

FINLEY'S NEWS



October 2019

President's Note

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And before we know it, the first nine weeks is over! Man that was fast!

Several events are coming up in the next few months: clothing drive, spirit wear sale, fall festival and many other events for the upcoming holidays. Room moms should be sending updates soon to keep everyone aware of upcoming dates.

It's time to start gearing up for the Fall Festival! Make sure to save the date, 11/9, and share the information with everyone you know. This is the school's big fundraiser for the year. We hope to see everyone there.

Thank you to our parents for making FPS so amazing!

Gratefully,

Michelle Morrow
FPS PTA President 2019-2020





Save the Date!
27th Annual FPS PTA Fall Festival
Saturday, November 9th
11 am to 3 pm

The Fall Festival is a true southern tradition and a fun way to spend a fall day with your family! This event raises over \$30,000 for our school to continue to provide technology in every classroom and to maintain our playgrounds.

PRE-SALES: Forms to buy tickets and/or wristbands will come home the week of Monday, October 21st. This is a way to save money and you won't have to stand in line at the Festival! Cash/check for pre-sales; cash/credit/check that day.

SILENT AUCTION:

- The online auction will run from Friday, November 1st starting at 7am through Thursday, November 7th at 7pm.
- The online auction will include about 200 items! All unsold items from the online auction will roll into the live silent auction at the Fall Festival.
- The link for the online auction will be sent out prior to November 1.
- You will be able to view all the items, but will need to register in order to bid or buy items.

BAKE SALE: A flyer will be sent home via email the week of October 21st with information about the Bake Sale. All homemade and bought items will be accepted - drop off items in the front office anytime on Friday, November 8th!

SPIRIT WEAR: Will be for sale at the Festival, purchase and take home that day!

STUDENT PERFORMANCES: The 2nd graders have been working hard to prepare - come and watch at these times:

11:30: Ashley, Best, Bledsoe, Crawford, Degges, Edwards, Hall, Ray, and Shpik

1:30: Kerstetter, Mack, Mitchell, Moore, Sharp, Spell, Weber, and Webster

ACTIVITIES: Many of our favorites will be returning like Games, Crafts, Face Painting, Inflatables, and Rock-Climbing Wall!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you would like to help with set-up on 11/8 or work a shift the day of the Festival 11/9 please sign up:

Adult: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CADA729A7FC1-2019>

Student (≥ 6th grade): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CADA729A7FC1-20191>

OUR SPONSORS! We would like to thank our many sponsors for their commitment and support of our community and to Farragut Primary! We couldn't do the Festival without their generous support!

For any information about the Fall Festival please contact Katrina Horne at fallfest@fpspta.org

Coupon Books

Together, we sold **6,173** coupon books this year!

Since FPS will receive \$9 per book sold, the school will receive a total of **\$55,557** to spend on playground equipment, technology, instructional needs and classroom needs.

- There were 121 students who sold more than 15 books. These students will receive an invitation to a parent-free Space Adventure Party in November!
- The top selling class per grade who will get a pizza party with the principals are:

Gilstrap (K)
Lara (1st)
Sharp (2nd)

- Our **TWO** Grand Prize Winners are:

Selena Ansley (Kincaid)
Noah Padfield (Maner)

Selena and Noah each sold 100 coupon books! They will each receive an iPad Mini.

Backordered prizes and shirts will be delivered as they come in.

Thank you to all the family members who helped with coupon book distribution last month. And THANK YOU to everyone for the outstanding sales efforts!



Birthday Book Club

The following students (and teacher) joined the **September** Birthday Book Club and were featured on the September 24th morning announcements!



Ammar M.
Andrew M.
Annie L.
Blake A.
Bryce M.
Elise R.
Ellie L.
Emily Z.
Graham H.
Hank D.
Isaac G.
John L.
John M.
Lillie J.

Loralei C.
Lucas S.
Maddux T.
Marci F.
Ms. Lara
Nithil P.
Rowan C.
Selena A.
Sosuke N.
Teagan B.
Tristan H.
Yanni M.
Zeynep K.

The following students (and teacher) joined the **October** Birthday Book Club! The October Birthday Book Morning Announcement will take place on **Friday, October 25th**. The birthday book child should try to bring their book to school to show on the announcements that day.

Alisandro
Andrew T.
Cooper B.
Elle H.
Everett P.
Gideon J.
Jackson H.
Lane F.

Liam C.
Mia B.
Mrs. McAmis
Nate H.
Piper E.
Rika S.
Thienan P.



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.

