

# The Falcon Reporter

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## FALCON FUEL supports GBFR

Nearly 3,500 people laced up their sneakers on Saturday, Oct. 29, for the Gary Burns Frisco Fun Run, raising more than \$90,000 for the Frisco Education Foundation, and **FOWLER MIDDLE SCHOOL** had more runners than any other Frisco middle school with 218. GO FALCONS! This event was promoted by the Fowler athletic programs and the Health and Wellness committee dubbed Falcon FUEL – **F**it, **U**nstoppable, **E**nergetic, **L**ifestyles. In addition, Falcon FUEL promotes a “Walk-to-School Wednesday”, “Bike to School Day”, parking lot safety, and health tips posted around the school. FUEL UP FALCONS and keep movin’, movin’!!



Fowler claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the team competition. Representing our Fowler Team was Seth Williams with a time of 20:21:00, James Do with a time of 21:21:08, and Erik Peterson with a time of 28:20:05.

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# FMS Calendar

## November

Nov. 11

End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Weeks

Veteran's Day

Theatre Fall Performance *The Lion, the Witch, and The Wardrobe*

6:00 pm Fowler Cafeteria

Orchestra All Region Clinic @ Reedy HS 6:00 pm

Nov. 12

Orchestra All Region Clinic and Concert @ Reedy HS

Theatre Fall Performance *The Lion, the Witch, and The Wardrobe*

1:00 pm Fowler Cafeteria

Band All Region Auditions Phase I 7:30 am-3:30 pm @ Murphy MS, Murphy, TX

Nov. 14

DI Parent Training 5:30pm-9:00pm Fowler Cafeteria

Nov. 15

AMC Test 3:45 pm

Band All Region Auditions Phase II 5:00 pm-9:00 pm @

Vandeventer MS

Nov. 16

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day

Nov. 17

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball vs. Staley MS @ Staley MS

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**Nov. 20 - 25**

**Fall Break (No School)**

Nov. 30

Choir Cluster Concert @ Lebanon Trail HS

UIL One Act Play Auditions 4:00 PM

## December

Dec. 1

Group Picture Day

UIL One Act Play Auditions 4:00 PM

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball vs. Nelson MS @ Fowler MS

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball vs. Nelson MS @ Nelson MS

Dec. 2

UIL One Act Play Auditions 4:00 PM

Dec. 6

Spelling Bee 3:45 pm Fowler Library

Band Holiday Concert 6:00 pm @ Lebanon Trail HS

Dec. 7

Choir Holiday Voice Recital 6:00 pm Fowler Cafeteria

Dec. 8

All Music Tour @ Borchardt ES 7:30 am-9:00 am

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball vs. Scoggins MS @ Scoggins MS

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball vs. Scoggins @ Fowler MS

Dec. 9

All Music Tour @ Riddle ES, Taylor ES, & Lebanon Trail HS During School Day

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball A Teams Collin County Hoops Fest

Orchestra Holiday Movie Party 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Orchestra Hall

Choir Holiday Movie Party 4:00 pm-5:30 pm Choir Room

Dec. 10

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball A Teams Collin County Hoops Fest

Tuba Holiday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Dec. 12

Band Caroling Holiday Party 5:30-7:30 pm Fowler Cafeteria

**December dates continued on page 3**



# FMS Calendar



## December

- Dec. 13 Author Visit Lindsey Cummings Fowler Library
- Dec. 13 Jazz Band Concert 6:00 pm Fowler Cafeteria
- Dec. 14 Choir Holiday Concert 6:00 pm Fowler Cafeteria
- Dec. 14 Orchestra Winter Concert @ Lebanon Trail HS
- Dec. 15 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball vs. Maus MS @ Fowler MS
- Dec. 15 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball vs. Maus MS @ Maus MS
- Dec. 16 Faculty vs. Student Basketball Games 3:05 pm-3:35 pm
- Dec. 19-Jan. 2 Winter Break (No School)

## January

- Jan. 3 First Day Back after Winter Break
- Jan. 5 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball vs. Wester MS @ Fowler MS
- Jan. 5 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball vs. Wester MS @ Wester MS
- Jan. 6 Band All Region Clinic @ Lone Star HS
- Jan. 7 Band All Region Clinic @ Lone Star HS
- Jan. 10 Band Pictures
- Jan. 12 Orchestra Pictures
- Jan. 12 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball vs. Roach MS @ Roach MS
- Jan. 12 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball vs. Roach MS @ Fowler MS
- Jan. 13 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks

AaBbCc™

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy held a regional essay contest for students in grades 4-8 recently. The results are in and 7 out of 15 of the regional winners are from Frisco ISD. Even better than that, three of those winners are our own Fowler students.

BARBARA BUSH FOUNDATION  
FOR FAMILY LITERACY

Be sure to give a high five, handshake, or pat on the back to the following students for being recognized at a celebratory breakfast on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Well done:

**6<sup>th</sup> graders: Alexandra Liu and Brian Zhou**

**And 7<sup>th</sup> grader: Nathan Tserng**

Thank you for all of your hard work and willingness to go above and beyond in your academic endeavors to represent Fowler in this positive way.

