

The Falcon



Reporter

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The Official Fowler Middle School Newsletter

2016-2017

You've been invited to
Fowler Middle School's
10th
Anniversary
Celebration

Where: Fowler Middle School Competition Gym

When: May 12th at 2:45 pm

We will begin with an assembly in the competition gym
followed by a reception for
former staff & students in the cafeteria

Designed by MM2 Student Ben Wang

**Fowler
Celebrates
10 Years!**

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FMS Calendar

April

April 21	End of 5 rd Six Weeks
April 21	FLY TV
April 21	Band Luau 6:00-8:00
April 22	Choir Region Concert
April 21	State TMCA Meet
April 24	Staff Development Day, No school for students
April 26	Secretary's Day
April 26	Girls Soccer vs. Wester @ LTHS
April 27	Boys Soccer vs. Wester @ LTHS
April 27	Beginning Band Sandy Lake Field Trip
April 27	Percussion Cluster Concert @ LTHS
April 28	Theatre Tech Rehearsal 4-7
April 28	6th grade shot records due for Flight Time Popcorn Party Contest-see pg. 5
April 29	Theatre Tech Rehearsal 10-1
April 29	Academic Pentathlon Meet @ Hunt

Fowler Theatre Arts
presents
Disney
**THE LITTLE
MERMAID**
JR

Music by
Alan Menken
Lyrics by
Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater
Book by
Doug Wright

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and Disney film
Music Adapted and Arranged by
David Weinstein

May 4-5, 6pm and May 6, 1pm

Adults: \$8

Students: \$5

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID JR is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.MTIshows.com

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FMS Calendar

May

May 1-5	Teacher and Child Nutrition Appreciation Week
May 1	School Principal's Day
May 1	Beginning Band Rehearsal for Spring Concert 3:40-5:30
May 2	Algebra EOC
May 2	Theatre Dress Rehearsal 4-7
May 2	PTA Board Meeting 4:30
May 2	PTA General Meeting 5:30
May 3	Student Council Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
May 3	Girls Soccer vs. Roach @ LHS
May 3	Theatre Dress Rehearsal 4-7
May 4	Boys Soccer vs. Roach @ LHS
May 4	Fowler Theatre Presents The Little Mermaid 6:00-see pg 2
May 5	Choir Field Trip to Sandy Lake
May 5	PTA Teacher Appreciation Luncheon 10:45 -1:15
May 5	Interclub Cup Soccer Tournament 3:45 -5
May 5	Fowler Theatre Presents The Little Mermaid 6:00-see pg 2
May 6	Fowler Theatre Presents The Little Mermaid 1:00-see pg 2
May 6	Band Peak Music Festival @Murchison in Denton
May 8	STAAR Testing 6 th and 7 th Grade Math
May 8	8 th Grade Girls Soccer vs. Clark @ LTHS 5:30
May 8	8 th Grade Boys Soccer vs. Clark @ LTHS 7:00
May 9	STAAR Testing 6 th and 7 th Grade Reading
May 10	School Nurse Appreciation Day
May 10	STAAR Testing 8 th Grade Science
May 11	STAAR Testing 8 th Social Studies
May 11	7 th Grade Boys Soccer vs. Clark @ LTHS 5:30
May 11	7 th Grade Girls Soccer vs. Clark @ LTHS 7:00
May 12	Fowler 10 th Anniversary Assembly
May 12	Fowler 10 th Anniversary and Reception for Former Staff & Former Students
May 15	SRO Appreciation Day
May 15	Fly Like A Falcon Graduating Senior Reception 4:30
May 15	Girls Soccer vs. Vandeventer @ LHS
May 16	Culture Club Field Trip
May 16	Orchestra Peak Music Festival
May 16	Boys Soccer vs. Vandeventer @ LHS
May 16	Europe Band Parent Meeting in Fowler Café 6:30



FMS Calendar

May Continued

May 17-19	BOGO Book Fair-see page 7
May 17	Choir Voice Recital 6:00 @ Clark MS
May 17	Band Spring Concert 6:00 @ LHS
May 18	FMS Recognition of Excellence Fowler Gym (Invitation Only)
May 19	Student Council Elections
May 19-20	FISD Middle School Soccer Tournament
May 23	Theatre I Class Performance 6:00
May 24	Choir Pop Concert @ LTHS 6:00
May 25	NJHS Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
May 25	LOTE Spanish Exam for Acceleration 8:15 Fowler Library
May 25	8 th Grade Locker Clean-out
May 25	Theatre II / III Class Performances 6:00
May 26	Bad Weather Make Day School Holiday
May 29	Memorial Day Holiday
May 30	7 th Grade Locker Clean-out
May 31	6 th Grade Locker Clean-out

