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Fowler's Got Talent!

Twenty-one Fowler 7th and 8th grade PreAP Science students competed Saturday, February 25th at the Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair. We are so proud of each of them, and their hard work and dedication to their research projects that they began in early September.

The following students are advancing to the Texas Science and Engineering Fair on March 31-April 1 in San Antonio:
 Ariana Harpavat- 3rd Place- Biochemistry
 Hannah Le- 4th Place- Biomedical and Health Sciences
 Gurnoor Narula- 1st Place- Biochemistry
 Anika Patel- 2nd Place- Earth and Environmental Systems
 Shruti Siva- 3rd Place- Energy: Physical
 Robert Violante- 2nd Place- Engineering Mechanics
 Manisha Woodruff- 3rd Place- Materials Science

The following students earned Honorable Mention awards:
 Shreya Chintala- Biomedical and Health Sciences
 Aayush Kadakia- Computational Biology and Bioinformatics
 Victoria Lee- Plant Sciences
 Gautam Logeishwaran- Materials Science
 Rohan Nayak- Materials Science
 Divya Nitin- Earth and Environmental Systems
 Pranay Shah- Environmental Engineering

The following students earned Special Awards:
 Tom Punnen- Southwestern Medical Foundation
 Robert Violante- Office of Naval Research

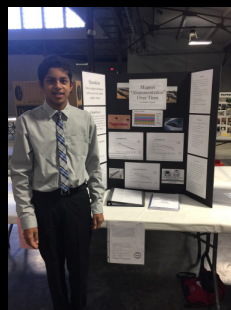
The following students also represented Fowler as Regionalists:

- Neha Bajaj
- Krishna Madhav
- Vinay Ravi
- Asmita Samson Vaddeswarapu
- Naimisha Vunnam
- Elaine Yao

Please congratulate our amazing Fowler Scientists!

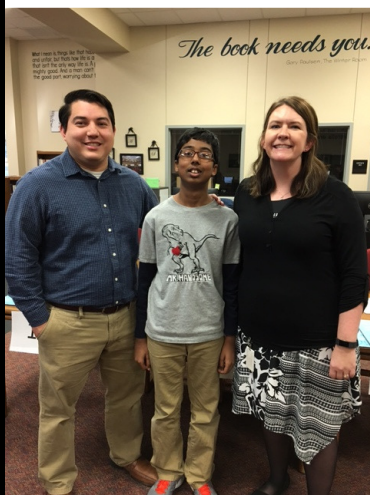
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FMS Calendar



February

Feb. 27 – March 3	Diagnostician/ LSSP / Speech Therapist Appreciation Week
February 27	Cheer Clinic 3:45 – 6 Fowler Gym
February 27	“We The People” Competition
February 28	Cheer Clinic 3:45 – 6 Fowler Gym

March

March 1	Cheer Clinic 3:45 – 6 Fowler Gym
March 1	Track Meet @ Centennial HS
March 1	Theater Spring Show Auditions
March 2	Cheer Tryouts 3:45 – 8 Fowler Gym
March 2	Theater Spring Show Auditions
March 2	New FUSD Parent Orientation @ Administration Building
March 3	Fly TV
March 3	Theater Spring Show Auditions
March 6 – 10	Spring Break
March 14	Band Pre UIL Clinic 3:45 – 6
March 15	Aim For Success Parent Meeting 9 – 10 Fowler Library
March 15	District Track Meet Qualifier @ Memorial Stadium
March 15	Band Pre UIL Clinic 3:45 – 6
March 16	Spring Pictures
March 16	Orchestra Spring Concert Fowler Cafeteria
March 17	Aim For Success Student Presentation in 6 th Grade Science Classes
March 20-21	7 th & 8 th grade girls soccer tryouts
March 21	NJHS Induction 6 in Fowler Cafeteria (Invitation Only)
March 21	Band Pre UIL Concert 6:00 @LTHS
March 22	DRSEF Banquet at SMU
March 23	District Track Meet @ Memorial Stadium
March 24	FLY TV
March 28	STAAR Testing 7 th Grade Writing, 8 th Grade Math
March 29	Practice STAAR 6 th and 7 th Grade Math
March 29	STAAR Testing 8 th Grade Reading
March 30	Beginning Band Solo Competition Fowler MS
March 31	Symphonic Band Clinic 3:45 - 5:30
March 31– April 1	State ISEF at San Antonio, TX

The **FMS Social Studies department** would like to congratulate **Aarej Syed** for winning the **FMS 2016-2017 Geography Bee**.

