

The Falcon

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Reporter

The Official Fowler Middle School Newsletter

2015-2016

Principal Donnie Wiseman joins the 2016 **"Falcon Pride"** award recipients, Caitlyn Schroeder and Daniel Grenie for a photo after the awards ceremony. The Falcon Pride Award is a top honor at Fowler voted on by our entire Fowler Faculty.



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Falcon Pride



EMS Calendar

June

- June 3 Last Day of School
- June 4 Band Trip to Hurricane Harbor
- June 21 STAAR Math Retest
- June 22 STAAR Reading Retest

July

- July 11-22 New Student Registration by Appointment at Vandeventer MS
- July 19 Front Office Opens for 2016-2017 School Year
- July 25-29 Frisco Summer Strings Camp

August

- August 1-12 New Student Registration by Appointment Only
- August 9 PTA Assembles Packets for Back to School
- August 10 New Student Registration 4:00-6:00PM by Appointment Only
- August 12 Required Placement Tests 8:45AM-4:00PM
- August 13 **2:00PM Required Boys' Athletic Parent Meeting**
- August 16 Flight Camp 9-11
7th and 8th Grade Schedule Pick-up 1:30-3:30PM
New Student Orientation and Pizza Party 5-6:30PM
- August 19 New Student Registration
- August 22 First Day of School
PTA One Check Fundraiser begins

Don't forget to order your 2016-2017 school supplies!!!

The last day to order school supplies for the 2016-2017 school year is
Sunday, June 26th.

Order online at www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks

Code is FOW008 (3 letters/3 numbers)

Cost is \$48

Save time and money and order today.

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Mayo at mayoj@friscoisd.org

celebrations!



Fowler Robotics Club competed in the annual Frisco ISD Robotics Competition last month. Fowler's two teams consisted of Saud Baig, Amogh Channashetti, Jacob Lin, Steven Lu, Ryan Mok, Abhiraj Neti, Thomas Raber, and Zackary Suzuki. Both Fowler teams worked rigorously for 2 months to create, design, and program their robots to complete the "Voyage to Aquarius" challenge. The competition consisted of 27 teams total, and we are excited to announce that Fowler V3NG3ANC3 team placed 3rd overall and Falcon Force placed 1st place! It is a huge accomplishment to get both teams in the top 3, and we are very proud of all of the competitors. Congratulations, Robotics Club Students!



Glenda Sitzler has been named **KLTY's (94.9) Teacher of the Month for the month of May**. Frank Reed and Starlene Stringer called Mrs. Sitzler to inform her of this great honor and came to Fowler to present her with the award during 8th grade lunch. Mrs. Sitzler is so deserving of this recognition and award. We are so proud of you, Mrs. Sitzler!



celebrations!



Collin County community board nominated and recognized Nikita Ramachandran as "Finalist and Winner of the Middle School - Volunteer of the year" in "2016 Excellence in Volunteer Service Awards" @ Sheraton, McKinney on 7th April 2016 for her significant contribution to the community. At the event, Niki had a chance to meet Frisco City Mayor Maher Maso.



Fowler's Math and Science Team

had another successful state competition. Of the 34 students who attended, 23 of them were able to win a combined total of 34 medals and trophies. Highlights of the competition include:

-In 6th grade, Ethan Fang placed 3rd in math, Wiley Liou placed 3rd in Calculator, and Mahesh Natamai placed 1st in science.

-In 8th grade, Austin Ma placed 1st in math, and Oliver Zhu placed 1st in Science.

Overall, our number sense team placed 4th, our math team placed 2nd, and our science team placed 1st! Overall, Fowler won 3rd place Sweeps.

Congrats to our students for another great year.

The Fowler Academic Pentathlon Team participated in the regional competition. Both 7th grade and 8th grade teams received numerous honors! Please congratulate these students!

7th Grade Roster: 3rd Place Overall (out of 25 teams)
3rd Place Super Quiz (out of 25 teams)

Navya Chintaman
Gurnoor Narula
Srinjoyi Lahiri
Nikita Ramachandran
Nicholas Sy
Pranav Senthil
Nomaan Arshed
Joshua George
Varshaan Parthiban

Individual Honors:

Navya Chintaman: 5th Science, 4th Math, 1st Social Science, 5th OVERALL
Gurnoor Narula: 5th Science, 5th Fine Arts, 3rd Social Science
Srinjoyi Lahiri: 5th Social Science

Nikita Ramachandran: 4th Fine Arts, 1st Math
Nicholas Sy: 5th Science
Joshua George: 3rd Math

8th Grade Roster: 2nd place Super Quiz (out of 25 teams)
5th Place Overall (out of 25 teams)

Suriya Senthilkumar
Eric Bau
Yash Agarwal
Bharat Kandrigi
Aria Naghian
Srihan Somepalli
Zach Bernius
Sujeet Ramdurai

Individual Honors:

Suriya Senthilkumar: 3rd Fine Arts
Eric Bau: 3rd Science
Zach Bernius: 3rd Math

GO FALCONS!