# Team News



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# 6th

In 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies, students will continue their study of world cultures and geography in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. Students will learn about the historical influences that cultures around the world have had on the region and will also complete a Culture Pizza project over an assigned Latin American country. In ILA, the students have been reading the novels Where the Red Fern Grows and The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane novels to identify the changes in a character's internal and external character traits. In addition to character traits, students have been labeling different types of figurative language. Students will begin writing their imaginative story which will include a believable setting created through the usage of sensory details. In Science for the third six weeks, students will be studying biology! They will study ecosystems (including a project involving our national parks!), the basic components of the cell, and the Cell Theory. They will learn more about the characteristics of organisms, including prokaryotic or eukaryotic, unicellular or multicellular, autotrophic or heterotrophic, and mode of reproduction. This will then lead them into their study of taxonomy. It's going to be a busy unit! Sixth grade math will be wrapping up proportions and percents. We will be learning about rational numbers and the Cartesian plane as we head into Winter Break. Please be sure your student is continuing to work on TTM every week. Thank you so much for your support! The students have quickly adapted to the pace of sixth grade!

# 7th

7<sup>th</sup> graders have been very industrious this fall! Texas history classes have been traveling back in time.....to the Spanish Colonial era from 1680-1760 and the Mexican National era. This past week, we traveled to the year 1821; Mexico has won independence from Spain, and Texas is now part of Mexico. Students are learning about empresarios (such as Stephen F. Austin) who began colonization of Mexican Texas with settlers from the United States. Math classes are beginning to raise funds for FISD's Angel program. The class period that raises the most money will compete against grade-level teachers in a student-faculty basketball game. Students are solving equations and inequalities. All science students are beginning their journey through the human body systems. In Pre-AP Science, we are also continuing our science fair experimentation at home and are looking ahead to a completion date of December 12<sup>th</sup>! Students will be presenting their science fair projects in class. Expository writing: here we come! All on-level and Pre AP ILA students are writing expository essays by focusing on writing assertions that are supported by text evidence and commentary. Students are encouraged to read non-fiction pieces outside of class to expand their expository writing skills. GT ILA students are learning about the different persuasive techniques that are used in advertising. They will transfer this knowledge to analyzing a persuasive advertisement of their own choice.

# 8th

The election is here! The social studies department is hosting a mock "presidential election" on November 4<sup>th</sup> for students to better understand election procedures and the democratic process! U. S. History classes are also learning about the many compromises that were made at the Constitutional Convention in order to create our Constitution. In ILA classes, we are looking forward to our media and persuasive techniques unit. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will embark upon a powerful journey to explore modern media and Aristotle's appeals. The students will be able to answer the two essential questions: *How does commercialism impact daily life? How does research enhance the ability to persuade?* Winter is almost here, and 8th Grade Math is getting ready to hit the 'slopes'! In addition to writing and solving linear equations, students will also start graphing them as well. From there, students will analyze and interpret graphs to see how they pertain to everyday, real world situations while the 8<sup>th</sup> grade algebra students will be studying the properties of exponents and solving sequence problems. Finally, 8<sup>th</sup> grade science is starting our ecology unit. We will study interactions between biotic and abiotic factors in ecosystems. The science fair is almost here! Pre-AP science will be putting the final touches on their science fair projects. Good luck Falcons!



# Technology Class Information The Falcon Reporter

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**

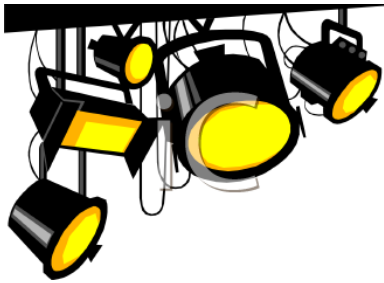
The students have been continuing to develop their PhotoShop Element skills. They created an original magazine cover featuring themselves on the front – the inside stories reflect their personalities and interests. They will learn how to create a reflection and create a magazine advertisement for a product. Information about advertising techniques will also be discussed. The students will soon learn how to edit sound using audacity. They will create their own sound effects and do projects before incorporating their sounds in other software. They are becoming experts at using the software in class. Soon, they will start creating an original children's story book.

## **Multimedia II: Terri Silver**

The students have been extending their knowledge of using PhotoShop Elements. They have learned about creating logos and created their own personal logos. They have also been using their talents to create programs for the Veteran's Day Celebration in school, using what they learned in class and applying it to real – life scenarios. The students have created music online and created an old time radio broadcast with a partner. They learned about QR codes and how to create them. Then they created their own codes. The students will use Sketchup to create a building and then place it in Google earth. In the future, we will also be learning some basic web development. The students will learn some basic html code and be able to create some simple websites. Stay tuned for more fun information from this class.

