



## Fowler Earns All 7 Possible TEA Distinctions!

The Texas Education Agency announced that more than 400 campuses that achieved a "Met Standard" rating in the 2016 state accountability ratings also earned all distinction designations applicable to their individual school. Distinction designations are awarded to campuses based on achievement in performance indicators relative to a group of 40 campuses of similar type, size, and student demographics. Depending on campus grade levels and type, the number of potential distinction designations can vary. Up to seven distinction designations can be earned for:

- Academic Achievement in English Language Arts/Reading
- Academic Achievement in Mathematics
- Academic Achievement in Science
- Academic Achievement in Social Studies
- Top 25 Percent: Student Progress
- Top 25 Percent: Closing Performance Gaps

### TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY 2016 Accountability Summary FOWLER MIDDLE (043905048) - FRISCO ISD



"Earning one or more campus distinctions is noteworthy and should be a source of pride in a community," said Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. "Earning all possible distinctions is a significant accomplishment and should signal to parents that there is extraordinary work taking place on that campus."

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## OCTOBER

1-6	Scholastic Book Fair
3	Custodian Appreciation Day
	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs. Wester MS
5	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs. Wester MS
	New to FISD Parent Orientation 6-8 Admin Board Room, all Frisco ISD Parents are welcome-no child-care available
6	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball vs. Wester MS
7	Student Holiday
10	Columbus Day School Holiday
11	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs. Roach MS
12	Best Buddies Meeting 3:45-4:45 PM
	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs. Roach
	DI Parent Training 6:30-9:00 PM in Cafeteria
13	School Picture Retakes
	Choir Fall Party
	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball vs. Roach MS
17	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs. Clark
18	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs. Clark
19	Coffee With the Counselors 9:00 am
	Band Fall Concert 6:00 PM @ LTHS
	Choir Fall Concert 6:00 PM @ Fowler
20	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball vs. Clark
	DI Parent Training 6:30-9:00 PM in Cafeteria
24-28	Red Ribbon Week
24	Red Ribbon Week, Wear Mismatched Clothes
	Flu Clinic 4:00-6:00 PM
	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs. Vandeventer
25	Red Ribbon Week, Dress Like a Friend
	Mix-it-up-Day at Lunch
	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs. Vandeventer
26	Red Ribbon Week, Wear as much RED as Possible
	Author Visit Laurie Halse Anderson
	Orchestra Fall Concert 6:00 PM @ LTHS
27	Red Ribbon Week, Wear 80's Style Clothing
	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball vs. Vandeventer
28	Red Ribbon Week, Wear Team T- shirt or Jersey
	Band Fall Party 6:00-8:00 PM
29	Gary Burns Fun Run
31	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs. TBD



## The Falcon Reporter



Order Your **Yearbook** 


**Yearbooks are available for purchase online. Click the order a yearbook button on Fowler's homepage or copy and paste the link below into your internet browser. If you order before 10/28, you will only pay \$30. After 10/30, the price will increase to \$35.**

<http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A01098308>

## NOVEMBER

1	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs. TBD
3	Beginning Band Concert 6:00 PM in Cafeteria
4	Technology Staff Appreciation Day
5	District Volleyball Tournament
7	PTA Board Meeting 4:30 PM
8	Election Day
10	Veterans Day Assembly and Reception
	Theatre presents <i>The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe</i> 6:00
11	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Six Weeks
	Theatre presents <b>The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe</b> 6:00 PM
12	Theatre presents <i>The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe</i> 1:00 PM

# Team News



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### 6th

In 6th grade social studies, students will continue their study of the elements of culture by presenting their own culture with a bag of culture project. We will then apply the themes of geography and elements of culture learned to our study of North America, where we will focus on regions and government.

6<sup>th</sup> grade Math is now working on Think Through Math. Each week your student will need to complete and earn 3 certificates. They have been given a yellow card with their log in information.

Here are some helpful tips for a great TTM experience:

1. Set aside a time each week for students to work on their lessons.
2. Work on a desktop or laptop for best results. Mobile devices are not as user-friendly.
3. Have extra paper and pencils beside the computer for the students to show their work.
4. Ask the live tutor for help. TTM has tutors available to help students every day.
5. Don't let your student rush. A typical lesson should take about 30 minutes.