Technology Class Information



All the students are having a good time and learning a lot in the computer classes at Fowler. The following is a summary of the learning that has been occurring in the classes.

Multimedia I: Terri Silver

The students have continued to learn aspects of using PhotoShop Elements. They love this software. The students **have created and illustrated an original children's storybook; then we E-published the book.** The students even narrated them and inserted their narrations into the story. It is so exciting to read them and listen to the stories. Ask them how to see the book! I have linked them from my website; you can open the books using iBook's from your iPhone, iPod, or iPad. Also, if you have any old or damaged photos at home, they have learned how to make them look like new! The last project is creating an e-portfolio of all their projects using Premier Elements. They can save their work to a flash drive and show you what they have worked on this year. The students will also learn about coding by working with the Hour of Code. Multimedia has been so much fun this year! I hope to see your students in future technology classes. Have a great summer vacation!

Animation: Terri Silver

The students have been using Hash Animation Master Software to create 3D animations. They are really enjoying using it. They are also learning professional animation terms that help them understand the 3D elements. The students have learned how to use software called Blender. It is a little more difficult, but they were up to the challenge. The students have been creating their last animation; they had some choices as to what to do. They have really grown in using their animation skills. I am very proud of all the things they have accomplished. I hope they will consider taking more technology classes in the future. Have a wonderful summer!

Video Production 11: Terri Silver

The students have learned quite a bit this semester. They have had a great time taking and editing videos; they each practiced editing their videos. The students also created a PSA video of their choice. They have learned how to create some special effects such as coming out from behind a pole, green screening, and creating a mirror image of themselves in a video. I think they have come a long way in learning to use video editing software. I will miss them all next year.

This has been a great year at Fowler Middle School. The counselors have truly enjoyed working with all the students and are proud of all their accomplishments, as well as all the activities they have taken part in that make a difference in the world around them – such as the Green Team, Red Ribbon Week, Power to Change and Aim for Success (to name a few). Please enjoy a safe summer as we send off our outstanding 8th grade class to soar to even greater heights at Lebanon Trail and Liberty High School. As for the rest of you, we are looking forward to more exciting times and great memories as a Fowler Falcon.

Counselor's corner

Please be sure you make note of several important dates in this newsletter. Falcon Flight Camp will be held Tuesday, August 16th, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am (schedule pick-up begins at 8:30 am). This is an exciting time for our incoming 6th graders to learn all about middle school. If you are a member of NJHS and you signed up to help, please mark the morning of August 16th on your calendar as well. If you are a returning 7th or 8th grader, you will pick up your schedule on August 16th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

We look forward to taking off on a whole new journey with all of you in the year ahead!

The Green Team sponsored an Earth Day Creative Contest in April, and these are the winners in each area:

- 2-D Environmental Art – Divya Nagireddy & Sujin Stokes
- Environmental Photography – Saud Baig
- Environmental Poetry – Sohum Shah

Congratulations to the winners!

At the Green Leadership Team's May meeting, we named our Student Green Giant, Madhu Joshi. Madhu is reliable and helpful with making our school the greenest!

The Green Leadership Team also recognized the Faculty Green Giant, Ms. Worman!!!

Tips for Going Green this Summer:

1. Turning up the thermostat a few degrees on your AC is a great way to save tons of cash while making the planet a cooler place at the same time.
2. **Buy food locally.** Farmers' markets are great places to shop and ensure that the veggies you're eating hot off the grill or mixed in a salad haven't traveled thousands of miles just to reach your plate. That cuts down on the use of fossil fuels, which leads to significantly reduced levels of pollution and resource depletion over your typical tomato bought at the local supermarket.
3. Use reusable dishes rather than plastics or Styrofoam. If you absolutely must use disposables, make sure to pick up compostable varieties **beforehand to put in the compost bin when you're through.**
4. Water usage levels are a big deal throughout much of the U.S., and the summer drought season can really make things tough. Be certain to watch what you use, and **water plants only when necessary.** **Don't depend on an automatic sprinkler system,** as they could possibly water the lawn when it has recently rained.

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Best Buddies FMS Chapter wrapped up its inaugural year on Thursday, June 2 with a party! It was so much FUN! A shout-out to the parents who sent in donations and supported our program all year long; we **couldn't have done it without you!** The campus culture has been transformed due to student commitment to grow and foster life-long friendships. This year has been a wonderful success! We have enjoyed the Match Party, Holiday Party on the campus, the Formal at City Place, Dallas, gingerbread house contests, Friendship Walk and DAILY friendships developed! Next year, we will do it all again! Be on the lookout!

