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PATIENCE LEBLANC Named 2017 TEXAS History Teacher of the Year

Frisco, Texas (July 25, 2017): PATIENCE LEBLANC, an eighth grade United States history teacher at FOWLER MIDDLE SCHOOL, Frisco Independent School District, has been named the 2017 TEXAS History Teacher of the Year, an award presented annually by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the nation's leading organization dedicated to K-12 American history education.

Inaugurated in 2004, the History Teacher of the Year Award highlights the crucial importance of history education by honoring exceptional American history teachers from elementary school through high school. The award honors one K-12 teacher from each state, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools and US Territories. In fall 2017, the National History Teacher of the Year will be selected from the pool of state winners.

LeBlanc received her bachelor's degree at Texas A & M University in 1998, and in 2016 she completed a master's degree in history from Texas Woman's University. Because she loves learning, LeBlanc considers herself the chief learner in her classroom. Her passion for teaching history is evident as LeBlanc dresses as historical characters to enhance student interest and to make learning fun. She is known for teaching students about the United States Constitution and relating the learning to their lives. LeBlanc is a leader in the district, writing curriculum, presenting staff development, and leading the history team at Fowler. For many years, she has had a Citizen Bee team, and when she doesn't, she serves as a volunteer at the regional Citizen Bee. LeBlanc is also a leader in both the state and nation, serving as a forum monitor for the James Madison Legacy Project for the Center for Civic Education and as a consultant to the State Bar of Texas Law-Related Education both as a Hatton Sumners and a We the People trainer. As one member of the selection committee stated, "Patience LeBlanc is a true professional."

In addition to a \$1,000 honorarium and an award ceremony in Texas, Patience LeBlanc's school library will receive a core archive of American history books and Gilder Lehrman educational materials. LeBlanc will also receive an invitation to a 2018 Gilder Lehrman Teacher Seminar, a weeklong program that offers teachers daily discussions with eminent historians, visits to historic sites, and hands-on work with primary sources.

The National History Teacher of the Year award will be presented by Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Eric Foner at a ceremony in New York City on November 8, 2017. Past presenters at the ceremony include the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, *Good Morning America's* Robin Roberts, First Lady Laura Bush, former US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.



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September



September 29	End of 1 st Six Weeks
September 29	Health Screenings in the Library
September 29	Orchestra Main Event Social 5-7:30
September 30	Band Pre Region Clinic 9-12

October

October 2	Custodian Appreciation Day
October 2	7 th Grade Football vs. Scoggins MS @ Lebanon Trail HS 5:30
October 3	8 th Grade Football vs. Scoggins MS @ Lebanon Trail HS 5:30
October 3	FISD Marching Band Showcase at the Star 7-9:30
October 4	Board Game Club, Room 707 3:45-4:30
October 5	7 th and 8 th Grade Volleyball vs. Scoggins MS @ Scoggins MS 5:30
October 5	Report Cards Posted in HAC
October 6	Student Holiday
October 9	Columbus Day School Holiday
October 10	7 th Grade Football vs. Wester MS @ Centennial HS 5:30
October 11	NJHS Meetings 7:45 & 3:45
October 11	Power To Change during Flight Time
October 11	8 th Grade Football vs. Wester MS @ Centennial HS 5:30
October 12	School Picture Retakes during Lunches
October 12	Choir Fall Party
October 12	7 th & 8 th Grade Volleyball vs. Wester MS @ Fowler MS 5:30
October 16-20	Scholastic Book Fair in the Library 7:55-4:05
October 16	7 th Grade Football vs. Trent MS @ Lebanon Trail HS 5:30
October 17	8 th Grade Football vs. Trent MS @ Lebanon Trail HS 5:30
October 18	Band Fall Concert @ Liberty HS 6:00
October 18	Choir Fall Concert @ Lebanon Trail HS 7:00
October 19	Drama Club Meeting 7:55 Room 315
October 19	7 th & 8 th Grade Volleyball vs. Trent MS @ Trent MS 5:30

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. Books are only \$30 if you order before 10-27. The price will be \$35 after this date.

