

Falcon News

Important notes:

- Have a wonderful holiday!
- Get ahead and read a book over Winter Break!

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Building Literacy One DEAR Class at a Time

As I'm sure our parents and guardians have heard, Frontier School of Excellence is striving to develop and nourish the relationship between the students and their love of reading. While reading is obviously promoted throughout our English curriculum, we encourage teaching literacy throughout all classes because it is of utmost importance that our students read, comprehend, and appreciate what they're

reading.

Throughout the 2nd semester, we will continue to cultivate a love for reading in our school by sharing some of our favorite books with our students, establishing a small reward system for students who achieve their AR goals. It is extremely important that all students take the time to research and find books that are not only in our AR system, but also books in which they would find an

interest. Don't forget to READ over the Winter Break!



Spelling Bee Winners!!

On Tuesday, December 2nd, Frontier School of Excellence hosted its annual Spelling Bee. During this event, 15 middle school students organized in the cafeteria to battle. The students proved themselves worthy of being in top 15 and did an amazing job the first several rounds. And then there were three... The three finalists wowed us with their spelling skills! As the words became progressively more difficult, one finalist, Sam Harris, made herself the

3rd place speller in the Bee. And then there were two...The final two battled for 15, yes 15 rounds!!! We ran out of time and had to continue our Bee the next day. Ultimately, the two finalists ended up with a written test with some of the most challenging words in the Bee's word bank. 8th grader, Jessica Ray, finished up in 2nd place and will be the Runner-Up in case the Winner cannot perform his Bee duties. The winner of the 2014-2015 FSE Spelling Bee is

8th grader, Thomas Rowell! The winning word was 'officious.'



Thomas will go on to compete in the city-wide Spelling Bee in February 2015. We wish you the best of luck!

A Few Words from Our Department Heads

From the head of our Science Department, **Ms. Davis:**

Science Fair lovers!!! It isn't over yet! We have two more Science Fairs we are encouraging our students to attend. Both the City Wide and the Black Family Science and Technology fairs will be held in early March but deadlines are fast approaching.

Students have already taken information home for the City Wide fair. Be on the lookout for further information after the holiday.

In addition, we are looking forward to having a very productive 2nd semester here at FSE!

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English Department

The English Department has been very busy this month. We have been working diligently with the high school students to prepare them for EOC testing. Middle school has been focusing on reading comprehension. We are working hard to help students reach AR goals. Students have also been practicing with different types of writing such as expository and persuasive essays.

With the new year approaching, our goal as a department is to continue to promote reading and help students strive to be active readers.

And we wish Mrs. Bates the speediest of recoveries from having back surgery!!! Get well soon!



**Keep
Calm
And
Pass
The
EOC!**

Social Studies Department

Ms. May would like to thank her fellow social studies teachers for all their hard work and dedication to the Government students during the semester.

As a result, we had really positive results on our Government EOC.

Also, thank you to the students for all their hard work and great job!

Math Department

The Math Department had a fun weekend at the MCTM Conference in Columbia, Missouri. The department learned a lot of new information about the Common Core State Standards, and new ideas for making our classrooms even more fun and engaging! We look forward to implementing these new ideas next semester!

What a semester it has been already! The students have been working hard in both the classroom and on the Aleks Program. Even with the students working so

hard in school, all the teachers have seen a drop off in homework that is being turned in. Homework is a vital part of math practice, and needs to be completed to ensure understanding of the current and future topics.

If your child needs help with their homework there are many websites they can visit including: Khanacademy.com and algebrahelp.com. In addition, there are hundreds of YouTube videos designed to help students with homework and math topics.

A collage of various mathematical symbols and equations, including $2 > -3$, $0.999... = 1$, $\pi \approx 3.14$, $\sqrt{2}$, $1 + 2 \cdot 3$, $(1 - 2)$, $5(2 + 2)$, and $101_2 = 5$.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM FSE! SEE YOU IN 2015!
