

FINLEY'S NEWS



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Welcome Parents!

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Welcome back to our new and returning families! We hope you enjoyed a relaxing, fun-filled summer.

It is with great enthusiasm that we invite you to get ready for an exciting and successful 2019-2020 school year. With your support we can continue to make FPS a distinguished Knox County school for our children. FPS is a community based on vibrant parent involvement. Your contribution makes a difference, whether it is your time, knowledge, or resources. We invite all parents to become involved members at FPS. Our amazing volunteers truly make a difference in the lives of our children. We hope to help you find just the right place to use your talents to serve our children.

There are many things we can do to help our children grow to achieve their potential. Here at FPS, we believe that together, “**Going Above & Beyond,**” families and teachers can help create a bright and successful future for our children and our community. Our PTA volunteers provide educational programs for students and families, give faculty support, and advocate on behalf of all children.

There are many opportunities for you to become involved at FPS during the school year. The PTA helps our school by: opening car doors in the morning, providing care in the clinic, representing your child’s classroom as a room representative, and helping in the library. These are just a few of the many opportunities available and they are not limited to parents. We welcome grandparents, aunts, uncles, foster parents or any other caring adult that wishes to make a difference in the lives of our children.

Whether you can help with a one-time event or on a weekly basis, there is always a place for you!

Feel free to contact Taylor Clement, our Parent Involvement Chairperson, Volunteers@fpspta.org with any questions or concerns. Watch for our PTA newsletters throughout the year and “Like” us on Facebook for updates and reminders. A strong PTA represents parent involvement and parent involvement represents student success.

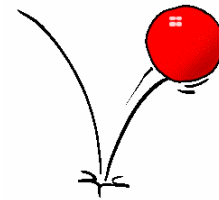
We have some big things planned for this year and I look forward to seeing you and your families at our many events!

Thank you!

Michelle Morrow
PTA President 2019-2020

PTA Membership

Join the PTA,



It's a Ball!!!

Dear Farragut Primary Families,

The FPS Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a partnership between parents and educators who strive to enhance student learning and enrich the lives of the students within the school. The FPS PTA invites you to support our annual membership drive beginning August 5th-30th. Our membership theme is “**Join the PTA, It's a Ball.**”

Why Join the FPS PTA?

The number one reason to join the PTA is to benefit your child and in doing so, you also help our school. The FPS PTA funds the FPS Health Clinic, maintains the school landscaping, contributes to the schools technology updates, library books, family fun nights, fall festival, and more. There's no better way of finding out what is happening at the school then by getting connected through the PTA. The PTA fosters parent involvement. Parent involvement has been proven by three decades of research to be the greatest predictor of student success.

PTA members receive coupons to local businesses and the membership more than pays for itself. Each membership purchased will receive a coupon with discounts from *Blaze, Dairy Queen, First Watch, Go Glamorous, KAMA Martial Arts, The MUSE, Pigtails & Crewcuts, Pure Magic Car Wash, Texas Roadhouse and Zaxby's!*

Who Can Join the PTA?

Everyone!! Our aim this year is for each child to bring in at least 2 PTA Memberships. Students, parents/guardians, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends make great members of the PTA. Each membership is just \$7.50 . Please provide exact change or consider donating the extra \$0.50 to the PTA. **Any additional donations go straight to the school!!!**

Membership envelopes will be sent home with students this week. Please complete the information and return to your child's teacher. Allow up to one week for PTA coupons to be sent home with your child.

Classroom Prizes

In the spirit of competition, we've created a bulletin board that shows all of the classrooms (see picture below). As membership envelopes are received, your child's class will receive a “gumball” in their gumball machine. Prizes will be as follows:

- Each classroom to achieve 100% membership will receive a **Strike and Spare bowling BOGO game coupon.**
- The classroom that brings in the most memberships per grade will receive a **Bubble Party, along with coupons from Main Event and Chick-Fil-A.**
- **Premier Martial Arts** has generously offered to sponsor a **Pizza Party** and demonstration for each class reaches 200% membership!

Thank you for supporting our membership drive and helping build a strong and supportive PTA!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Walker
VP of Membership
membership@fpspta.org



FPS Health Clinic

Are you a TLC Expert? Can you spare an hour or two a month to take a temperature, put on a Band-Aid, dry a tear, hold a hand or just listen to a child? Then this is the place for you!!!

The FPS clinic is staffed entirely by Nurse Debbie and relies heavily on parent volunteers trained by East Tennessee Children's Hospital. Volunteers administer to the needs of **your** children in the event of any health emergency, sickness, playground bumps and scrapes and other accidents. No previous medical training or background in a medical profession is necessary to volunteer in this position.

East Tennessee Children's Hospital is hosting the Knox County Schools Clinic Volunteer Training on **Friday, August 16th from 9:00 am-12 pm** at the hospital. Registration is \$10 per person. Space is limited so sign up today!

<https://childrenshospital.ticketspice.com/knox-county-school-volunteer-clinic-training>

Those that have the following licenses: MD, NP, PA, RN, LPN, do not have to attend the class, but they must read the manual and take the test. This training is good for 3 years. If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Contessa at clinic@fpspta.org



Parent Information Nights

This meeting is for parents only. Teachers will give information about your child's classroom. Please enter the building through the cafeteria doors.

2nd Grade: Thursday, August 8th from 5:45 – 7:00
1st Grade: Wednesday, August 14th from 5:45 – 7:00
Kindergarten: Thursday, August 15th from 5:45 – 7:00



Join us for the annual

BooHoo/Yahoo Breakfast

Monday, August 19, 2019

7:45 am in the FPS Cafeteria

Celebrate the start of a new school year with a special time of fellowship!

Coffee, juice & breakfast goodies will be served.

Tears and cheers will be shared by all!

