

PTA FALCON FLYER

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PTA Membership

Thanks to you, last year the PTA funded over \$68,000 in student enrichment programs, technology, and teacher training. More info on the back or go to fhespta.org to join now.

Summer Bingo

Erinrose Velthuis will hand out prizes during the Open House to each child who participates. Please be sure to hand in the sheets to Erinrose (not your teacher) to ensure your child receives their prize. Complete at least two rows or columns to receive a prize, and receive an extra special token for a completed whole sheet.

FHES Open House

Thursday, Sept. 3rd
PTA Open House in the Gym (Door 9)
1pm - 2pm
Classrooms Open 2-3pm

Pick up school supplies, meet your teachers and sign up to volunteer with the PTA.

Join the PTA

Get early class list access & enter to win a \$25 Target gift card

Class lists **will not** be posted on school doors as in years past. Class Lists will be released only to the PTA on Sept. 2nd. Families who join the PTA before August 31st will have access to class lists through the PTA's secure directory website. PTA membership is required to access the directory. *More details follow on the back page. Join today!*

PTA President's Note

Welcome to another great year at FHES! Earlier this summer the PTA Board learned that 2015-16 PTA President Elizabeth Graham and her family were transferred to Florida. On behalf of the PTA we would like to thank Elizabeth for offering to serve this year and wish her and her family well.

As acting Vice-President Elect, I am stepping up to fill Elizabeth's role. My husband, Tim Stover, and I have been a part of the FHES community for 4 years. This year we will see our oldest son start sixth grade and our youngest son begin second grade. I look forward to working with everyone this year.

What to expect this year.....

I am so lucky to have a wonderful and committed PTA Board as I step into this position. We are consciously aware of the Fairfax County Public Schools budget situation. As such, this year our

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PTA Board

Dana Stewart, President
 Andrea Reh, VP - Programs
 Erinrose Velthuis, VP-
 Fundraising
 Melissa Molivadas, Secretary
 Cathy Matchette, Treasurer

Watch For!

After School Programs

The PTA is excited to provide top-notch offerings for all grade levels in courses such as Chess, KidArt, Robotics, and Sports & Games. Fall classes will begin in early October and will run for 8-13 weeks. Watch your Tuesday Folders for more information.

Stay up to date on FCPS Budget Cuts

<http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2017/taskforce/>

Community Meetings:

Wed. Sept. 9 7:00 - 9:00pm
 at South Lakes High School

Sat. Sept. 12 10:00 - 12 noon
 at Mount Vernon High School

Friends of Flint Hill

Friends of Flint Hill allows families to directly support students without engaging in endless fundraising programs. **Support FOFH today!**

PTA President's Note cont.

spending plan is focused on maximizing our dollars to support all FHES students and teachers. We need not only your financial support, but your volunteer time as well.

We hope you decide to join the PTA and support the many programs that enrich FHES students' experience.

Have a great couple of weeks before school starts. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Best wishes,
 Dana Stewart
 FHES PTA President

Thank you for your support! - Dana

Get Ready for School by Talking to Your Student About Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS)

As a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) school, everyone at Flint Hill is expected to highlight positive behaviors that coincide with our school wide expectations - the "Falcon Five." These expectations are tied directly to our school motto: "We Pursue Excellence Every Day in a Respectful Environment." Each year we see our children grow as a result of this program. Be on the lookout for more information!

Flint Hill Cares

Do you know of someone in the Flint Hill Community that needs our help or could use some encouragement? Please e-mail flinthillcares@gmail.com to let us know of the need. This program is available to support everyone in our community: students, families, teachers, and staff. We will exercise discretion with any information that is submitted. This committee is currently looking for volunteers.

NEW FAMILIES:

Meet Your New Families Ambassador

If you are a new family to FHES, don't worry about missing an important date or wonder who to call to have your questions answered. Stephanie Schubring can remind you about school events such as Bingo Night or Show What You know or answer questions about yearbook or picture day. Don't worry! Stephanie will be in touch shortly.

Save the Date! FALCON 5K May 7th, 2016

Don't forget to mark your calendar for this family fun fundraiser! Contact 5k Chair: **AshliMatusGeorge@gmail.com** to volunteer today!

Teachers Need You! Join the Copying & Laminating Comm.

Help teachers by copying and laminating tasks so that they can spend more time teaching our children, rather than pushing buttons on office equipment.

Copying days will be Tues - Fri, 1-3 pm.
Laminating days will be Mon & Tues, 1-3 pm.

