

The Falcon



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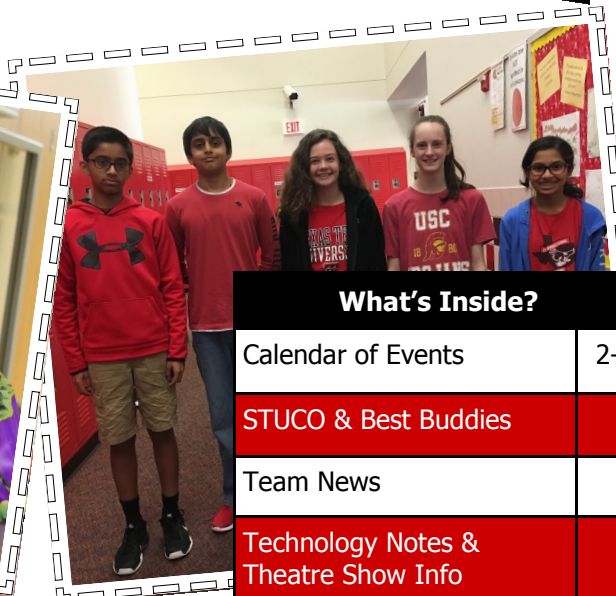
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Fowler Middle School had another successful **Red Ribbon Week** this year!!! Thank you to all who participated in the Drug Awareness and Prevention Celebration by dressing up in each day's Red Ribbon Week theme. The **Natural High** video during flight time on Wednesday shared the idea of individuals finding their natural high in life.



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Check out **Focus Magazine** for an article featuring Mrs. LeBlanc.



November



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FMS Calendar

November 10	End of 2 nd Six Weeks
November 10	Theatre Fall Performance "James and the Giant Peach" 6:00 pm Fowler Cafeteria
November 10-11	Band All Region Clinic and Concert, Lone Star HS
November 10-11	Orchestra All Region Clinic and Concert, Plano Senior HS
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 11	Frisco Community Parade near Toyota Stadium, Frisco
November 11	Theatre Fall Performance "James and the Giant Peach" 1:00 pm Fowler Cafeteria
November 15	Library Lunch Book Club Meeting
November 15	Cross Country Meet 4:30 @ Warren Park
November 16	PTA Breakfast for Career Day speakers and Fowler Staff
November 16	Drama Club Meeting 7:55 in Theatre Room
November 16	Report Cards posted in HAC
November 16	Career Day for 8 th Grade
November 16	7 th and 8 th Girls Grade Basketball vs. Clark MS @ Fowler
November 16	7 th and 8 th Boys Grade Basketball vs. Clark MS @ Clark
November 20-24	Fall Break (No School)
November 28	Pentathlon Tryouts 3:45 7 th Grade Room 806, 8 th Grade Room 807
November 28	Debate Club Meeting 3:40 in Room 600
November 29	NJHS Meetings 7:45 or 3:45 in the library
November 29	Library Lunch Book Club Meeting
November 29	Power to Change During Flight Time
November 29	Cross Country Meet 4:30 @ Warren Park
Nov 29-Dec1	Theatre One Act Play Auditions 3:45, Theatre Room and Cafe
November 30	Drama Club Meeting 7:55 in Theatre Room
November 30	Group Picture Day for Clubs and Organizations
November 30	7 th and 8 th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Maus MS @ Fowler
November 30	7 th and 8 th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Maus MS @ Maus

December

December 1	Safety Drills 1:35 pm
December 1	Orchestra Winter Concert 6:00 @Lebanon Trail HS
December 5	Spelling Bee 3:45 Fowler Library
December 5	Band Holiday Concert 6:00 @ Lebanon Trail HS
December 6	Board Game Club Meeting 3:45
December 6	Cross Country Meet 4:30 @ Warren Park



December Cont.

December 7	All Music Tour 7:50-9:00 am @ Borchardt Elementary
December 7	Drama Club Meeting 7:55 in Theatre Room
December 7	Choir Holiday Movie Party 4:00 Choir Room
December 7	7 th And 8 th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Cobb MS @ Fowler
December 7	7 th And 8 th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Cobb MS @ Cobb
December 8	All Music Tour Riddle and Taylor
December 8	Choir Holiday Voice Recital 6:00 @ LTHS
December 8, 9	Collin County HoopFest A Teams Only
December 12	CTE Field Trip for Career Investigation classes
December 12	Debate Club Meeting 3:40 in room 600
December 12	Jazz Band Concert 6:00 Fowler Cafeteria
December 13	Fly TV
December 13	PTA Holiday Luncheon For Fowler Staff
December 13	Orchestra Holiday Party 4:00 Orchestra Hall
December 13	Choir Holiday Concert 6:00 @ Fowler
December 14	IPR Grades Posted in HAC
December 14	Student Council Meetings 7:45 or 3:45 in the Library
December 14	Technology Club Meeting 7:45 room 518
December 14	Poetry and Prose Club Meeting 7:45 room 702
December 14	7 th And 8 th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Griffin MS @ Griffin
December 14	7 th And 8 th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Griffin MS @ Fowler
December 15	Faculty/Student Basketball Game
Dec 18-Jan 1	Winter Break