June

June 1	8 th Grade Celebration 1:30-3:35
June 2	Last Day of School
June 2	End of 6 th Six Weeks
June 3	Teacher Work Day
June 3	Band Trip to Hurricane Harbor
June 3	Orchestra Trip to Hurricane Harbor
June 16	Fowler Office Closes for Summer

July

July 18	Fowler Offices Open
July 25-28	Cheer Camp
July 31 – Aug 4	Frisco Summer Strings Camp

August

August 3-4	Percussion camp @ LTHS 9-3 Lunch Provided
August 7,8,10	Summer Band Camp @FMS 6-9
August 8	PTA Stuff Registration Packets
August 9	Yearbook Camp
August 15	Flight Camp 9-11
August 15	7 th and 8 th Grade Schedule Pick-up 1:30-3:30
August 21	First Day of School

celebrations!

6th grade Flight-Time Class Popcorn Party Contest!!!

The 6th Grade Flight-Time Classes that turn in 100% of their **shot records - by Friday, April 28** - will earn a movie and popcorn party the last week of school!!!! Last year we had 8 Flight-Time Parties!!!

Could you please call your pediatricians and ask them to fax or email me an updated copy of your student's immunizations? (469-633-5058 clinic fax)

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

I realize some students will have summer appointments to have their immunizations updated at their pediatricians, so for these students an email from mom or dad telling me the time, date, and location of the appointment will give your student credit. (The official record can be emailed to Fowler over the summer after the new vaccines are received.)

Students must have current shot records on file in order to pick up their 7th grade schedule in August or to be in school the first day of classes!!!

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.

Thanks for your help! Nurse Paz

Congratulations to the American Heart Association Kids with heART art contest winners

**1st
Natasha
Tsay**



**3rd
Emily
Zhou**



Congratulations to **Ciara Kaiser and Jay Pearson** for being honored at the **2017 SMU Science Fair Banquet.**



Also, among the 17 FISD students competing in the state science fair the 1st weekend in April, Fowler had 7 students compete.

Team News



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6th

As we approach the end of the school year, our focus will be on getting ready for seventh grade! Reviewing for the STAAR test helps with this, as we will go back over the main concepts taught throughout the year. After STAAR, we will dive a little deeper into the concepts that were the most difficult to our students, such as algebraic expressions! TTM will be a continued focus as we strive to increase our math skills.

In 6th grade social studies, students will complete their study of Southwest Asia and North Africa by reading the historical fiction novel *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis. We will then conclude our journey around the world by studying South and East Asia and Australia and Oceania.

In ILA, we are excited about reading our next novel Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe. Students will be reviewing reading strategies for the upcoming STAAR test. After the STAAR, we will be reading the play "Cinderella" and the students will create a plot twist to one of the scenes.

In science, we will break our time into two units – geology and space. Our first unit, geology, will involve learning about the layers of the earth, and how tectonic plates work to change the surface of Earth. We will then do a further study of rocks – learning the make-up of rocks and minerals, and how they form. Our space unit will be centered on the components of our own solar system, as well as the history and future of space travel.

Our 7th grade scientists have concluded their unit on ecology and will begin their next unit on "Earth's Changing Surface." This unit encompasses a study of groundwater, weathering, erosion, and deposition, along with the impact of natural disasters on the face of our earth's surface. This unit will combine a fun mix of labs and interactive projects!

7th grade readers and writers are busy researching a problem present in their ILA class novel and in our society today. Students will propose possible solutions to this problem and create a presentation that showcases the problem and its various solutions. In 7th grade GT ILA, students are writing a narrative poem based off of one of the *Lone Star List* books. The 7th Grade Reading STAAR will take place on May 9th.

7th Grade mathematicians will be taking the Math STAAR on May 8th. Students are currently pondering over problems with probability. Then, students will take out their light sabers to participate in STAAR Wars; may the force be with them!

Our Texas historians have finished studying cattle, cotton, and railroads where we compared the significance of the myth and realities of the cowboy way of life. We also learned how the railroad influenced the founding of the City of Frisco. Students are now learning about the Age of Oil and natural disasters with the discovery of Spindletop in 1901 and the study of the Galveston Hurricane of 1900.

8th

It's hard to believe how fast this year has gone in ILA! Our last unit of study is all about laughter: how is humor created and how do people respond to humor? Students will analyze various texts, images, and create their own humorous excerpts. ILA will finish the unit with a high comedy class novel, and Pre-AP ILA will finish the year writing sonnets!

Meanwhile, 8th Grade U.S. History classes have been fighting the Civil War and will soon be reconstructing the country. Students are also getting ready for their Social Studies STAAR test scheduled for May 11th. Please encourage your student to review all notes, BOKs, and Moodle assignments. Let's Rock the STAAR!