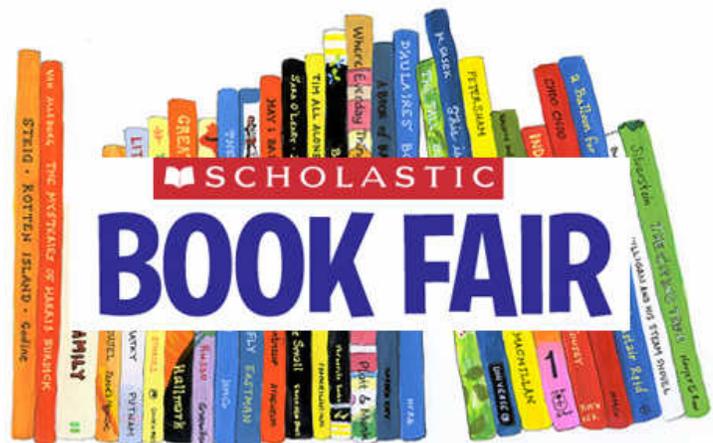
REMINDER

Students are allowed to check out the following number of books at a time:

Kindergarten—1 book (members of Finley's Reading Club can check out 1 additional book)

1st Grade—2 books

2nd Grade—3 books



The 2019 Scholastic Book Fair will be open in the library during the regular encore schedule from

**Wednesday, November 13th
Thru
Friday, November 22nd**

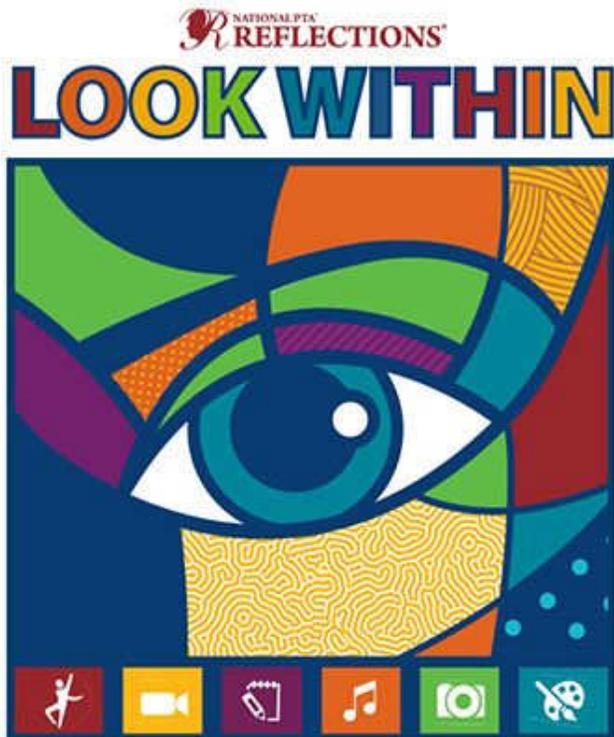
This is a great way to do your Christmas shopping while supporting FPS!

Sign up to volunteer at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44adae28a6fc1-novdec>

Volunteers typically receive a 20% discount!

2019-2020 Reflections Contest



Do you like to ...

Sing?

Dance?

Produce videos?

Show off photography skills?

Write a story or song?

If so, the PTA Reflections contest is for you! This year's theme is "Look Within" gives you the opportunity to interpret and create through the arts in this nationally recognized student recognition

Entry forms and additional information can be found online at <http://tnpta.org/reflections.html> and in the FPS office. Please review the requirements carefully when preparing your submission.

**All submissions must be received in the FPS Office by
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

The FPS deadline is set in advance of the Knox County Council PTA deadlines to allow time for judging at local level prior to advancing winner to county and/or state level. FPS Winners will be recognized at the FPS Student Enrichment Awards Ceremony in the Spring, with additional recognition opportunities for submissions that advance to the state level.

If you have questions, please contact Hannah Jessee at contests@fpspta.org

Car Safety

In order to keep the car line moving at a steady pace, at least 8 volunteers are needed each morning (7:10-7:50 am) to open car doors.

Throughout the year, different classrooms will be assigned to staff the car line. Separate sign-up sheets will be sent home prior to the weeks your classroom is assigned.



October & November Car Safety Assignments

Week of Oct 21st: Lara, Gagley, Stephens, Bruchey

Week of Oct 28th: Hicks, McAmis, Limonchi, Louviere

Week of Nov 4th: Bordner, Killen, Gilstrap, Hughes

Week of Nov 11th: Ratner, Pendleton, Stackhouse, Johns

Week of Nov 18th: Raines, Guetzloff, Armstrong, Proffitt

Week of Nov 25th: DANCE TEAM

All Pro Dads

Friday, October 25, 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

PLEASE PARK AT THE FARRGUT PUBLIC LIBRARY



October 2019

- 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
PTA Hospitality Staff Lunch
Silent Auction Basket Info Due
- 10/31 Halloween!

November 2019

- 11/1 Silent Auction Available Online
- 11/5 Election Day—No School
- 11/7 Online Auction Closes
- 11/8 Drop off Silent Auction Baskets at Office
- 11/9 FALL FESTIVAL!!!
- 11/13 Scholastic Book Fair Opens
- 11/14 PTA Board Meeting @ 9:15 am in Cafeteria
Fall Pictures Makeup Day
- 11/15 All Pro Dads @ 7 am
- 11/18 Giving Tree Tag Distribution Begins
- 11/22 Scholastic Book Fair Ends
PTA Hospitality Staff Lunch
- 11/25-26 Thank-A-Teacher Days
- 11/27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday—No School



We can't hide our Dolphin
pride!