Please contact your student's math teacher if you have questions regarding the lessons.

In science, we are getting ready to start our chemistry unit! During this unit, we will learn to calculate density to identify unknown substances. In addition, we will study the periodic table, differentiate between elements and compounds, and learn the differences between chemical and physical properties and changes.

Sixth grade will be writing a creative short story in class and reading novels to identify figurative language in literature. They will also be learning how to write an expository writing piece that includes a strong thesis statement.

## 7th

Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Falcons are off to a successful start! Texas history students began the year learning about the diverse geography of the great state of Texas! We researched the different regions of Texas and the characteristics of each and used that information to create a post card of two different Texas regions. Using a "gallery walk," students also learned about the many Native American tribes that once called Texas home. We are now learning about Spanish explorers who first made contact with the Texas coastline in 1519, which sparked the interest for future European exploration of the Americas. Science students are beginning a new unit of study, "The Cell." PreAP students are crafting research plans for their ISEF/IRP projects and beginning to work in their log books. 7th grade math students are learning how to use proportions to solve problems involving percents. Please involve your student when calculating tax, savings or tips! ILA students recently completed revising a personal narrative about a choice. Next up, our ILA classes will be studying background information on Greek mythology as students prepare to write and illustrate their own myth. GT ILA students will read *The House on Mango Street* and will write and illustrate a vignette centered on the theme of choice. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are proving to be busy and avid learners!

Wow! What an awesome 1st Six Weeks it's been in Math! Since the start of the school year, we have taken on the real number system, the Pythagorean Theorem, and transformations of geometric shapes. Next up, we will explore: the similarities of triangles, linear and angle relationships, proportional vs. non-proportional relationships, as well as dive in to algebraic equations. Think Through Math will also be taking off as we head into the 2nd Six Weeks. Please check the Learning Hub to stay current! Our Fowler scientists will be ending our unit on the universe and Earth, sun, and moon relationships. As we rocket to the end of this unit, we will make re-entry into Earth as we start talking about how the Earth, sun, and moon relationship helps dictate weather patterns here on Earth. We will concentrate heavily on density and how density moves convection currents. We will then look into ocean currents, global weather patterns and we should be proficient in reading weather maps. All the future meteorologists have something to look forward to this marking period! PAP students—don't forget to check your teacher's website to keep current with IRP/ISEF grading checkpoints. As always, keep soaring, falcon scientists! In ILA classes, students are preparing to draft and publish their first full analytical essay that answers the question, "What defines a hero?" In October, students will experience the archetypal Hero's Journey through a novel study of *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, and conclude with a graphic design project. Although we have class copies of the novel, we encourage your child to purchase the novel (Half Price books is a great source) for annotations within the book. This is not required, but it is helpful. Be sure your child is checking HAC and the Learning Hub often. Great job, Fowler Falcons!

## 8th

# Counselor's Corner



It's hard to believe that the first 6 weeks is behind us! The school year seems to be flying by. As we move forward, there are so many exciting events for Fowler students on the horizon. We hope that both you and your student will become involved and check out some of the following opportunities:

**October 13, 2016** - Power to Change Classroom Meeting (Empathy for Others)

**October 19, 2016 (9 – 10 am) - Coffee with the Counselors-** Student Learning Hub/Home Access Center Pamela Crofoot, Fowler Technology Facilitator, will provide parents with a guided tour to the Home Access Center and the new student learning hub. This presentation will include plenty of tips on how parents can use this great tool to stay up-to-date with their students' classwork. This meeting will be held in the integration lab from 9 to 10 am. Please RSVP to [BircklebawJ@friscoisd.org](mailto:BircklebawJ@friscoisd.org) if you plan to attend. Thanks!

## **October 24-28, 2016– Red Ribbon Week**

This week is a challenge to our students to commit to stay "drug free" for life. We will celebrate each day with the following "dress up" themes – we encourage all students to participate and join the "fight against drugs".

Monday – Wear mismatched clothes

Tuesday – Dress Like a Friend

Wednesday – Wear as much red as possible

Thursday – Wear 80's style clothing

Friday – Wear team t-shirts/jerseys, jackets, etc.