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Order Your **YEARBOOK** 

FMS Calendar



October Continued



FMS Calendar

October 21	Choir Solo and Ensemble Competition
October 21	Orchestra All Region Boot Camp
October 23-27	Red Ribbon Week
October 23	"Lei off Drugs" Wear Hawaiian style clothes
October 23	Flu Shot Clinic in the Cafeteria: Must Bring Copy of Insurance Card, Copy of Insured Driver's License. Fowler Staff from 3:30-4. Fowler Students and Families 4-5:30
October 23	7 th Grade Football vs. Vandeventer MS @Liberty HS 5:30
October 24	"Join the Fight against Drugs" Wear camo clothes
October 24	Coffee Talk with District Leaders 8-9 Frisco HS Library
October 24	8 th Grade Football vs. Vandeventer MS @Liberty HS 5:30
October 25	Wear as much RED as possible
October 25	Coffee With the Counselors 9-10 Fowler Library
October 25	Board Game Club, Room 707 3:45-4:30
October 25	Power to Change during Flight Time
October 25	Band Pre-Region Clinic 5:20 – 8:30
October 25	Orchestra Fall Concert @ Lebanon Trail HS 6:00
October 26	"Rockin' Around the Clock to fight Drugs" Wear 50's Style Clothes
October 26	Progress Reports posted to HAC
October 26	Student Council Meetings 7:55 & 3:45
October 26	7 th & 8 th Grade Volleyball vs. Vandeventer @ Fowler 5:30
October 27	"Team Up Against Drugs" Wear Team t-shirt, jersey, jacket etc.
October 27	Band Fall Party 6:00 - 8:00
October 28	Gary Burns Fun Run
October 28	Orchestra All Region Auditions Plano Sr. HS
October 30	7 th Grade Football vs. Maus MS @ Liberty 5:30
October 30	7 th & 8 th Grade Volleyball vs. Pearson MS @ Fowler 5:30
October 31	Mix It Up Day during Lunches
October 31	8 th Grade Football vs. Maus MS @ Liberty 5:30

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November



FMS Calendar

Best Buddies –
SAVE THE DATE –
Match Party on
Wednesday,
October 18th at
3:45 in the FMS
Cafeteria
Parents and Stu-
dents are to attend.

November 2	Beginning Band Concert, Fowler Café 6:00
November 3	Theatre Tech Rehearsal 3:45
November 4	District Volleyball Tournament A Teams Only
November 4	Band All Region Auditions Phase I
November 5	Daylight Saving Time Ends, Set Clocks Back ONE HOUR
November 6	CTE Center Open House 5:30-6:30
November 6	Theatre Tech Rehearsal 3:45
November 6	PTA Board Meeting 4:30
November 7	Election Day (Fowler is an Election Site)
November 7	8-9 Coffee Talk With District Leaders Liberty HS Library
November 7	Theatre Dress Rehearsal
November 8	Board Game Club Meeting 3:45
November 8	Band All Region Auditions Phase II
November 9	Veteran's Day Speakers in Social Studies
November 9	Theatre Performance James and the Giant Peach 6:00
November 10	Veteran's Day Speakers in Social Studies
November 10	Theatre Performance James and the Giant Peach 6:00
November 10	Last Day of 2 nd Six Weeks
November 11	Frisco Community Parade 10-12
November 11	Theatre Performance James and the Giant Peach 1:00
November 10-11	Band All Region Clinic and Concert @ Plano Sr HS
November 10-11	Orchestra All Region Clinic and Concert @ Lone Star HS
November 14-16	Theatre One Act Play Auditions
November 15	Cross Country Meet @ Warren Park 4:30
November 16	Report Cards posted in HAC
November 16	PTA hosts Breakfast for Career Day speakers and Fowler Staff
November 16	Career Day For 8 th Grade Students
November 16	7 th and 8 th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Clark MS @ Fowler
November 20-24	Fall Break School Holiday

Student Council

6th grade Elections are underway! We cannot wait to find out who will be part of the 6th grade STUCO leadership team at FMS!