Please park at the Farragut Branch Library



If you signed up to be a Classroom Volunteer/Room Parent during Parent Information Night, please join us in the cafeteria

Tuesday, September 3rd

1st & 2nd Grade—8:30 to 9:00 am

Kindergarten—9:15 to 10:15 am

FPS Library News

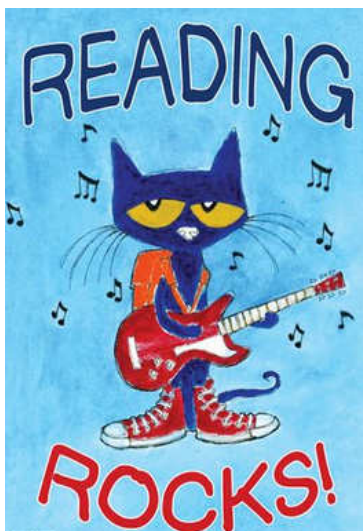
GREAT NEWS!! Beginning this year, the library is now part of the Encore rotation (like Computer Lab, Art, Music and PE)! Our children will still enjoy the same open access as previous years, but will also have lessons in the Library on an eight day rotation!

Volunteers are needed every day in order to provide our children with individualized help. Tasks include checking books in/out, sorting/shelving books, and assisting with the Accelerated Reader Program.

If you would like to help, please email Megan Hedge at hedgesintennessee@gmail.com or go to for the August sign-up schedule at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44adae28a6fc1-fpslibrary3>



Birthday Book Club



For a \$15 donation to the FPS Library, your child or teacher will:

- Choose a brand new book from our Birthday Book Cart, usually within two weeks of their birthday or half birthday,
- Have a personalized dedication placed inside the book,
- Be the first to check out the birthday book for 2 weeks,
- Have their picture proudly displayed in the school,
- Be featured on the morning announcements and in the monthly PTA newsletter

Watch for more information!

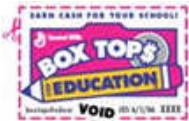
Support FPS

The programs below offer thousands of 'free' dollars to FPS through purchases that have already been made. Last school year FPS earned over \$10,000 from all the collection programs combined! **The classroom in each grade with the most collections wins a party at the end of the school year, as well as gifts for their teachers from several participating programs!**

Please encourage your family and friends to help. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help on the collections committee, please contact the Collections Chair at collections@fpspta.org.

Please send in the following items to the classroom:

FPS receives \$0.10 for every **Box Tops for Education** we receive. It's easy to do, and they really add up over the school year! Tape them to the collection sheets sent home periodically or throw them in a sandwich bag and send in!



A free app is now available at Google Play and the Apple Store. The app enables you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online—all without having to clip physical box tops! For more information, go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com/> We'll continue to collect physical box tops until they're completely phased out.



Each **Tyson Foods Project A+** is worth 24¢. Labels can be found on bags and on tear off strips from boxed items.

Link these store cards (**MUST be RELINKED each school year!**):



Link your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card(s)** to FPS. Kroger generously donates a percentage of your total spending quarterly. Each card used in the household **MUST** be linked to FPS online for credit to be given for purchases. Visit [Kroger Community Rewards](https://www.kroger.com/rewards) to link your Kroger Card to FPS. The school program **DOES NOT** affect gas fuel points!



Link your **Ingles AdvantageCard** to FPS. The overall winning teacher for collections at FPS is awarded the funds donated by Ingles based on total sales for classroom supplies. Go to [Ingles Tools for Schools](https://www.ingles.com/tools-for-schools), click on 'Sign Up Online Right Now', type in "Farragut Primary", click on ID "11679", then type in your name, email address, and Advantage Card number.

Support FPS when Shopping:



Visit [Amazon Smile Setup](https://www.amazon.com/smile) for all of your Amazon purchases. **AmazonSmile** will donate a percentage of all qualifying purchases directly to FPS.



Scan the **Farragut Primary Publix Partners** card when you shop at Publix. For every \$37,500 spent by FPS card holders, Publix donates \$250 to our school. Cards from previous years may still be used.

Special Thanks!

The PTA would like to extend an extra special thanks to the following businesses and people for their generosity!



Kyle Lawrence with Silver Oaks Landscaping for donating his time, materials, and manpower to get the grounds at FPS looking great for the upcoming school year

Northshore Nursery for the beautiful plants and flowers outside the classroom cottages

FHS football and baseball players for spreading mulch around the FPS campus at the end of July

Sign Gypsies for the great WELCOME BACK sign





August 2019

- 8/8 2nd Grade Parent Night & PTA Meeting @ 5:45 pm
- 8/13 PTA Board Meeting @ 9:15 am in Cafeteria
- 8/14 1st Grade Parent Night & PTA Meeting @ 5:45 pm
- 8/15 Kindergarten Parent Night & PTA Meeting @ 5:45 pm
- 8/16 ETCH Clinic Volunteer Training (see page 3)
- 8/19 1st Full Day for All Kindergarten Students
Boo Hoo/Yahoo Breakfast
- 8/27 No School—Teacher In-Service
- 8/30 PTA Membership Drive Ends
Volunteer Interest Sheets Due

September 2019

- 9/2 Labor Day—No School
- 9/3 Classroom Volunteer/Room Parent Meeting in Cafeteria
1st & 2nd Grade—8:30—9:00 am
Kindergarten—9:15—10:15 am
- 9/10 PTA Board Meeting @ 9:15 am in Cafeteria
- 9/13 Coupon Book Sales Begin
- 9/17 Constitution Day
- 9/20 All Pro Dads @ 7 am
- 9/26 FPS Spirit Night @ Blaze Pizza
- 9/27 Staff PTA Hospitality Lunch
- 9/30 Coupon Book Sales End



We can't hide our Dolphin
pride!