**October 25, 2016 – Mix-it-Up Day** - All lunches - Mix It Up at Lunch Day challenges students to identify, question and cross social boundaries. Students will be encouraged to sit with a different group of students at lunch and participate in some icebreaker questions to help them learn about each other.

**October 27, 2016** - Power to Change Classroom Meetings (Living Drug-Free)

**November 1-2, 2016** – My Future Lesson 2 (7<sup>th</sup> grade Texas History Classes) - *Building Your Support System*

## **October 31<sup>st</sup>-November 11<sup>th</sup> - Small World Angel Collection**

Fowler Middle School is participating in a service project to sponsor over 30 "Angels" during this holiday season! "Angels" are less fortunate children in this community.

We are asking for a monetary donation (cash only), and our National Junior Honor Society students will purchase the gifts using the donations.

At each grade level, classes are competing for the opportunity to participate in a Faculty-Student Basketball Competition. The class at each grade level that raises the most money per student for our angels will be able to play a game of basketball against their teachers during the school day in front of the entire school.

Please send your **cash** donations to school with your child.

Your child will take the donation to his/her MATH TEACHER. Please send all monetary gifts (cash only) by Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance for your donation. We are excited about making this project a success!

**November 8, 2016 (7:55am)** – Falcon Connection (New to Fowler Students) Meeting

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

8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to learn about many diverse career opportunities as they start to consider their future goals and dreams. We are asking 8<sup>th</sup> graders to dress professionally on this important day.

We love having Fowler parents and other community members join us to talk about their careers. If you are interested, or if you know of someone who has an interesting career who would be able to speak on this day, please contact Andrea Williams at [Williaan@friscoisd.org](mailto:Williaan@friscoisd.org).



## Mrs. Silver's 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:

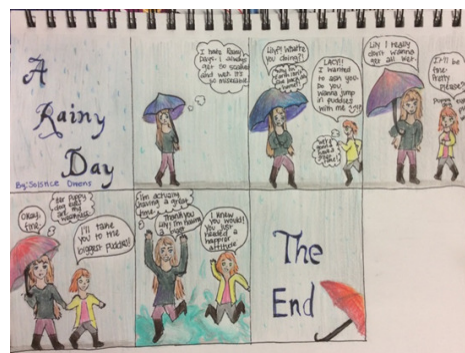
The students have reviewed their file management skills; they have created a Fairy Tale PowerPoint presentation using the 4 different types of animation they learned the last few weeks. The presentations were then shown to the class. Next the students will learn how to use PhotoShop Elements. They will love this software. They will learn how to edit photos, create and enhance text, as well as lots of other fun effects they will create with this software. If you have any old or damaged photos at home; they will be able to make them look like new!

### Multimedia II:

The students also reviewed file management. They have created CD covers using PhotoShop Elements, used the digital cameras to take pictures of themselves, then edited them and combined images on the canvas to create realistic photos. The next project explored was using PowerPoint to create a non-linear presentation. It was a great learning experience for them! The students have used their skills to create real-world- project for teachers in the school – from creating business cards to creating logos for choir. They are creating the t-shirt design for the broadcast team, also. Color is another topic we will review as it is important to understand the psychology of color in order to apply it to whatever you are creating. Next we will be back in PSE creating patterns and textures. Stay tuned for more fun information from this class.

### Animation:

Again, the skill of proper file management has been reinforced. The students have been practicing sketching characters for projects. They have also been practicing their drawing skills. They had very interesting discussions regarding the topic of copyright and seemed to be very interested in the information. The students have also created an original character to use in projects throughout the year. They used their character to create an original comic strip. The comic strips were very cute.



They completed researching the history of animation and chose an animator to research. Then, working with their group, they will put together a presentation to show to the class about what they learned. From there they will create an animation using an app called "Sock Puppets" on the iPad from the school library. The students are currently learning about 2D animation; they started using the new software called- Digicel Flip Book. I can't wait to see their animations!