Be sure to follow us on Instagram at **FMSSTUCO** to see all the behind the scenes AWESOMENESS we are doing to make Fowler the BEST place to learn! Be sure to be on the lookout for some VERY COOL school spirit stuff occurring on the exterior of our campus! #fmsstucospirit

Team News



This six weeks, sixth grade social studies students will share aspects of their own culture with their classes through a "Bring a Bag of Culture" presentation. Students will then begin their journey around the world with the study of the geography, history and cultures of North America. Science classes will study chemistry for the next six weeks! We will learn about elements, compounds and mixtures. We will study the periodic table and understand the difference between metals, nonmetals, and metalloids. Finally, we will observe physical and chemical properties and changes and calculate density. In math classes, students are doing a great job at adjusting to the rigor of sixth grade math! Next, we will focus on fractions and decimals. We will be comparing and ordering all rational numbers, as well as focusing on the operations. In 6th grade ILA, we are learning about story elements, figurative language, and a personal narrative based on our Mind Map. In grammar, we are working on nouns and prepositions.

6th

7th

Our 7th 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. 7th grade historians 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. Our math students are learning how to use proportions to solve problems. 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. Our 7th grade students are proving to be busy and avid learners!

It is difficult to believe that the first grading period has already blown by us! Since the beginning of the school year, math classes 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 into algebraic equations. ILA students are writing a definition essay using various texts and writing strategies to answer this question: What defines a hero? Then, we will explore our own values in the dystopian novel *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. For Pre-AP students, assigned novel copies are available for students to read, but most reading will be completed outside of class. The Fowler scientists will be ending a 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. 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. Finally, our 8th Grade U.S. History classes will be declaring independence and fighting the American Revolution in the next couple of weeks. Using art, primary sources, and flipped videos, students will experience the fight for independence. When students are out sick, encourage them to be proactive with contacting teachers and collecting any notes or assignments that they missed. Please remind your child to check HAC for grades and attend tutorials for additional assistance. We are off to a great start! As always, keep soaring, 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 11, 2017 - Power to Change Classroom Meetings
(Suicide Prevention)

October 23-27, 2017 – Red Ribbon Week

Monday – “*Lei*” off drugs! - Wear Hawaiian-style

Tuesday – *Join the Fight against drugs!* – Wear camo

Wednesday – Wear as much red as possible

Thursday – *Rockin' Around the Clock to Fight Drugs!* - Wear 50's style clothing

Friday – *Team up against drugs!* - Wear team t-shirts/jerseys, jackets, etc.

October 25, 2017 (9:00-10:00am) - **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 Birck-lebawJ@friscoisd.org if you plan to attend. Thanks!

October 25, 2017 - - Power to Change Classroom Meetings – Drug Prevention

October 31, 2017 – 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 30th-November 10th - 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 10th.

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

November 16, 2017 - 8th grade Career Day

8th 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 8th 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.

GARY BURNS



FRISCO FUN RUN

The Gary Burns Fun Run is Saturday, **October 28th, 2017** at Toyota Stadium, benefiting the Frisco Education Foundation. We are trying to have the **most participants** in all of Frisco ISDs campuses! Bring your family and friends to come out and support **Fowler Middle School** and FISD!! To sign up and get more information please go to:

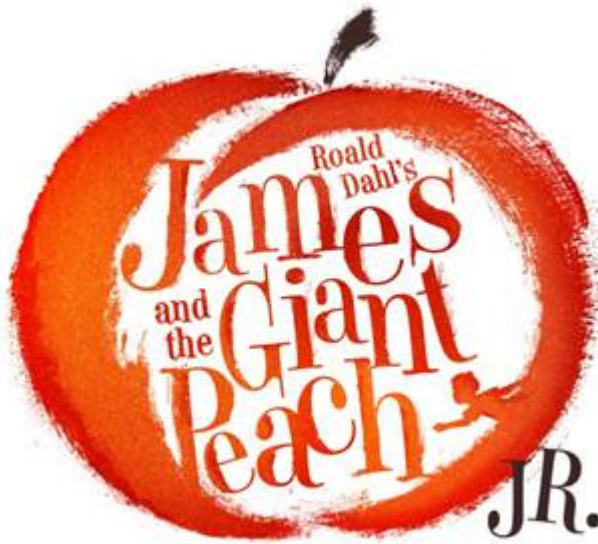
<http://www.friscoisd.org/departments/frisco-education-foundation/fun-run>