Don't forget to follow our Instagram page; [fowlerbestbuddies](#)
Lindsey Bianchin and Heather Burris, FMS Best Buddies Advisors

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LIBRARY

Catherine B. Fowler

Book Swap

Planning a trip to Half Price Books this summer? Before you give those gently used books away for practically pennies, consider saving them for **Fowler's 2nd Annual Back to School Book Swap!**

We'll take all kinds of books-- picture books, middle grade, young adult, and adult. Each book donated will be a one-for-one swap. For every book you donate, you get to take home one "new" one! The only requirement is that the books are in good condition.

Stay tuned in August for the date and more details, but in the meantime, hang onto to those books over the summer!



Scholarship Winners



FMS Band Booster Scholarship Winner, Hannah Demuth and Francis Lammes, President of FMS Band Boosters

Ardalan Naghian, FMS PTA Scholarship Winner, with Boogie Lammes, President Fowler PTA



What will you do this Summer to prepare to be a CHAMPION next season?

The Fowler Coaching Staff would like to invite you to join
Strength and Conditioning Camp this Summer!!

When: Monday- Thursday

Who: All students wanting to improve their health

Incoming 7th Graders- 7:30-9:00 AM

Incoming 8th Graders- 9:00-10:30 AM

What: Strength, Agility, Speed and Stamina Training!

Sign Up HERE today!

Or scan this QR Code



FOWLER SUMMER MATH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

**"Learned lots of math and know it will last,
The school year's over, it happened so fast!"**

Got a summer challenge, made just for me,
Got a summer challenge,
easy as can be!"



Please complete your summer Fowler Math Enrichment Program to practice and perfect your math skills! Use the same TTM login information that you used for the 2015-2016 school year, complete the path that you have already been assigned by your math teacher.

If you have any questions, please email Glenda Sitzler at
sitzlerg@friscolsd.org.

Summer reading provides an avenue for Pre-AP, AP, and GT students to both activate academic skills during the summer and to launch academic progress at the beginning of the school year in English classes. Frisco ISD includes the following objectives for summer reading:

- to increase efficiency and productivity by providing a common text that students can discuss at the beginning of the year
- to develop a foundation of rigor and close reading skills that will be used throughout the year
- to build reading and writing skills and formatively assess understanding of key concepts
- to provide a thematic common point of reference that students and teachers may return to throughout the year with other multi-genre selections
- to promote literacy by exposing students to literature of merit

Instruction involving summer reading will begin early in the school year. Students should read the assigned texts carefully and be prepared for discussions, journals, compositions, and other assignments during the first few weeks of school. Each student is encouraged to bring the book to his/her English class on the first day, if possible.

Pre - Advanced Placement Required Summer Reading	<p>Grade 6</p>  <p><i>My Life in Dog Years</i> by Gary Paulsen</p>	<p>Grade 7</p>  <p><i>Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie</i> by Jordan Sonnenblick</p>	<p>Grade 8</p>  <p><i>The Messenger</i> by Lois Lowry</p>
Gifted and Talented Required Summer Reading	<p>Grade 6</p>  <p><i>Stargirl</i> by Jerry Spinelli</p>	<p>Grade 7</p>  <p>Seventh grade GT students may choose any <u>one</u> of twenty different titles on the 2016 Lone Star Reading List. www.txla.org/groups/lone-star</p>	<p>Grade 8</p>  <p><i>The Hobbit</i> by J. R. R. Tolkien</p>



PreAP ELA/R Middle School Reading List

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Although it may be beneficial, Pre-AP and Advanced Placement students are not required to purchase copies of the titles assigned. If students choose to purchase a copy of the summer reading assignment, all titles are available at Barnes & Noble.

- The Frisco Public Library has limited copies of each book that are available for check-out.
- Each secondary campus also has a limited number of books that may be checked out during the summer for two weeks at a time. Please contact the office at your home campus to make arrangements.

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<p>Grade</p> <p>9</p>  <p><i>Anthem</i> by Ayn Rand</p>	<p>Grade</p> <p>10</p>  <p><i>My Name is Asher Lev</i> by Chaim Potok</p>
<p>Grade</p> <p>11</p>  <p><i>The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i> by Frederick Douglass http://etext.virginia.edu/toc/modeng/public/DouNarr.htm</p> <p>-and-</p> <p><i>Walden (Chapters 1 and 2 ONLY)</i> by Henry David Thoreau http://thoreau.eserver.org/walden00.html</p>	<p>Grade</p> <p>12</p>  <p><i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor</i> by Thomas C. Foster</p> <p>-and-</p> <p><i>The Metamorphosis</i> by Franz Kafka http://www.enotes.com/metamorphosis-text</p>

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PreAP/AP ELA/R High School Reading List

2016