8th grade math will start out the home stretch by wrapping up our digital learning unit. Students have done a fantastic job of creating beautiful designs and projects through the use of Desmos, Prezi, and Padlet! Moving forward, we will utilize the remainder of the school year to help students build a strong, solid algebraic foundation for high school. We will revisit a few concepts from earlier in the year such as solving inequalities and systems of equations. Students will then discover new methods to solving equations such as graphing, substituting, and eliminating.

8th grade Falcon scientists are wrapping up a unit on matter and how matter reacts to form all of the substances needed to make the world, as well as the entire universe. The chemistry unit is the final unit before the science STAAR. The science STAAR is one of the four required state tests for 8th grade and will take place May 10th. Once students complete the STAAR cycle, they will continue their journey of discovery as they build on their critical thinking skills using their process skills and lab techniques. Continue to soar to new heights Falcon scientists!

Catherine B. Fowler
LIBRARY



**BUY ONE, GET ONE
 FREE
 BOOK FAIR!**

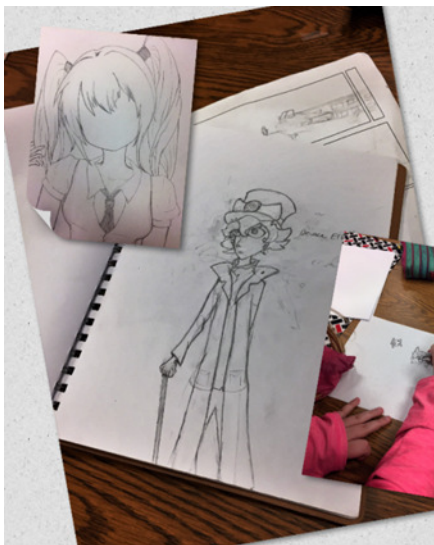
STOCK UP FOR SUMMER READING!

**Buy One,
 Get One Free Book Fair!**

Scholastic Book Fairs is coming to our school with a Buy One, Get One FREE Book Fair! This special event offers a great opportunity for you to add twice as many books to your child's home and classroom library. For every item you buy, you get another item for FREE! It's that simple! You'll leave the Fair with twice as many books! Scholastic's Buy One, Get One FREE Book Fair will be held **May 17th-19th** and you don't want to miss it! The Buy One, Get One FREE* Book Fair is Scholastic's way of saying thank you to our school

**New Manga
 Drawing Club**

Our students at Fowler love graphic novels so much that they have decided to create their own! Our new manga drawing club has been meeting in the library after school and creating their own stories and works of art. This is an open group, so if your student has an interest, he/she is welcome to join any of the meetings. The remaining meeting dates are posted in the library.



PhotoGrid

Books are DUE!

All library materials are due May 19th. If your student has lost or damaged materials, please have him/her check the price of the lost item with library staff, or you may email Mrs. Laferriere at laferm@friscoisd.org. To pay the replacement fee, please visit <https://sites.google.com/a/friscoisd.org/fowler-falcons-library/>.

Click this image and follow the directions.

**CLICK HERE TO
 DONATE BOOKS OR
 PAY FOR LOST ONES**

Thank you for helping us keep our library full of great books!



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 been learning how to use PhotoShop Elements. They love this software. They are learning to edit photos, create and enhance text, as well as lots of other fun effects they can create with this software. They created a magazine cover for a magazine based on them. They used an assortment of fruits and vegetables to create a "Veggie Head". The students will also learn how to create a reflection and incorporate that into an advertisement. The students will soon to create and illustrate an original children's storybook – then we will E-publish the book and be able to view them on their devices. Also, if you have any old or damaged photos at home – they will also be able to make them look like new! Multimedia has been so much fun this year!



Animation: Terri Silver

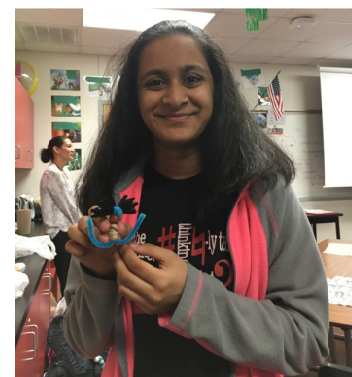
Animation students have created games using 3d software. They really enjoyed the programming aspect of the software and learned a lot using it. I was amazed at how quickly they caught on learning the programming portion. They are wonderful. They also created a musical animation – they all looked so wonderful. Now, the students are starting to use Blender 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 will learn how to insert sound and create sounds that work with their characters. It is a little more difficult – but they are up to the challenge. The last semester, the students will have the opportunity to choose which software they want to use to create their last project for the year.