The 7th grader will represent Fowler Middle School at the district competition.



Our January **Spanish Club meeting** was so much fun! Students participated in a game called **Pass the Prize**. In this game, a prize is enclosed in several layers of wrapping paper. When the music starts, each student will pass around the ball of wrapping paper from one to another until the music stops. The student with the ball of wrapping paper will take off one layer. The game goes on until all the wrapping paper has been taken off and one lucky student gets the prize! The music played in the meeting was by famous artists like Enrique Iglesias, Fifth Harmony, Ricky Martin, etc. The club's favorite song was La Tia Monica! Please keep on the look out for a reminder of our next meeting! ¡Hasta Luego!



April

April 1	Choir All Region Auditions Robinson MS
April 2	Choir Arts in the Square
April 3	Symphonic Band Pre UIL Clinic 3:45 - 6
April 3	Girls Soccer vs. Nelson @ Independence HS
April 4	Band UIL Contest Independence HS
April 5	Band UIL Contest Independence HS
April 6	Boys Soccer vs. Nelson @ Independence HS
April 7	FLY TV
April 7	Orchestra Jump Street Social
April 10	Girls Soccer vs. Scoggins @ Independence HS
April 11	School Librarian Appreciation Day
April 13	Boys Soccer vs. Scoggins @ independence HS
April 14	Student Holiday
April 17	Bad Weather Make Up Day /
April 19	Girls Soccer vs. Maus @ Liberty HS
April 20	Boys Soccer vs. Maus @ Liberty HS
April 20	Choir Pride of Texas Contest
April 21	Band Luau Party 6 – 8 Fowler MS
April 21	End of 5 th Six Weeks
April 24	Professional Development Day, Student Holiday
April 26	Secretary's Day
April 26	Girls Soccer vs. Wester @ Lebanon Trail HS
April 27	Boys Soccer vs. Wester @ Lebanon Trail HS

Auditions for The Little Mermaid JR are March 1-2. Please see Mrs. Cortez in room 315 for more information.



Congratulations Fowler Theatre Arts! They are the FISD Zone A UIL One Act Play Alternate. Congratulations as well to Outstanding Technician: Sarah Ahmed (8), Honorable Mention All Star Cast: Julia Raley (6), All Star Cast – Naomi Worth (7).

Team News



6th

In 6th grade social studies, we will complete our journey through Sub-Saharan Africa, including a few days when students will immerse themselves in aspects of African culture. We will then embark on our study of the Middle East region where students will learn about the geography, history, and cultures of this region. Students will be reading an historical fiction novel, *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis, in class.

In ILA, the students have been busy creating and writing different types of poetry. In addition, students read the novel *Number the Stars* and created a research presentation about how different countries were affected by WWII. Throughout the fifth six weeks, students will read the novel *Holes* and make an analysis of the characters' voice and character development throughout the novel.

We are starting our physics unit in 6th Grade Science! In this unit, we will continue our study of potential and kinetic energy. We will identify and describe how unbalanced forces can cause changes in position, direction, and speed. We will calculate speed and graph those changes in motion. Finally, we will explore the effect simple machines have on the amount of force necessary to do work.

Sixth grade math will be completing geometry and beginning our unit on data and statistical analysis. We will finish the six weeks with financial literacy. As always Think Through Math will continue to be a big part of preparing our students for seventh grade. Thank you for your effort at home to ensure their success.

7th

7th grade students are soaring into spring! Yes, the time is upon us! Everyone knows Pi Day is March 14th, but any true mathematician realizes Pi is not 3.14, but rather an irrational constant which continues infinitely in decimal expansion. How many digits of Pi do you have memorized?

In Texas history, we have been studying the American Civil War. We have completed a fact-finding mission to learn about the soldiers who served and the roles they played in the epic battles that took place in Texas. We also are looking ahead to our Texas Independence Day celebration on March 2nd.