Fowler Theatre Arts

presents



From the DESK OF: Nurse Violet



November 9-10 at 6pm and November 11 at 1pm
Adults \$8 Students \$5

Words and Music by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul
Book by Timothy Allen McDonald

Based on the Book *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTi.shows

There are times when it is difficult to tell when your child is too ill to go to school. Sometimes there is a worry that he or she will miss important schoolwork or perfect attendance. A sick child cannot learn effectively and is unable to participate in classes in a meaningful way. Keeping a sick child home prevents the spread of illness in the school community and allows the child an opportunity to rest and recover.

Here are the FISD guidelines to help you make that decision:

FEVER: A student with a temperature of greater than 100 degrees will be excluded from school. They must be below 100 for a full 24 hours without any fever reducing medications before returning to school. A child with a fever suppressed by Tylenol or Motrin is still contagious as these medications only temporarily decrease the temperature and do not treat the underlying illness.

PINK EYE (CONJUNCTIVITIS): Students with red, painful, itchy eyes, especially with discharge/crusting, should have a medical evaluation. This is very contagious, and students must be excluded from school until they have completed 24 hours of prescription antibiotic eye medication.

VOMITING AND DIARRHEA: A student with vomiting and diarrhea should be excluded from school.

Prevention is the best medicine for keeping children healthy. The following suggestions are ways to help keep your child well:

- Proper hygiene. Good hand washing techniques should be taught and encouraged. It is probably the most important thing you can do to prevent the spread of germs. Coughing or sneezing into your sleeve is a great way to decrease the spread of illnesses.
- Proper nutrition is not only a must for good health it is also necessary for the body to function so the child is better able to concentrate and learn.
- Physical activity should be done at least 3 times a week.
- Immunizations are also important in promoting a child's wellbeing. With flu season upon us and expected to peak after the holidays, now is the time to get the flu vaccine.
- An annual age appropriate physical, including a dental and vision exam, is recommended for maintaining good health.

Working together we will be able to have a healthier school environment for our kids to learn and succeed!

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: Terri Silver

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

Multimedia II: Terri Silver

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. It was a great learning experience for them! Color is another topic we are reviewing this year – 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.

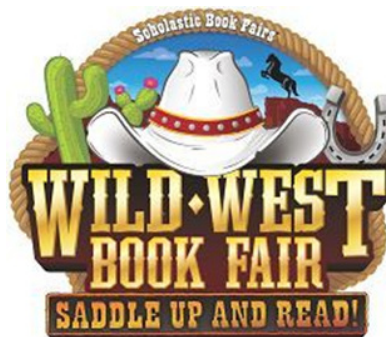
Animation: Terri Silver

Again, the skill of proper file management has been reinforced. The students have been practicing sketching characters for projects, drawing eyes, noses, mouths, etc. They had very interesting discussions regarding the topic of copyright and seemed to be very interested in the information. They worked in groups to research the history of animation and chose an animator to research. Then, working with their group, they put together a presentation to show to the class about what they learned. For a hands on experience, the students are creating a simple animation using the Sock Puppet app. Afterwards, they will create an original character to use in projects throughout the year. We are starting 2 animations using FlipBook software. I know I am looking forward to meeting all the characters and viewing their animations; they should be very interesting.

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Wild West Book Fair!

The fall book fair will run October 16th-20th, and will be open from 7:55 AM to 4:05 PM each day.



Hurricane Harvey Fundraiser

This year, we will be partnering with Scholastic to provide books to schools whose libraries were destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Harvey. 100% of every donation will be used to purchase and deliver books to affected schools. Please consider donating to this great cause at your Scholastic



3rd Annual Back to School Book Swap

Thanks to all who participated in the 3rd annual Back to School Book Swap! Students went home with lots of great "new" books! As you finish books throughout this year, please consider saving them for our 4th annual swap!

Catherine B. Fowler
LIBRARY