Video Production 2: Terri Silver

The students have created video. Now they are learning how to create different effects in their videos - for example – light saber, lightning, cloning themselves, just to name a few. They are having a blast and learning a lot. They have been learning how to work as a team, which some of them find to be a little difficult. Remember if your student has not taken Multimedia 1, Multimedia 2, or Animation, and would like to sign up for the class –please do so asap. -Before May 1

Spanish Club

Our Spanish club students had so much fun at our last meeting! At this meeting, students made their very own worry dolls. A worry doll is traditionally used by the children of Guatemala as a substitute to a teddy bear. Whenever a child is scared they can talk to this doll. The worry doll is supposed to help solve these problems. In addition to the dolls, students were treated to chips and salsa.



Counselor's Corner



This has been another incredible year for our students and our staff. The 2016-17 school year has had many big events like Flight Camp, College Week, Red Ribbon Week, Power to Change, Aim for Success, Career Day, Frisco Family Services Food Drive, and several fun opportunities to mingle with many of you at our Coffee with the Counselors meetings. We are grateful for all of your support and for the time you invest in helping to provide our student body such unique learning opportunities.

As we look forward to some fun in the sun and some time of renewal and relaxation, there are still a few upcoming important dates that we would like to make you aware of. Please make note of these on your calendar.



Thursday, April 27, 2017 - Power to Change Classroom Meetings

Monday, May 1, 2017 – Deadline for changes to 2017-2018 course requests

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – All EA applications due to Mrs. Partin

Monday, May 15, 2017(4:30-5:30 pm)- "Fly Like a Falcon" Graduating Senior Reception

Friday, May 12, 2017 (2:45 pm) - Fowler 10 Year Celebration Assembly and Reception

May 23-25, 2017 – EA testing dates

Important Summer Dates:

Middle School Summer School Registration (**only for students who need to repeat a core class they failed during the school year**)

Registration will be available online for current Frisco ISD students **beginning Monday, May 15, 2017 at 8:00 am and closes Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 3:00 pm.**



Middle students register through Infosnap. If you need assistance with summer school enrollment, in person registration will be available at Independence High School on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 8 am to 11 am.

High School Summer School for Advancement (**only for rising 9th graders**)

Registration will be available online for current Frisco ISD students **beginning Monday, May 15, 2017 at 8:00 am and closes Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 3:00 pm.**

High School students register through www.mypaymentsplus.com. If you need assistance with summer school enrollment, in person registration will be available at Independence High School on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 8 am to 11 am.

*****Please check the website for more detailed information about summer school dates and times.**

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 – 6th grade Flight Camp – 9 am - 11:00 am

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 - 7th grade schedule pick-up – 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 - 8th grade schedule pick-up – 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Please join with all of our staff in encouraging your students to finish out strong as we enter into the final 6 weeks of the school year. Thanks for being a part of counselor's corner and the Fowler community.



Volunteer Tracker

by **app-garden**

Frisco ISD would like to introduce you to **Volunteer Tracker**. Volunteer Tracker makes it easy to approve and manage volunteers. The Volunteer Tracker process will greatly reduce the amount of time to process background checks, notify volunteers and ensure that school volunteer administrators have access to up to date information any time!

Volunteer Tracker's secure processing system offers easy access for volunteers, teachers or school administrators. Registered users can sign-on from any computer to apply, update information, or manage volunteer activity. The Volunteer Tracker provides online access and a single application that captures all information needed for background checks and for matching volunteers to opportunities.

This new automated system will:

- Improve communication between volunteers and campus staff
- Give the volunteer direct access to their account
- Allow for a faster approval on background checks
- Capture and track volunteer time, both by activity and by location
- Ensure that volunteer coordinators have complete and accurate information on their volunteer pool - always up to date

You will continue to sign in through **Raptor** each time you visit a campus. If you are volunteering at campus and have registered as a **Volunteer Tracker** user, you will also sign in through **Volunteer Tracker**.

If you have already completed the volunteer process and background check for the 2016-2017 school year using the previous application process; it is not necessary to complete the Volunteer Tracker application until the beginning of 2017-2018 school year.

To start the volunteer process please use the link provided:

- Volunteer Tracker application:

<https://appgarden10.app-garden.com/VolTrackTX043905.nsf>

For any help desk questions:

- Volunteer Tracker support:

<https://appgarden.freshdesk.com/support/tickets/new>

Volunteering lets you make a difference. Knowing that you've made a difference in the lives of so many gives you the confidence to be greater! So go out there, volunteer and make a difference in not only your life, but the lives of so many students, teachers and more.



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DATES

June 12 - July 27 (24 sessions)

Note: No training the week of July 4

DAYS & TIME

Monday through Thursday

- 7:45-9:45 am 8th Grade Male / Female, All Sports
- 8:45-10:45 am 7th Grade Male / Female, All Sports

LOCATION

Lebanon Trail High School

PRICING

\$240 / athlete (equates to \$5 / hr)

*Includes Frisco ISD operational fee. Payment plans available, please call for details.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 469-424-6572

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