January

January 2	Teacher Work Day (Student Holiday)
January 4	Drama Club Meeting 7:55 in Theatre Room
January 4	7 th And 8 th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Scoggins MS @ Fowler
January 4	7 th And 8 th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Scoggins MS @ Scoggins
January 8-12	Library Reserved for Science Fair
January 10	Fire Drill at end of 8 th Grade Lunch
January 10	Board Game Club Meeting 3:45 room 707
January 11	Poetry and Prose Club Meeting 7:45 room 702
January 11	7 th And 8 th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Wester MS @ Wester
January 11	7 th And 8 th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Wester MS @ Fowler
January 12	End of 3 rd Six Weeks

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January Cont.

January 15	MLK Day, School Holiday
January 16	Pep Rally 3:05
January 17	Fly TV
January 17	Choir Cluster Concert 4:30 @ LTHS
January 18	Orchestra Pictures
January 18	Report Cards Posted to HAC
January 18	7 th and 8 th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Trent MS @ Fowler
January 18	7 th and 8 th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Trent MS @ Trent
January 20	Orchestra Instrument Drive

Student Council with Mrs. Bianchin

Student Council has had an AMAZING start to the year. The 6th grade representatives have been elected! Congratulations!!! The new members have jumped right in and are doing their part in helping to make Fowler the BEST CAMPUS EVER!!! FMS STuCO has had two big projects going! We have been selling candy after school on Fridays in October as one of our fundraisers. The Falcons have grown a lot through the candy sales. They have collaborated on ways to improve our efforts and sales each week! VERY COOL!



We are also very deep into our FOWLER FALCONS fence project! Student Council has met multiple times at the athletic track. We are adding some Falcon Spirit to the athletic track! If you haven't driven by it, go check it out! Super proud of Student Council for their hard work! Our CAMPUS is the BEST in FISD!



BEST BUDDIES



Fowler Best Buddies with Mrs. Bianchin & Mrs. Burris

FMS Best Buddies is off to a SUPER FUN start! Last month, we had our Annual Match Party where over 80 students were matched with students who have developmental or intellectual disabilities! It was AWESOME! Everyone enjoyed "Opening the Gift of Friendship" while we ate pizza/cake, hung out and listened to cool music! Be sure to check out our Instagram page to see all the friendships and connections we are making at school! Inclusive schools make the BEST SCHOOLS! @fowlerbestbuddies School is so much better with Friends! Thanks to those in our club who are changing the world, one friendship at a time!

Team News



6th grade students will continue their journey through world cultures with their study of Latin America. Students will study the geography, history, and culture of Central America, the Caribbean, and South America by taking part in culture stations and creating a culture pizza! Students will then continue their world travels with Europe. As we go into the third six weeks in math, we will be finishing up Percents & Proportions and focusing on Rational Number Operations. This will include adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing positive and negative numbers including fractions and decimals. Imagine Math will continue to be a weekly expectation as well. In science for the third six weeks, we will be studying Energy! We will start our six weeks studying energy resources – both renewable and nonrenewable. We will continue with energy transformations, which include also include conservation of energy. Finally, we'll learn about the methods of heat transfer – convection, conduction, and radiation. In ILA, the students will begin working on their expository essay, which is about how a change in life has affected them. In addition to the expository essay, the students will begin their Research Unit which will teach them about MLA citations and relevant/reliable sources to use along with how to cite them. The students will choose an item to learn about how it has evolved throughout the years.

6th

7th

7th 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 study percentages and will move into financial literacy. Please involve our mathematicians as you budget for your holiday shopping and take advantage of those great discounts! 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 11th! 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.

