their Library Destiny Account to make sure they do not owe any late return fines or overdue books. Students can log in at www.gofollett.com. Before paying for lost books, please have your child clean out their locker, check lost and found, teacher's classrooms, and their backpacks. Often books are around, just misplaced. In other news, I will be giving the qualification test for the Battle of the Books teams during the week of April 2-6. Students have a list of 10 books to read in order to do well on the test. You can view the list of books in the video at: <http://freedomintermediate.fssd.org/library/>. There will be a 5th grade team with 6 students and a 6th grade team with 6 students. Those who make the team will join me on May 9th at the Williamson County Public Library for the Battle of the Books Competition against Poplar Grove Middle! Students will be served lunch as well. Check back next month for summer reading recommendations. Please email Mrs. Wade at wadedin@fssd.org with any questions.

5th Grade Williamsburg Trip The final **MANDATORY** Virginia Trip meeting will be on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 5:45 PM in the FIS library. It is extremely important that parents attend this meeting to fill out and have the final paperwork notarized. Students that do not have this paperwork completed will not be able to attend the trip. **Reminder: Please make all payments out to Thomas Tours and please mail them in. Please DO NOT send payments to the school.**

FIS Spirit Nights - We made \$123.09 on the Red Robin spirit night & \$783 from Brentwood Skate Center. Thanks to all who supported these events.

Bulldog Council - FIS is participating in the Darrell Waltrip Hunger Drive running now until April 20! ALL proceeds benefit GraceWorks and other local food banks!

Here are ways you can help FIS win for the 3rd year in a row:

1. Buy snacks in the gym each morning (April 2-April 20). Snacks are \$1 each!
2. **TEAM SPIRIT DAY**--Thursday, April 12: Pay \$3 to wear your favorite team's shirt, jersey, hat, etc. (No athletic shorts!)
3. **PAJAMA DAY**--Friday, April 20: Pay \$3 to wear your favorite pajamas to school. See guidelines on the Hunger Drive flyer in Tuesday folders.

PTO Updates

Thank you parents for joining the PTO at the beginning of the year! The funds raised during the membership drive allow the PTO to spoil our teachers and staff for an entire week. We were able to do something special each day plus give each teacher/staff a gift as a thank you for all they do for our children. We also appreciate those parents who donated snacks, drinks and desserts during the week!

We would also like to thank the businesses who helped make Teacher/Staff Appreciation week a success:

Chick-Fil-A South Franklin – discounted chicken minis

Franklin Theatre – donated popcorn

Sonic (Hillsboro Rd) – discounted drinks

Stroud's Barbeque – discounted baked potatoes

Come As You Are Cakes – discounted cupcakes

Chuy's – discounted lunch

The last PTO meeting of the year is April 5 at 9:00 in the cafeteria. We have several committee positions that need filled for next year. Please try to attend!

We have two spirit nights at Carrabba's this month. They are on April 12 and April 18 from 4:00-8:00 pm.

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