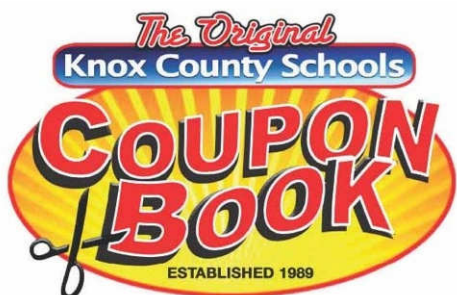


# FINLEY'S NEWS



September 2019



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**Jaleece Strong-Clark** • Assistant Principal  
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FPS students will be selling Knox County School Coupon Books from September 13th to September 30th.

This is Knox County's biggest fund raiser for our school. The purchase price is \$10...\$8 stays right here at FPS. Of that \$8, each classroom teacher receives \$2 to keep for their classroom needs. The book is packed with great coupons...generally receiving your investment back after redeeming only 2-3 coupons!

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, this year's campaign will have a space theme! Our goal for 2019 is to sell 5,000 or more books.

Sales packets will come home in backpacks later this week.

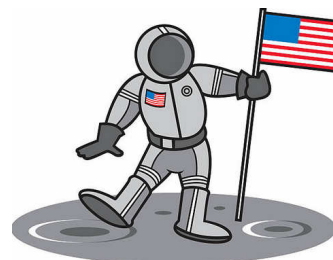
We'll need 3-4 volunteers daily to help fill & deliver coupon book orders and prizes to the classrooms. If you're interested in helping, please visit the SignUpGenius link at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4FAEAC28A4FF2-fpscoupon>

If you have any questions or have trouble accessing the link, please email us at [couponbooks@fpspta.org](mailto:couponbooks@fpspta.org).

Thank you in advance, and we look forward to meeting and working with you soon!

-Gerand Saffles, FPS PTA School Coupon Book Chair



# President's Note

Happy September!

I hope everyone had a great first month of school! Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA and the school during the membership drive. Elizabeth Walker, our Membership Chair, did an amazing job securing the WONDERFUL coupons each member received.

We had so many wonderful parent volunteers attend the volunteer meeting. If you were unable to attend, do not fret! All information can be shared digitally. There are still many ways to help the PTA, school and teachers if you are interested.

Now it's time to gear up for the coupon book sales!

With Dolphin Pride,

Michelle Morrow  
FPS PTA President 2019-2020



Save the Date!  
Saturday, November 9th  
11 am to 3 pm

The Fall Festival will be here before we know it!! In order to provide a fun-filled and successful fundraising event, we still need some help. If you are interested in any of the open positions below, please contact the Fall Festival Chair at [fallfest@fpspta.org](mailto:fallfest@fpspta.org)

Decorations, Bulletin Boards and Flyers Coordinator  
Silent Auction Coordinator  
Food Coordinator  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Pre-Sales Coordinator  
Inflatables Coordinator

# PTA Membership

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2019-2020 PTA membership drive!

This year we received over **1,300** memberships which brought in over \$11,000 in dues and donations. FPS will retain over **\$6,800** of that to use where needed in our school!

Every class reached 100% membership this year and will receive additional coupons for each student!



The following classes sold the most memberships in each grade in addition to reaching the 200% goal! They will receive a Bubble and Pizza party as well as coupons from Main Event & Abuelo's:

K - Johns  
1st - Lara  
2nd - Mitchell

The following classes were the runner up for highest sales and will receive a pizza party sponsored by Premier Martial Arts in addition to a fun demonstration:

K - Kincaid  
1st - Maner  
2nd - Moore

Five (5) additional classes reached the 200% membership goal and will receive a pizza party sponsored by the PTA! Congratulations to the following classes:

Crawford  
Frear  
Gagley  
Hicks  
Proffitt

We hope you're already "having a BALL" with all of the coupons you received with each of your memberships!

We would like to thank the following businesses for their support this school year through donations for families, teachers, staff and classes...

Abuelo's • Blaze Pizza • Buttermilk Sky Pie Shop • Chick-Fil-A • Dairy Queen • First Watch • Go Glamorous • KAMA Martial Arts • Lakeside Tavern • Longevity Massage • Main Event • Mario's Pizza • Massage Envy Northshore • Massage Envy Turkey Creek • Mimi's Cafe • O'Charley's • Orangetheory Fitness • Panera Bread • Papa Johns • Pigtails & Crewcuts • Premier Martial Arts • Pure Magic Car Wash • Seasons Innovative Bar & Grille • Spa Visage • Strike & Spare Bowl • Texas Roadhouse • The MUSE • Water to Wine • Zaxby's

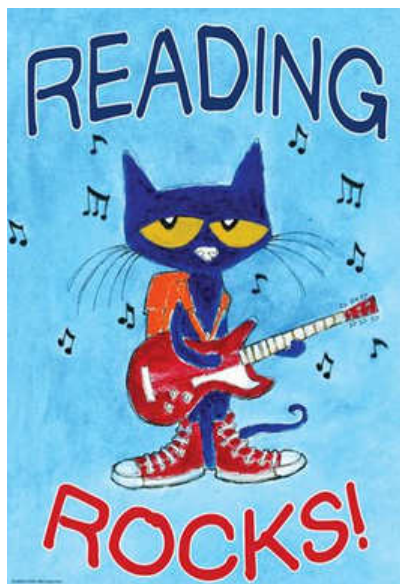
# Birthday Book Club

The following students (and teachers) joined the **August** Birthday Book Club and were featured on the August 30th morning announcements!

|             |                      |
|-------------|----------------------|
| Alaina B.   | Gavin M.             |
| Alex F.     | Hannah L.            |
| Bowen M.    | Hudson H.            |
| Caiden K.   | Maddie P.            |
| Campbell E. | Milo R.              |
| Charlie T.  | Mozzie S.            |
| Cole E.     | Ms. Luttrell & Loots |
| Davidson M. | Ms. Ratner           |
| Drew O.     | Nathaniel G.         |
| Evelyn B.   | Sophia L.            |



Happy Birthday and thank you for supporting our library!