### BEST BUDDIES



The **deadline for submitting** your online applications to become part of **Best Buddies** at Fowler is **September 28<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you to those that have already completed this. After the 28<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Bianchin and Mrs. Burris will begin matching students with a buddy. A **match party** is scheduled for **October 19<sup>th</sup>** after school in the cafeteria. We are asking for **donations of at least \$5.00** per student to help cover the cost of pizza, drinks, and desserts. Please bring your donation money to either Mrs. Bianchin in Room 520 or to Mrs. Burris in Room 506. Thank you for helping make a difference in lives of our kids.

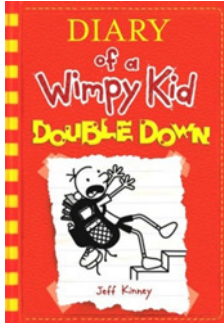
# LIBRARY

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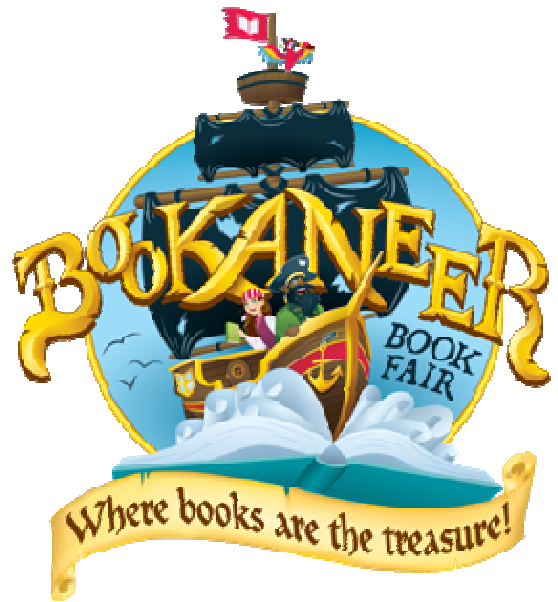


## Fall Book Fair

The book fair starts today and runs through October 6<sup>th</sup>. Our hours are 7:55 to 4:05 each day. Parents are welcome to shop before and after school and during the school day. As usual, students have the opportunity to enter our raffle for some great prizes. Raffle tickets can be purchased with a \$1 donation to All for Books. Every book purchased will earn students a free raffle entry.

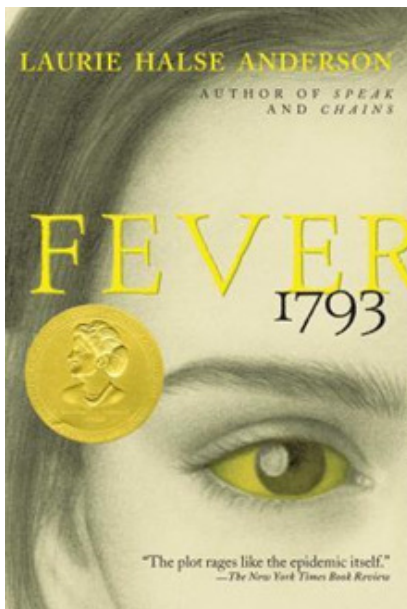


We are also **pre-selling the NEW Diary of a Wimpy Kid book, *Double Down*, for \$9.73** (Price includes tax.) Students may purchase it at the book fair and the book will be shipped to Fowler on the release date.

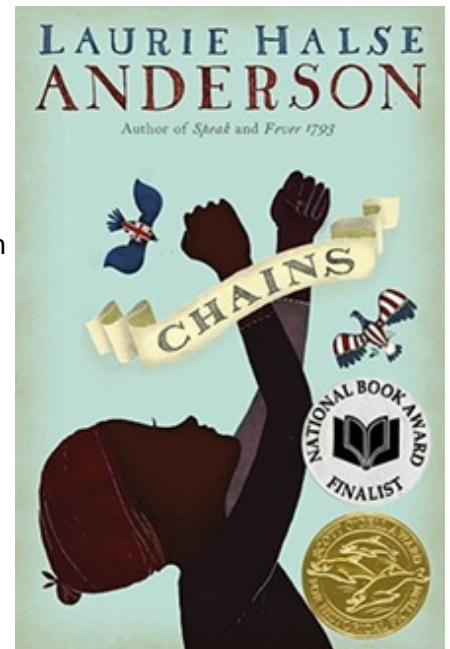


## Laurie Halse Anderson Visits the Fowler Library!

We are incredibly lucky to welcome *New York Times* bestselling author Laurie Halse Anderson to our campus this year. (She rarely does school visits!) Ms. Anderson is a highly respected young adult author. One of her books, *Speak*, was even made into a movie starring Kristen Stewart. Her books are on district literature lists across the country, and have that very rare quality of being loved by teachers and by kids! You can read more about her at <http://madwomanintheforest.com/>.