## **Animation: Terri Silver**

The students have been creating animations using FlipBook software. In the future, they will incorporate using Sketchup in their projects to create a bowling alley. They have worked on creating a beach scene, a flower growing, and a haunted house. Soon, they will be working on creating the working bowling alley. Sound is also incorporated in the animations. The students are working hard and doing a wonderful job with their animations; – I am so proud of them. You should be able to find samples of their projects on their websites. Ask your student about viewing them. Look for more information about the Animation class in future newsletters.



Join us for  
the first  
show of the  
season!

Fowler Theatre Arts  
presents

## *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

November 10-11 • 6pm  
November 12 at • 1pm  
FMS Cafeteria  
\$5

Dramatized by Joseph Robinette from the story  
by C.S. Lewis.  
Produced by special arrangement with The Dramatic  
Publishing Company of Woodstock, Illinois.



# LIBRARY *Catherine B. Fowler*

## Authors Visit Fowler Middle School!



### Laurie Halse Anderson

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, New York Times bestselling author Laurie Halse Anderson spoke to our 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Some of Ms. Anderson's most popular middle grade books are historical fiction and based on real events such as the Revolutionary War, the Yellow Fever epidemic in Philadelphia, and slavery. Students listened to a presentation about these historical events and learned about Ms. Anderson's writing and publication process. After the visit, the students who purchased a book were able to get them signed and personalized. We had an incredible day with Laurie Halse Anderson!

You can find out more about the author and her books on her web site:

[www.madwomanintheforest.com](http://www.madwomanintheforest.com).



### Lindsay Cummings

For the third year in a row, amazing author Lindsay Cummings will be returning to the Fowler Library!

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Cummings will present two sessions for our students. The 6<sup>th</sup> period session will be open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in writing and will be a fun and engaging workshop on the writing process. The 7<sup>th</sup> period session will be focused on the author's Balance Keepers series and will be open to 6<sup>th</sup> graders.



You can learn more about Lindsay Cummings and her books here: [www.lindsaycummingsbooks.com](http://www.lindsaycummingsbooks.com).

The visit is open to all students. Please encourage your student to sign up in the library today because space is limited!



**Spanish Club** is always doing something fun! At their latest meeting, the students designed the flags of different countries that have their Independence day in September representing National Hispanic Heritage Month. Their cookies were designed with icing and were delicious! The best cookies from each country received a prize. We even had a celebration dance! Their next meeting is November 14th at 3:45 in room 803. ¡Hasta Pronto!



## The Falcon Reporter

### ART CONTEST WINNERS!

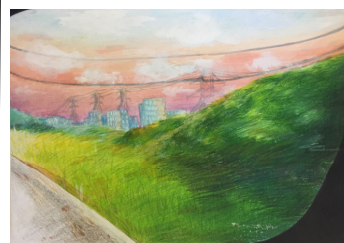
Congrats to the **2017 Dallas is Diversity Calendar Contest Winner, Elena Wang!** Elena entered the contest as an 8th grader at Fowler. Her winning design will be published in the calendar for the month of October.



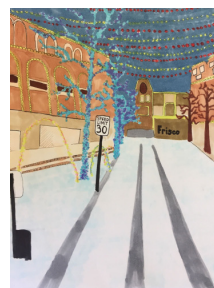
**Eden Brim** won the **Frisco Public Library 25th Anniversary Bookmark Contest.** Her winning entry was made into bookmarks that are being distributed at the library.



Congrats to the **Frisco Economic Development Corporation Contest** winners!



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Natasha Tsay**



**HM – Sophie Lin**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Maya Sukumaran**



# Counselor's Corner

## The Falcon Reporter

As we enter the final 6 weeks of the first semester, we know that all of our students have been working very hard. Please join us in encouraging your student to stay focused as we approach the winter break. Following the break, the students will have the first two weeks in January to complete the first semester of the school year. We know they will finish strong!

Below are some important dates at Fowler that we want you to know about.

### November 16, 2016 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day

This is an exciting opportunity for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to learn about different careers as they begin to set goals for their future. We are asking 8<sup>th</sup> graders to dress professionally on this important day.

### December 1, 2016

Power to Change Classroom Meeting – Signs of Concern



### December 16, 2016

#### Faculty-Student Basketball Game



The class from each grade level that collected the most monetary donations for our Small World Angel program will get to take on Fowler staff members in a fun, “friendly” game of basketball. The Falcons are guaranteed to win, while supporting many families in our area.

January 4 – 5, 2017 – My Future Lesson 3 – High School and College

## PTA news

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

If you would like to hear what's going on at school please:

Email your name, student's name and grade, and email address to: [juneann8700@aol.com](mailto:juneann8700@aol.com)

This simply allows me to alert you about volunteer opportunities - *no commitment.*

You select on a case by case basis when you would like to help.

Thank you! June Blassingame - PTA Volunteer Coordinator



### Best Buddies

Our Best Buddies Match Party was a huge success. We want to thank everyone who made

this a memorable experience for those involved. Thank you for all of your donations, time, and help with this event. We appreciate each and every one of you. Also, Fowler was recently given the Outstanding Chapter Award for Best Buddies in the DFW area, a huge honor. We received a plaque that will be placed in one of our trophy cases in the foyer for all to see. We are off to another great start this year for Fowler Best Buddies.

