

Falcon News

Important Notes:

- Pennies for Patients raised over \$400!
- Read for 20 minutes EVERY DAY!
- Falcons WIN!

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A Word from Mr. Barber

As the assistant principal of academics for the last 3 years at FSE, I have seen the great strides that our Falcons have accomplished. We have our biggest class of seniors set to graduate, we have our highest scores in history on English I and English II, and our building looks the best it has ever looked. However, with help from parents and the community we can make even **greater gains** with

our students if we promote the following things inside and outside of school.

Reading **30** minutes a day at home will benefit students immensely when it comes to literacy and content knowledge. Persevering through difficult material, especially Algebra I, will help students grow and become strong, critical thinkers. Promoting rigor and deep depth of

knowledge will benefit your child to apply difficult concepts to their work and develop comprehension about how they can affect change in their community. With your help, our Falcon community can continue to soar and make excellent progress in the lives of our students.

Pennies for Patients

The last two Fridays of January, FSE students and staff could dress down while helping to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society! If students and teachers donate \$1 and \$2, respectively, then they could dress in their favorite school appropriate attire. In addition, the students received a small cardboard box for collecting spare change to give to the cause.

Society is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education, and patient services. LLS's mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

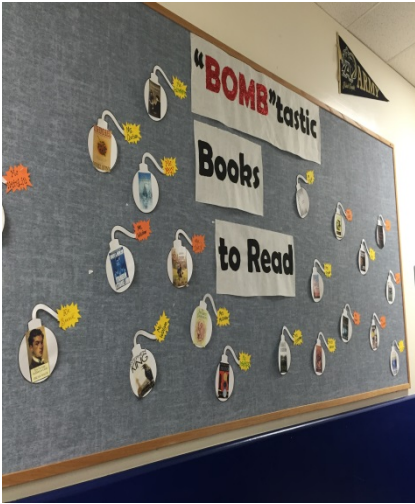
Since 1994, millions of dollars have been raised in pennies and other spare change by more than 10 million elementary, middle, and

high school students throughout the country. The funds benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Everyone who participates is a winner!

Over two full days of donating, the students and staff of FSE gave their own money and it totaled over \$400! That's **AMAZING!**

Thank you FSE for your generosity!

Founded in 1949, the Leukemia and Lymphoma



All FSE staff shares their favorite books on our "BOMB"tastic Books to Read bulletin board!!!

Updates from the English Department

The English team is in full gear preparing students for testing success! Middle school students have started working on a computer-based program called Study Island. This program has a variety of English skills to work on in order to prepare them for the upcoming state test. High school students are working on ACT prep, in addition to Study Island, and getting comfortable

with the language skills needed for this test. The English team is also promoting school-wide reading awareness with bulletin boards and AR goal charts set up throughout the school. The more our students are engaged in reading, the more successful they will become. Remember to speak with your child and ask them what novel they are currently reading!

We encourage reading every day within our DEAR classes, but we also encourage reading a book at home in addition to the book students are reading in their English classes.

Why Read For 20 Minutes a Day?

<u>Student A:</u>	<u>Student B:</u>	<u>Student C:</u>
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests	Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests	Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests

Science Department



Cool happenings in the Science Department. Everyone needs to go by Mr. Z's room to see his new additions to his growing collection of animals. He now has a snake and rats on display, including a

new mother rat and her multiple babies! Mr. Dursun is taking some students to the grand opening of the new high school to do a STEM demonstration. We are still looking for students to participate in the City

Wide Science Fair. Deadline for entry is the first of February. For more information contact Mrs. Davis.

Updates from the Math Department

Welcome back from Winter Break!

Right now, all the students are working on the Aleks Program from the 6th grade students all the way up to the Seniors! The hope of the administration and the teachers is that students will review foundational pieces while learning and mastering new topics.

With the exception of 12th grade, all the students are going to the computer lab every other day. Students should be striving to reach 100% mastery by the end of the school year!

Current Top Performers in the Aleks Program:

Maianh Le (10A) with 83% of the Algebra 1 Program Mastered

Blanca Reyes (10B) with 61% of the Algebra 1 Program Mastered

Jesus Flores (11A) with 52% of the Algebra 2 Program Mastered

Benjamin Salvador (11B) with 51% of the Algebra 2 Program Mastered

Nicholas Salvador (12A) with 29% of the Pre-Calculus Program Mastered

Chardinee Tatum (12B) with 31% of the Pre-

Calculus Program Mastered

Trieu Nguyen and Bernadette Cook in 9th grade have the highest percentages

Edith Almanza-Rodriguez in 8th grade has the highest percent mastered

Right now, the math department is gearing up for the upcoming MAP, Algebra 1 and Geometry End-of-Course Exams, and the ACT. MAP Testing and the EOC Exams will begin in late April, or early May. However, **ALL** the juniors will be taking the ACT Wednesday, April 28th.



Go Falcon Basketball and Cheerleading!!

This is **Coach Lawson** speaking on behalf of the boys' basketball team. The team has just come off an exciting win against Miami with a score of 55 to 51. We hope to keep this momentum going into the next game and into the rest of the season. As this season has progressed, I have seen the teams' hustle, attitude, spirit, cohesiveness, and efforts only get better. I am excited to see these efforts pay off in future games and look forward to seeing each player's talent develop more throughout this season.

From **Coach Powell** and the Athletic Director, **Ms. Miles**, we would like to congratulate the boys on their season and appreciate the support from students, staff, and families throughout the entire season. Thank you!

From FSE's Cheerleading coach, **Coach Amsler**: Our cheerleaders have spent countless hours dedicated to perfecting their cheers. Their spirit and enthusiasm is infectious both on the court and in the hallways at school.

All of the coaches appreciate everyone's hard work and wish the best for all of FSE's athletes!