Volunteers will sign up for slots by SignUp Genius
To volunteer, please contact Eliza Morss at eliza.morss@gmail.com.

Healthy Kids

Healthy Kids promotes the FCPS Wellness Policy by sponsoring events that improve food knowledge and choices and get kids moving! To volunteer or learn more information, contact Stacy Ying at s_mariconda@yahoo.com.

Grace Art

GRACE Art is a monthly art enrichment program that was developed by the Greater Reston Art Center (GRACE) and is supported by the PTA. Each month, our children explore an artist or genre of art through a coordinated art project introduced to their class by teams of parent volunteers. This is a fun and stress-free way to get involved in your child's classroom. To volunteer or for more information, contact Sarah Helmicki at sbhelmicki@aol.com.

Reflections Contest

Reflections is a national PTA based art contest that centers around a theme. This year the theme is "Let Your Imagination Fly". The categories of art that a child may create and submit are: dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts. Parents can log onto www.PTA.org and follow the links to the official Reflections Program guidelines and rules for the contest. Student entry forms will be available in the school office after the start of the school year. The deadline will be sometime in October.

The Falcon Gazette - FHES Student Newspaper

Write for Flint Hill's student newspaper this fall! Use the last weeks of your summer vacation to write about things you've seen and done. Or, share your favorite picture or drawing with your schoolmates! Three editions of The Falcon Gazette will be published during the 2015-16 school year in October, February, and June. Submissions for the October 2015 edition of the paper are due [October 2](#). Guidelines for materials submitted are on the FHES PTA website along with an archive of previous editions. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Bohn or Kristen Long at falcongazette@aim.org.

Celebrating 60 Years of Flint Hill Elementary School

Watch the FHES website for details regarding a special event the first day of school celebrating 60 years of serving students. Please mark your calendar to celebrate September 8th!

Start the Year Right Check List

- ◆ Join the PTA Today
 - ◆ Confirm directory info & check Class Lists
 - ◆ Register Giant, Safeway & Harris Teeter Cards
 - ◆ Donate to Friends of Flint Hill
- ◆ New Families - Watch for an email from Stephanie Schubring
- ◆ Mark you Calendar for the PTA Open House a
- ◆ Talk to Your FHES student about our great programs
- ◆ Sign up to Volunteer
- ◆ Talk to your student about the Falcon Five!
- ◆ Circle the date - Tues, Sept. 8th for the start of a great school year
- ◆ Get ready to celebrate 60 Years of FHES

FHES School Hours

New start time!

First Bell: 8:45am
Late Bell: 8:50am

Dismissal Bell: 3:35pm

Students will not be allowed into the building before 8:35am.

PTA Membership Has Its Rewards & Benefits Stay in the Know!

FHES PTA members gain access to the school online directory, early access to class lists and weekly e-updates about all of the activities, programs, and events at FHES, all so you can get involved and stay informed. **To join the FHES PTA, please visit fhespta.org and click on JOIN.** (Note that you will go through Pay4SchoolStuff to pay for membership; if you haven't yet created an account, you will need to do so.) You must join the PTA each school year. A PTA membership is \$20.

JOIN THE PTA TODAY GET ACCESS TO CLASS LISTS & WIN A \$25 TARGET GIFT

If you join the PTA by 11 pm on August 31, you will have access to class lists online by 4 pm on Wednesday, September 2

Visit fhespta.org and click on JOIN.

How do I get into the FHES Family Directory?

New families: Please visit fhespta.org and click on New Families to add the information for your student(s) and family to the school directory.

Returning families: You received an email asking you to confirm your current information using a special personalized link. If you have changes, you must use this link. If you did not receive an email or have questions, contact Sarah Lundquist at directory@fhespta.org or 703-346-0000.



Put Your Dollars to Work for FHES

If you shop at amazon.com, please go through our PTA website link to make sure we are benefiting from each purchase. Click on this link and shop as you would normally. FHES automatically gets 4-10% of purchases which can mean big \$\$ for FHES!

Target Shoppers - If you have a Target-issued Red Card, or Target credit card, please link the card to FHES so we can earn money back on your regular purchases: www.target.com/tcoe and then go to "Help Your School" to link your card.

Box Tops is an easy way for you to help FHES PTA raise money for our school. Last year, FHES raised more than \$1,500 from the Box Tops for Education program. This year, our earnings goal is \$2,000. Look for more information soon!