



# BULLDOG BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2018

## A Message from Dr. Hoag's Desk:

As we work towards the close of the first semester, there are many milestones which we will pass. All students will complete Math and Reading screeners to check their progress and to provide information that helps us make certain they receive the support they need. We'll have our first band concert and our second music performance as well as celebrations that give us a chance to have fun with the people we have worked so hard with through the year. Our fifth graders will return from winter break as seasoned Bulldogs who are confident navigating all things FIS, and our sixth graders will return excited to be on the last leg of their time at FIS before moving on to FMS.



- 5-7 Nature's Classroom Trip
- 6 Evening of Code (5 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.)
- 13 Winter Band Concert
- 20 Winter Music Concert
- 21 Abbreviated Day, 9:20 dismissal  
2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Awards Ceremony  
Holiday Parties
- Dec. 24-Jan. 4 No school / Winter Holiday
- Jan. 7 Students Return

## STATE TESTING

*Looking ahead... Please note the weeks in April for state testing. We would greatly appreciate your help in ensuring that your child can be present for these weeks.*

**April 15, Monday - April 18, Thursday**  
**April 19 Friday Holiday**

## FIS NEWS...

### Best Buddies is coming to FIS!

Best Buddies builds friendships between people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), offering social mentoring while improving the quality of life and level of inclusion for a population that is often isolated and excluded.

### What Does it Mean to Be a Peer Buddy?

As a Best Buddy you are committing to create and maintain a friendship. When joining a program, you are matched with a peer in your school or community with similar interests. All friendship pairs are expected to talk once a week and see each other twice a month. This can mean talking on the phone, sending texts, or catching up online. When you see each other, plan to do something you both enjoy like hanging out with your school chapter (which will meet at least once per month), going to school events together, or doing community activities, such as going to the movies or out to dinner.

### Who is in Charge of the Freedom Intermediate Best Buddies Program?

Kelley Jones ([ioneskel@fssd.org](mailto:ioneskel@fssd.org)) will serve as the Faculty Advisor and is our school's Speech-Language Pathologist. Robin Wigant ([wigantrob@fssd.org](mailto:wigantrob@fssd.org)) will serve as the Special Education Advisor and is a special education teacher. Feel free to reach out to either of them with any questions.

Applications for Best Buddies can be picked up in the front office and are **due by Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**.

Visit [www.BestBuddies.org](http://www.BestBuddies.org) to learn more.



The team winter parties are **December 21**. A sign-up for snacks and volunteers will be sent in the next week.

Thank you to all the parents who donated to Loaves of Thanks! The teachers and staff had plenty of delicious options to choose from.

We appreciate your support during our first semester and are excited about our plans for the second semester!

Questions? Please email us at [fsptoinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fsptoinfo@gmail.com).



FIS STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Math) program is looking for supplies and/or tools for our young Engineers to bring their designs to life! Please consider sending in any of the items below to FIS to support our EPIC Engineers as they design and create prototypes to solve real world problems. If you are able to support in this way, please contact Miss Angie Tisdale at [tisdaleang@fssd.org](mailto:tisdaleang@fssd.org).

- String
- Rubber Bands
- Cardboard tubes
- PVC pipes
- PVC Elbows, Couplings and Adaptors
- Craft sticks
- Glue sticks for hot glue guns
- Paper and plastic cups and plates
- Pipe cleaners
- PlayDoh
- Aluminum foil
- Ping pong balls
- Cotton balls
- Masking Tape
- Duct Tape
- Electrical Tape
- Drinking Straws
- Old clothing to be cut apart for fabric
- Fabric
- Polyester stuffing for pillows
- Nails
- Screws
- Bolts & Nuts
- Old CD's
- Buttons
- Lego
- Screwdrivers
- Hammers
- Crow bars
- Pry Bars
- Hack saws
- Panel saws
- Coping saws
- Sandpaper
- Sanding Blocks
- Paint
- Paint brushes
- Drop cloths
- Shop Vac
- Clamp On Vise
- Wood Glue
- Pliers
- Work Gloves (adult sizes)

## FIS NEWS (CONT'D)...

**Yearbook.** If any parent has photos from the play, a concert, the bonfire, or other school activities, it would be very helpful for the yearbook! Email them to [landmad@fssd.org](mailto:landmad@fssd.org).

**Art Department.** We are in need of paper towel & toilet paper tubes for an upcoming art project we will start soon. If any parents/students would be able to start bringing them in, that would be very helpful!

**Virginia Trip.** If your child is interested in the Virginia trip, you should be making monthly payments. The bus is filling up.

**Guidance.** We are still collecting for Christmas for Critters – Kisses for Kids. You can also purchase items online directly from the Williamson County Animal Center [Amazon wish list](#) or refer to the list on our website.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We greatly appreciate One Generation Away serving the Franklin community! This Saturday is a Food Distribution at Johnson Elementary.

### FREE GROCERY CART FILLED WITH FOOD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018  
9:30 first come first served  
JOHNSON ELEMENTARY  
815 GLASS LANE, FRANKLIN

### ☞ FIS Thank You Corner ☞

Thanks to our wonderful PTO and families for the delicious Loaves of Thanks before Thanksgiving! Our Above All spirit night profit was \$152. Thanks to all who went and had a great time!