## Author Visit October 26th!



**ALL 7<sup>th</sup> graders will attend the visit, but students from all grade levels who purchase a book will be allowed to attend.** The visit will be in the cafeteria during 2<sup>nd</sup> period on October 26th.

Every student who purchases a book through the Fowler Library will have the opportunity to meet Ms. Anderson and get his/her book autographed. **Preorder forms for her books are available NOW in the library and are due October 17<sup>th</sup>.** Please encourage your students to pick up a form and return it today for this once in a lifetime opportunity!

A **BIG THANK YOU!!** to everyone who so generously donated items and time for the Back to School luncheon and Meet the Teacher events. Your time and efforts are so greatly appreciated and we could not have had such successful events without our fabulous parents, grand-parents and volunteers!! Thank you!!



# HELP WANTED!



## **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.

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# PTA news

### **Thank you to all who donated to our PTA's One Check Fundraising Drive!**

**We received 217 donations totaling \$12,599.**

Entries have been generated for those students who donated, and they will be entered in the drawing planned to be held on Friday, September 30th during 6th grade lunch.

No paper tickets will be distributed. Winners need not be present to win and will be notified that day.

We are still \$1941 from our goal for this year, and DONATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED.

*Don't forget to consider your company's charity matching program.*

Go today to [www.fowlerPTA.com](http://www.fowlerPTA.com) and click on One Check Fundraiser to help our school.

Questions? Please email Monica Violante - VP Fundraising at: [ptamonicav@gmail.com](mailto:ptamonicav@gmail.com)

Thank you! June Blassingame - PTA Volunteer Coordinator





**Frisco ISD**



## Flu Immunizations

Passport Health/North Texas Flu Shots will be conducting flu clinics for your family.

**When – Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00PM**

**Where - Fowler MS CAFETERIA**

**Blue Cross Blue Shield\*, United HealthCare, Cigna\*, Humana\* & Aetna\* plans will be accepted for flu vaccinations.**

\*We are unable to accept Cigna Local Plus plans.

\*\*We are unable to accept Aetna Gold, Silver or Bronze plans

**You must bring a photo copy of your insurance card and primary insured's drivers license.**

\*Select plans do not cover flu vaccination. We are unable to accept HMO plans with the exception of Aetna TRS ActiveCare HMO.

**Adults and children without one of our accepted insurance plans.**

***Quadrivalent Flu Shot \$25***

***Flu Mist will not be available this year.***

**Children under 18 who don't have ANY insurance and qualify for Texas Vaccines for Children:**

**\$10 per flu vaccination**

*Cash or check only please*

**A parent or guardian must accompany the student.**

Thank you!







In the spirit of tradition and giving back to our community, let's get everyone at FOWLER to participate in the annual Gary Burns Fun Run at Toyota (formerly FC Dallas) Stadium on **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8 am.**

Please complete the online form for you and anyone in your family willing to get out on a brisk morning, inhale some fresh oxygen, make your heart healthier and support a great cause. Registration should be completed no later than Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Your parents received an email regarding registration information.

**To register:**

- Go to  
[https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get\\_information.php?event\\_id=124203](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=124203)
- Click on **5k CIVIC TEAM ONLY** registration and electronically sign
- Select **Fowler Middle School** from the Participation Award drop down box
- Select **Falcon FUEL Club Championship** under the CIVIC Team you're representing
- Select you will pick your packet up at FISD Administration Building (parents are responsible for picking up packets)

We will meet at the race site on Main Street, right across from Jake's Uptown at 8am. Hope to see you all there!! WE ARE.....FOWLER!!