In ILA, students are revising their expository essays in conjunction with the study of the novel, *The Outsiders*. Pre AP ILA students are delving in deep with the study of the novel *Tangerine* while continuing their study and revision of expository essays. GT ILA students are analyzing the strengths of sample expository essays in order to refine their own writing skills. On March 28th, students are taking the STAAR writing test. Our next unit includes writing an analytical essay and researching and presenting a problem and possible solutions.

7th grade science students will soon begin a unit on ecology. Scientists will learn about land biomes. We are looking forward to the most anticipated event of the school year—frog dissection!

Industrial Revolution, Immigrants, Westward Expansion and Jacksonian Democracy!!! The 8th grade U.S. History classes are in the midst of growing our nation. Our Independent Study students are working hard on their *We the People* competition. Our after school competition will held on Monday, Feb, 27th from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Awards will go out for best team and best units. For more information, contact an 8th grade U.S. History teacher. In ILA, we are addressing social issues and injustices. By the end of this unit our students will be able to answer the essential questions: how can one person make a difference when facing a social challenge and how can we communicate effectively? We will explore various texts related to the Holocaust and respond in depth through writing and discussions. 8th grade Pre-AP ILA students have just completed their literary analysis of *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas. This journey took them into the high seas of treason, the daunting influence of power and money, the bitter edge of revenge, along with the hope of perseverance. We are proud to see our students arise to the challenges associated with such a complex novel. Next, we look forward to exploring the Holocaust through propaganda, survivor stories, and literature circle groups. Students will be delving into points of view of those who endured the Holocaust, and hearing their voices through poetry, excerpts, and historical video. Get ready, scientists! The science students will be learning how to use the force formula in science. They will be conducting experiments and gathering data using various formulas. The PAP Algebra classes will by using the quadratic equation and the vertical motion formula to understand real-world application problems! Math classes will be studying scientific notation, volume, and surface area in the next few weeks. When we return from Spring Break, we will revisit and review concepts from earlier in the year. The goal is to use this valuable time to prepare for the rapidly-nearing Math STAAR on March 28th. Encourage your student to bring their focus, determination, and all-out effort every day!

8th

Counselor's Corner

As we enter into spring and the final two grading periods of the school year, we encourage parents to work as a team with our staff to help our students stay focused on finishing the school year strong.

All 7th grade students will be taking the STAAR Writing test during the last week of March, and 8th grade students will be taking both the STAAR Math and STAAR Reading tests the same week, so this 6 weeks is an important time of preparation.

Please also make note that we have several important dates and activities planned during this time.

Wednesday, March 15th - 9:00 am - Coffee with the Counselors in the Fowler Library – **Aim for Success Parent Presentation** – all parents are welcome to attend this presentation, however, the information will be aligned with the 6th grade student presentation scheduled for March 17th. Please RSVP to Jane Birckelbaw at birckelbawj@friscoisd.org by noon on Tuesday, March 14th if you plan to attend the Aim for Success presentation. Thanks!

Thursday, March 16th – Power to Change classroom meeting

Friday, March 17th – Aim for Success student presentations through 6th grade Science classes
Aim for Success is an independent, non-profit, educational organization that promotes a lifestyle of excellence by encouraging the development of self control, self respect, and self discipline. Through live presentations to our 6th graders, students are encouraged to develop strong, responsible character as they deal with sexual pressure. Through Aim for Success presentations, students learn the wisdom of committing to be sexually abstinent until marriage. Parents are inspired to raise responsible children who know their choices have consequences. If you would prefer that your child not participate in this presentation, please contact Kristin Cabaniss at cabanisk@friscoisd.org.

Thursday, April 13th – Power to Change classroom meeting

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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 for the new semester 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, they will learn how to use PhotoShop Elements. They usually love this software. They will learn how to edit photos, create and enhance text, as well as lots of other fun effects they can create with this software. If you have any old or damaged photos at home, they will be able to make them look like new!

Animation: Terri Silver

The students created a Stop Motion animation in Flip Boom software. They did a wonderful job of taking their pictures and editing and inserting them into the animation. Some of the animations they did include bouncing a ball, jumping on a trampoline and then drifting along in space, throwing a ball, and, throwing a ball to a dog. They also did a 360 degree rotation of their clay character. They also created an animated musical instrument; their animations can be seen on their websites. The next unit will introduce game creating - using software called Alice – sponsored by Carnegie Mellon University. It is a little more difficult, but they are up to the challenge. Look for more information about the Animation class in future newsletters.



