



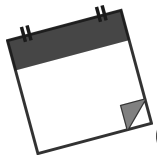
BULLDOG BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2018



A Message from Dr. Hoag's Desk:

We BEAT our fundraiser goal for this year! Thank you for all of your support and helping us bring in over \$35,000! Although I am NOT looking forward to being Jello – Bombed at the Pig Races on October 31st, I am excited to report that we already have a company coming to measure for new theater curtains! I look forward to sharing updates on how the money raised benefits students THIS year!



October

- 1-2 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 3 Picture Retakes
- 11 Fall Music Concert
- 12 Early Dismissal
End of First Quarter
- 15-19 Fall Break
- 23 Virginia Trip Meeting (5th parents)
- 25 Student Flu Vaccines
- 31 6th Grade Vision/Hearing Screening
Pig Races

FIS NEWS...

Library - Our Fall Book Fair with Follett is October 1-5! We are very excited to host a new Book Fair Vendor. Cash, check, credit & debit cards, and gift certificates are accepted! If you would like to purchase a gift certificate for your child or a teacher, please visit <https://www.follettbookfairs.com/giftcards.html>.

October is fire safety month! The FIS Library is partnering with Franklin Fire to offer a Fire Safety Essay Contest! Your child can find the information in the Library Google Classroom or under announcements on the FIS webpage. The first place winner will receive a \$25 gift card and a ride home from school in a Franklin Fire Engine! This year's topic is *Look, Listen, Learn. Be Aware. Fire Can Happen Anywhere.*

Please have your child check their Library Destiny Account to make sure they do not have any overdue books or fines!

Gentry's - Here's what one parent says about FIS Gentry's tutoring:

"This program has not only been helping [my child's] grades but also her ability to not dread doing homework. It also has improved our family time more than you could ever imagine! That in and of itself cannot ever be repaid! I'm so thankful that this program is available and is helping her to be successful....not just academically, but also organizing, developing good study habits, building her life skills set and her confidence!"

FIS Gentry's tutoring meets Monday through Thursday from 2:20 to 5:30 p.m. We offer structured homework assistance, organizational support, academic skills practice, and enrichment. Students have two short movement/socializing breaks built into the schedule, and everyone is offered a healthy snack/meal provided by the district's child nutrition program.

Enrollment forms are available in the FIS office. The annual enrollment fee is \$30. The cost is \$20 per week, which provides up to 12 hours of tutoring and enrichment. Questions? Contact site director, Marie White, at whitemar@fssd.org or assistant site director, Sheila Albert, at albertshe@fssd.org.



The first Box Top turn in date is October 22nd!

Please send in all Box Tops that you've collected. You can put them in a baggie or glue them to a collection sheet. Do what works best for your family; just keep sending them into school! Be sure to include your child's homeroom teacher's name because the top teams and classes will be rewarded. You can also download the Box Tops app to scan your receipts.

- Every Box Top collected is money for FIS!

Be sure to mark your calendar for our first spirit night on October 10th from 4-8pm at Red Robins in Cool Springs.

Two events coming up soon are the annual Loaves of Thanks in November and team winter parties in December. Sign-ups to help will be sent closer to time.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who have helped this year with spirit wear, meet & greet, fundraiser, book fair, and Bulldog Bash!

Questions? Email us at fisptoinfo@gmail.com



NEWS, CONT'D...

Guidance - There is a monthly School Counselor newsletter as well as a Middle Years newsletter on the FIS website. Look under the parents and students tab, and the first item will be counseling. Click there for information about counseling lessons for the month, resources, and any other information pertinent to counseling here at Freedom Intermediate. We have recently posted a few tip sheets for parents concerning internet safety.

IMPORTANT Attendance Reminders - Please remember to call the school on days your child will be absent. A **written letter or email** (to alfordmic@fssd.org) with the reason for the absence is needed to **excuse** absences; **calls** only **verify** the absence. Please refer to pages 17-20 of the student handbook (found in student planner) for all attendance guidelines and procedures. Regular attendance is part of what helps your child be successful in school. Please contact Michelle Alford at 790-4718 if you have questions or concerns about attendance policies.

Message from Lisa Springman at Front Desk

First of all, I want to extend my appreciation for the warm welcome into the FIS community. I am thrilled to be here and want to be a resource to all families. We do our best to get messages and items to students in a timely manner, and ask that your assistance by keeping these requests to a minimum so we can protect our teachers' instructional time. If a transportation change is needed, please notify the front office **by 1:30 p.m.**

We also discourage students from calling home for forgotten items. The cafeteria will serve a lunch, and payment can be made later. Thank you for your support as we help students become more responsible and learn to plan ahead in this small way.

I look forward to seeing you in the front office and helping you however I can.

Clinic - The Williamson County Health Department will be administering flu vaccinations at FIS on October 25, and consent forms will be coming home soon. Please complete **both sides** of the consent form and return it to school by Thursday, October 11.