Interested in joining the Birthday Book Club?

For a \$15 donation, 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

Forms are available online at <http://fpspta.org/downloads/birthday-books/> or in the library. Payment must be made online, with the completed form sent to the library.

# Clinic

Please send any gently used clothing (shorts, shirts & pants) to be used in the clinic. We're running low on sizes 6 - 8 for boys & girls.

Clothes can be dropped off in the office or at the clinic.



# Yearbook

The FPS Yearbook Committee is requesting first day of school pictures for the 2019-2020 yearbook!

All pictures must have been taken at FPS for consideration. Please do not reduce the picture sizes or submit more than 3 pictures per child. Not all pictures will be selected.

Please send pictures to [yearbook@fpspta.org](mailto:yearbook@fpspta.org)



Yearbook  
Pictures Needed

# Hospitality



On Friday, September 27 we'll be hosting a Tailgate lunch for the FPS teachers and staff!





This is a great way to give back to our amazing teachers. To sign up to bring an item go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA8A92DA4F94-tailgate> Items will need to be dropped off in the teacher's lounge by 8am. If you have any questions or would like to be involved in future hospitality events, please email Kathryn at [hospitality@fpspta.org](mailto:hospitality@fpspta.org)

# PBIS & The Golden Spatula

Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports or PBIS is a nationwide program that improves social, emotional and academic outcomes for all students. This year, FPS implemented a reward system to improve behavior in the cafeteria.

During each lunch period, a staff member monitors behavior for 3 tables. If all the criteria are met (see sample poster), a class will earn a Superstar. Once a class earns 10 Superstars, they are featured on the morning announcements and receive The Golden Spatula! They also receive an extra recess!

In addition to teaching responsibility, this system has greatly reduced the noise & trash levels in the cafeteria.

| PBIS Cafeteria Expectations |   |   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Be Safe</b>              |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk at all times</li> <li>• Feet under your table</li> <li>• Eat safely</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Be Respectful</b>        |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talking box rules</li> <li>• Use table manners</li> <li>• Use kind words and quiet voices</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Be Responsible</b>       |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be prepared-use bathroom before lunch, get utensils &amp; napkins</li> <li>• Raise hand for help</li> <li>• Clean up then PUT trash away</li> </ul>                                      |

At the time of publication, the following classes have already earned the Golden Spatula - Mitchell, Ratner, Scott, Mack, McAmis, Bumgardner and Hsieh. Congratulations!!

## All Pro Dads

Friday, September 20, 2019

7:00 to 7:45 am in the FPS Art Room

A little breakfast, a little bonding, a lot of fun!!



FPS Dads—join us with your kids (boys AND girls) for a quick, before-school breakfast and a 45-minute program of fatherhood and family topics. You'll take away some great tips and resources to help you be the best Dad you can be, and you'll strengthen your relationship with your kids at the same time!

RSVP to Derek Wright at [derek@grahamandcook.com](mailto:derek@grahamandcook.com)

Please park at the Farragut Branch Library



# Extra Special Thanks!

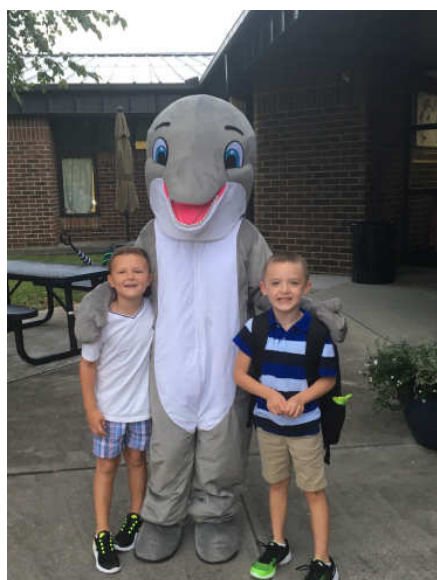
The PTA would like to extend an extra special thanks to the following businesses and people for their generosity!



**Seth Hammond, Karen Trent and the parishioners at Christ Covenant Church** for exterior pressure washing and interior painting of the Portable Learning Cottages. The students and teachers were delighted to start the year fresh and clean! We also appreciate the time spent gardening around the campus.



**Kevin Vineyard, Owner, Vineyard Turf** for landscaping around the Portable Learning Cottages!



**Sarah Kathryn & Ethan Morrow** for dressing up as Finley to greet students during the first week of school!





## September 2019

- 9/12 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

## October 2019

- 10/7 Fall Break Begins
- 10/14 School Resumes  
Spiritwear Sales Begin
- 10/17 PTA Board Meeting @ 9:15 am in Cafeteria  
Fall Pictures
- 10/21 50th Day of School
- 10/25 All Pro Dads @ 7 am  
Staff PTA Hospitality Lunch
- 10/31 Halloween!



We can't hide our Dolphin  
pride!