Video Production 2: Terri Silver

The students have been very busy creating video commercials advertising the technology classes. The videos are shown through Fly TV which is produced by the broadcast class. The students are learning a lot about scripting, filming, and producing. Stay tuned for more information about the fun activities the Video Production 2 class is doing.

LIBRARY

Catherine B. Fowler



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The 2017 Lone Star list is here!

The Lone Star list is chosen by a committee of public and school librarians across the state of Texas. Each year, they select the best new books written for students in grades 6-8. Encourage your student to come check out one of these titles at our library today!



<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>
Brody, Jessica	A Week of Mondays
Carter, Aimee	Simon Thorn and the Wolf's Den
Collier, Peter	Choosing Courage: Inspiring True Stories of What It Means to Be a Hero
Davies, Linda	Longbow Girl
Eagar, Lindsay	Hour of the Bees
Elliott, Kate	Court of Fives
Gangsei, Jan	Zero Day
Gratz, Alan	Code of Honor
Graudin, Ryan	Wolf By Wolf
Harrington, Karen	Mayday
Henry, April	The Girl I Used to Be
Jobling, Curtis	Max Helsing and the Thirteenth Curse
Khoury, Jessica	The Forbidden Wish
Khoury, Jessica	Kalahari
Liss, David	Randoms
Long, Susan Hill	The Magic Mirror: Concerning a Lonely Princess, a Foundling Girl, a Scheming King and a Pickpocket Squirrel
Magoon, Kekla	Shadows of Sherwood
Reynolds, Jason	Ghost
Sands, Kevin	The Blackthorn Key
Welch, Jenna Evans	Love and Gelato

From the Desk of Nurse Paz

Updated immunizations are required in the State of Texas for 7th grade. If you received an email from me on Friday, Feb 10th, **your 6th grade student's record shows that his/her immunizations require updating for 7th grade.**

This may mean your child needs additional vaccinations before starting 7th grade, or it could be that we just need a more current vaccination record.

If you recall your student receiving immunizations in the last 12 months at their doctor, an updated record is probably all that is needed. If you could please call them and ask them to fax me an updated record, I can verify that for you. My fax# is **469-633-5059**.

We have **361** 6th graders at Fowler, and **290** of them need to have their vaccinations and/or records updated. Please help us to get our 6th graders ready for 7th!

The specific 7th grade immunizations your student will need to have had are:

Tdap – last dose must be within the last 5 years

Meningococcal Vaccine – usually given on or after the 11th birthday.

If you do not have a copy of your child's current shot records and you also do not have a pediatrician for your child, I can help! Call or email me and I will send you a copy of the shot records we have on file at school. You can then take this record to a pharmacy or doctor for the required 7th grade immunizations.

*** Texas Star Pharmacy in Plano does low cost immunizations for families without health insurance. They are located at the corner of Parker & Independence.

*** You must bring a shot record with you to get new vaccinations if you are not going to your child's regular physician.

Thank you for your help!!

Nurse Paz

pazj@friscoisd.org

469-633-5058 phone

469-633-5059 fax

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

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 Blessingame - PTA Volunteer Coordinator



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PTA news

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

YES!! It's almost Spring and with the change of seasons and busy activities also comes our request for Nominating Committee Members.

We are forming the Fowler PTA Nominating Committee. We need 3 volunteers and an alternate to volunteer and help us determine the slate of officers for 2017-2018. This is a great way to help serve your school and PTA. The Nominating Committee meets only once or twice, at the most, to review the list of officers and volunteers and reach out to current PTA members that would make good and contributing PTA board member officers. This committee disbands after the election of the officers in the Spring. This is not a year long commitment, but a short commitment that is instrumental in our process. Please consider volunteering for this committee.

If you are interested please contact Derek Willingham at derek.willingham@gmail.com.

PTA BOARD 2017-2018

Why volunteer for the PTA Board at Fowler Middle School?!?!?

1. You meet other parents and teachers who are interested in our education process
2. You have a voice in activities and events the school and PTA plan for our students
3. It's a great way to show your children you **are** interested in their education and school
4. Watching us volunteer and do for others is another way our children learn how to participate in their community
5. AND.....you can always put it on your resume

Read the newsletter in the coming months for PTA Board volunteer opportunities you may be interested in for 2017-2018!!