8th Grade Math is getting ready to hit the 'slopes'! In addition to writing and solving linear equations in slope-intercept form, 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. 8th grade science is learning about relationships between organisms in a community, including human impact. Pre AP science students are putting the final touches on their science fair projects. In ILA, we are finishing our whole class novel, *The Giver*, focusing on what defines a hero and how visual images enhance or create meaning. The students will be crafting a hero's journey narrative to wrap up our unit. We will then move on to our persuasive writing! The Pre-AP ILA students successfully participated in their first Socratic Circle. Next, we look ahead to our unit in Media Awareness and Persuasive Writing. Students will examine rhetorical techniques used by writers to persuade audiences. We will also analyze the use of specific appeal types in advertising and in controversial issues. Finally, students will sharpen their effectiveness in research through web-site evaluation lessons that provide guidelines to avoid plagiarism and evaluate bias.

8th

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 continuing to develop their PhotoShop Element skills. They have learned how to do a stroke effect and repair old photos. The students learned about the psychology of color. Next, they will learn how to add color to a black and white picture. They will also create an original magazine cover featuring themselves on the front; the inside stories will reflect their personalities and interests. Next, they will learn how to create a reflection and create a magazine advertisement for a product. Information about advertising techniques will also be discussed. In the future, the students will 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.

Multimedia II: Terri Silver

The students have been extending their knowledge of using PhotoShop Elements. They have learned about creating logos and have created their own personal logos. Then, they created a letterhead for their own personal stationery. The students have also explored online software called PIXLR; they can use this software at home if they need to edit pictures. They had to learn how to use the software on their own, as if they had new software at home.

They have reviewed audio and created an old time radio broadcast. 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. They will also develop a QR code and an animated gif. Stay tuned for more fun information from this class.

Animation: Terri Silver

The students have been creating animations using Flipbook 2D software and Premiere Elements; they have worked on creating a beach scene, a flower growing, and are currently working on creating a haunted house. 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. Look for more information about the Animation class in future newsletters.

Theatre News

Auditions to be a part of the **UIL One Act Play Company** will be **November 29-December 1.**

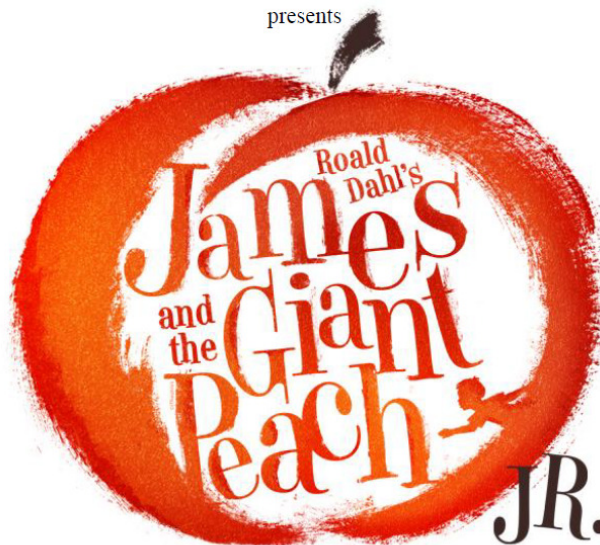
Please see Mrs. Cortez for details.

The next few **Drama Club** meetings will be on **Thursday at 7:55am** on the following dates:

November 16, November 30, December 7, and January 4.

We meet in room 315.

FOWLER THEATRE ARTS
presents



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

Fowler Middle School
November 9-10 – 6pm
November 11 – 1pm
Adults \$8 Students \$5

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

Catherine B. Fowler LIBRARY



Library Lunch Book Club

Our first library lunch book club meeting was October 31st. Students in all lunches listened to a scary story while they ate lunch, and then made their own slime! Our next book club will meet on November 15th, and will be celebrating the release of the movie *Wonder*, adapted from the book by R.J. Palacio. Our focus will be on spreading kindness. Sign up sheets will be available in the library a few days before the event.



Fall Book Fair Success!

What an amazing book fair! This was the most successful book fair in Fowler Middle School history, which means even more great books will be added to our collection than usual!

Thanks to our students, staff, and parents, we were also able to raise **\$1,339.18** through Scholastic's All for Books campaign. 100% of that money will be used to purchase books for Hardin-Jefferson Middle School in Sour Lake, Texas, which was completely destroyed by Hurricane Harvey. The response to this fundraiser was truly incredible and really shows the spirit of our fabulous Falcons. The two Flight Time classes who raised the most money were led by Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Jahn. As a thank you for their donations, they were treated to "Lunch in the Library" with door prizes and music, as well as a dessert buffet!



Counselor's Corner

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, 2017 - 8th Grade Career Day

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

November 29, 2017

Power to Change Classroom Meeting – Healthy Relationships

December 15, 2017

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.