

Falcon News

Important Notes:

- FSE High Progress Title I school!
- FSE Open House—Last Chance!
- Read for 20 minutes EVERY DAY!

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Congratulations to FSE!

High-Progress Reward School

Frontier School of Excellence has been recognized as a High Progress Title I school by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Frontier School of Excellence is one of the 18 schools that earned this recognition out of thousands of schools in Missouri. High-progress

reward schools are those Title I schools demonstrating the most pronounced increases in proficiency rates in English and Math on state assessments over the past three years. Additionally, high-progress reward schools cannot have a proficiency gap of over 20 percent or more between their highest-performing and lowest-performing subgroups.

students, and parents who have been very of supportive of our school.

Thank you for your hard work and we anticipate many more awards in FSE's future!



We are proud of our staff,

FSE Open House

To all current and perspective families:

Frontier School of Excellence is now accepting applications for the 2015-2016 academic school year. Any parents interested in Frontier School of Excellence may submit an application by mail, fax, or online. The application deadline is March 15, 2015. We offer Open House sessions for parents or guardians to come in and tour our school. Our last Open House session is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2015 from 10:00am until

11:00am.

Frontier School of Excellence is excited to see our students return for the 2015-2016 school year and can't wait to meet any perspective students as well.

Frontier Schools are college preparatory charter schools with an emphasis on Science, Mathematics, and Technology. There are currently 4 campuses in Kansas City:

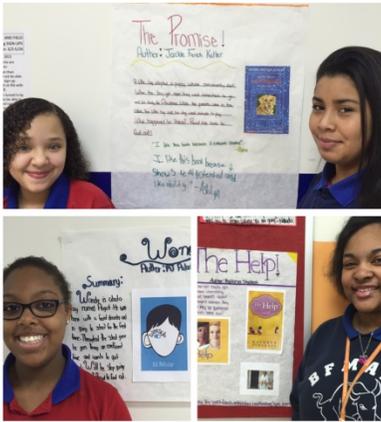
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Updates from the English Department

Continuing our school-wide promotion of reading, students are creating their own advertisements of their favorite books to hang up around school. Included in the poster is the book title, author, summary, and why it's their favorite. 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.

Just as a reminder that Accelerated Reader (AR) is worth **20%** of our students' English grade.

We encourage reading every day within our DEAR classes, but we also encourage reading a book at home.

Talk to your student about the successes of high literacy and promote it at home as well! ****Parents and guardians can even read the same books their students are reading because it gives them all something to talk about together!****

Why Read For 20 Minutes a Day?

Student A:

20 minutes per day

1,800,000 words per year

Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests

Student B:

5 minutes per day

282,000 words per year

Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests

Student C:

1 minute per day

8,000 words per year

Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests



FSE's Spelling Champ Moves On...

On Saturday, February 7, FSE's 8th grade Spelling Bee champion, Thomas, competed against 49 other students in the Jackson-Clay County District Spelling Bee. Thomas made it through all five rounds and is one

of 12 students who will continue on in the next competition with the top students from the other district Bees on February 28. We are all confident in Thomas and cheering for his success! Way to go!

*Congratulations to our
Winter athletes on a
great season!*

FSE Sports!

From our Athletic Director, Ms. Miles: Track season begins March 2nd and runs through May 30th. Track is open to both boys and girls, 9th-12th grade. We are still looking for students interested in participating. If anyone is interested, please fill out a form and return, with a sports physical to the front

office.

The boys basketball and sideline cheerleading season has come to an end. A big thank you to all players and coaches for their hard work and dedication through the season. Many thanks to those who came out to show their support. We

have the best fans ("Hands-Up!!!!"). Looking forward to the 2015-2016 season!

Language Festival Coming Up...

The French students are putting together a variety of songs, poems, and even a play for the Language Festival that will be held April 9th at 6pm. This will be held at the STEM High School cafeteria. The 7th grade will be singing *Allouette*, *gentile alouette*, *Au clair*

de la lune, and *Frere Jacques*. The 9th graders will be reciting *Pour ma mere* and *Bleu et blanc* by Maurice Careme. The 10th graders will be presenting an adaption of "Hansel et Gretel", with Michael Carter and Mai Ahn Le playing the lead roles.



School Talent Show!

*The Talent Show was
AMAZING!*



On Friday, February 20, Frontier School of Excellence held its 3rd annual Talent Show where our students stood up in front of all their peers and fellow classmates to perform a specific talent. From singing to presenting comic books, the participating students absolutely WOW'ed us with their performances!



Updates from the Math Department—Mathletes and ALEKS

FSE's Mathletes!

Our school's best math students competed in their first competition was February 8, 2015 at the Burns & McDonnell building. Students competed against eight other schools with a total of 61 students.

After the competition, students were given a tour of the building by engineers. They were able to see where engineers work, software they used, and even got to try on surveying equipment.

ALEKS

Teachers will be looking at the first assessment of the third quarter and from there, students must increase by 20%. For example, if a student started the quarter at 55%, they must complete 75% by March 12.

In addition, students need to complete 90% of the program by the end of the school year.

Please remember, your students can log on from home. The Math Department is confident

that all students can meet this goal by the end of the year.

Let's finish this year strong!



The Upcoming M.A.P. Tests

What is the Missouri Assessment Program anyway? Most people call it MAP. The MAP is a series of tests that measure whether students in Missouri are meeting the Show-Me Standards. It's a way of finding out if students are learning what they need to learn.

The state developed Grade-Level Expectations (GLE's) that give specific targets for instruction at each grade level, so teachers know what needs to be taught, and children and their parents know what

Students are expected to learn. Setting high standards for all students is intended to help our children to grow into educated adults. Assessments like the MAP are needed to be sure our students are learning, and that schools are held accountable for providing our children with the best education possible.

Please see the following calendar for the upcoming testing dates!



Test-taking Strategies to live by:

R-Rest well

E-Eat a good breakfast

L-Look over directions carefully

A-Answer EVERY question

X-X out incorrect answers



Monday, 4/20 State Tests	Tuesday, 4/21 State Tests	Wednesday, 4/22 State Tests	Thursday, 4/23 State Tests	Friday, 4/24 State Tests Fourth Quarter Progress Reports Mailed
Monday, 4/27 State Tests	Tuesday, 4/28 State Tests ACT Test at 9:00am at FSE (11th grade only)	Wednesday, 4/29 State Test ELA: 6th, 7th & 8th grades	Thursday, 4/30 State Test ELA: 6th, 7th & 8th grades	Friday, 5/1 State Test Make up Tests
Monday, 5/4 State Tests	Tuesday, 5/5 Math: 6th, 7th & 8th grades	Wednesday, 5/6 Math: 6th, 7th & 8th grades	Thursday, 5/7 State Tests Science: 8th grade	Friday, 5/8 State Tests Science: 8th grade
Monday, 5/11 State Tests	Tuesday, 5/12 State Tests English 2, Biology, Government ACT Makeup at 9:00am at FSE	Wednesday, 5/13 State Tests English 2, Biology	Thursday, 5/14 State Tests Algebra I	Friday, 5/15 State Tests Algebra I
Monday, 5/18 State Tests	Tuesday, 5/19 State Tests	Wednesday, 5/20 State Tests	Thursday, 5/21 Graduation Ceremony!	Friday, 5/22 Makeup Day