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February 2023

Greetings FBS Family, Faculty and Friends!

It is hard to believe it is already February. The second progress monitoring period has finished. Progress monitoring period three will be at the end of the school year. It is important that all students attend during the progress monitoring dates.

Parents, if you have not created your account for the parent portal in FOCUS please do so now, it is an essential tool to keep track of how your child is succeeding in school. It will let you track your child's grades and the assignments they have completed and view their attendance.

Here are some important Dress Code Reminders:

- **NO** form fitting clothing is permitted unless they are properly covered by an outer garment.
- Hoodies may be worn to school, but the hood may not be worn in the building.
- No rips in jeans above the knee
- No pajama pants at school
- No blankets

If you have questions or additional concerns about Fort Braden's dress code, you may refer to your child's agenda book or contact a member of administration.

We are looking forward to celebrating Black History Month by highlighting an African American on the morning news every day in February.

School choice closes online on March 1, 2023. If you are currently enrolled in Fort Braden for 2022-2023 school year, then you will automatically be enrolled at Fort Braden through school choice for the 2023-2024 school year.

FTE will be February 6-10. It is important that all students are present and accounted for.

Sincerely, Todd Lanter Principal

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Teacher of the month

Ms. Hatcher

Graduate of FSU 1986.

Master's level coursework at FIU in TESOL

36th year in the classroom

Taught in 4 states, 8 different districts, 11 schools, and 8 different grade levels from K - 12.

The only year in my career that I didn't teach, I sold art in Key West. I once sold a \$26,000 coffee table but, I went back to teaching...

Love working out, doing yoga, reading and the beach.

Really miss ice-skating and snow days.

My mission in life is to create life-long readers and inspire students to work up to, and then beyond, their full potential, not just in the classroom, but in life.



Non Instructional Employee of the month

Ms. Clemons

I was born in Fort Myers, Florida and lived there until my 8th grade year when we moved to Tallahassee. In 1994 I attended the new Ft. Braden middle school.

I am married with 5 kids, and I have 1 grandson.

I am now a current employee of the Ft. Braden of 10 years.

My hobbies are fishing and cooking.

My goal is to finish upgrading my food truck to start serving my secret recipes.

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On February 25th, the Fort Braden PTO will host the Daddy Daughter Dance from 6-8pm in the school cafeteria. A bar-b-que dinner will be provided. The tickets will be \$12 per dad; \$10 per daughter. Tickets are on sale February 1st-17th. The event is open to father and father figures (older brothers, uncles, grandpas, and other male role models) and their daughters. All chaperones must be 18 years old or older.



Kindergarten Logan Lamm
1st grade Jayden Powell
2nd Israel Xutuc
3rd Mario Hernandez
4th Melody Pike
5th Berenice Arriaza
6th Yaretzi Martinez Hernandez
7th Kaylee Bodiford
8th Angie Lopez Cruz



Please congratulate the newly elected Student Government Officers

President Gissell Mayorga
Vice President Genesis Ramirez
Historian Aidan Williams
Secretary Galaxy Pszczola

Student Government will be selling Flowergrams in the cafeteria during breakfast February 6th- 10th. Students pay \$2 for a flower and a message to be delivered to their friends at the end of the school day of February 14th.

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MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Flowergrams for sale \$2 February 6-10

Shirt and Tie Day February 14

SAC Meeting February 16 5:30-6:00



PTO Meeting February 16 6:00- 6:30

School Resource Officer Appreciation Day
February 15

February 20 No School



SUPPORT OUR PIONEERS!

February 2 FBS Girls Soccer vs
Deerlake @ Cox Stadium 7:30pm

February 7 FBS Girls Soccer vs
Woodville @ Cox Stadium 6:00pm

February 13 FBS Girls Soccer vs Griffin
@ Cox Stadium 7:30pm

February 15 FBS Girls Soccer vs
Woodville @ Cox Stadium 6:00pm

February 22 FBS Girls Soccer vs Cobb
@ Cox Stadium 7:30pm



February 1 FBS Boys Basketball vs
Cobb @ Cobb 6:00 pm

February 6 FBS Boys Basketball vs
Fairview @ Fort Braden 6:00pm

February 8 FBS Boys Basketball vs
Swift Creek @ Fort Braden 6:00 pm

February 13 FBS Boys Basketball vs
Raa @ Raa 6:00pm

February 15 FBS Boys Basketball vs
Montford @ Montford 6:00pm

February 22 FBS Boys Basketball vs
Deerlake @ Fort Braden 6:00pm

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***Kindergarten News**

Hello kindergarten families!

We are moving right along in kindergarten to get ready for first grade.

ELA- Students are working on Unit 3 with new letters and sight words each week. Please continue to work on these letters and sight words.

Letters: Jj, Xx, short u, Vv, Zz, Qq, short A and long A, Short i and long i.

Sight words: was, said, where, any, come, play, her, how, down, away, give, little, were, some, funny, going, know, live

Math- In Math students are on Chapter 5 learning about addition and what the plus symbol means. We have begun reading math sentences to make a greater number. In Chapter 6, students will learn about subtraction and what the minus symbol represents.

Science & Social Studies- Students will learn about the different kinds of plants and their life cycle. Students will learn about Ground Hog Day (Feb 2), the important people throughout Black History Month (February).

First Grade News

First graders are working hard and making lots of growth in their confidence and willingness to read on grade level stories and writings. In reading we are also continuing to work on our grade level sight words and learning to create correctly formed sentences. Our students took STAR Reading for the first time as we prepare for FAST number three which is quickly approaching. In math our students are learning how to use models and hundreds of charts to add and subtract two-digit numbers. In Science we are finishing up about Matter and beginning a chapter about motion and objects in motion. We are learning all about maps and the parts of maps in Social Studies and will soon be working to design a map of our own that we could share with a friend. Lots of big things happening down in first grade to kick off 2023!

***Second Grade News**

Second Grade Families,

Second grade has already been hard at work towards meeting our goals for the third 9 weeks of school.

In Language Arts, we are working on reading independently, answering comprehension questions (who/what/when/where/why/how), and being "Text Detectives" by looking back in the text to find key details that support the central idea! When reading at home, don't forget to ask your child questions about what they read!

The **AR Goal** this 9 weeks is **10 points!** Be sure to read with your student at home every day!

In Math, we are learning about different strategies for 3-digit addition and subtraction, before moving on to strategies on telling time and counting money. Please be sure to practice math facts for addition and subtraction to increase math fact fluency!

In Science, we are learning about changing states of matter and energy. Be ready to talk to your student about solids, liquids, and gases and/or how heat, light, and sound create energy!

In Social Studies, we will be learning about important, historical figures and inventors during Black History Month. Don't forget to read with your child each night – it makes a HUGE difference in your child's academic success!

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Third Grade News

I can't believe that we have already made it to the halfway mark in Third Grade! Students are so enthused about what the rest of the school year will bring! Currently, in Reading/ELA the students are learning about "Heroes" and "Historical Fictions" in Unit 3 of Savvas. In Math, students really enjoyed and did great on multiplication and have been practicing strategies and methods for division! In Science, we are learning about the "Forms of Energy" and how light moves and reflects. In Social Studies, we are learning about the contributions to the American Culture by African Americans. Other exciting news: Third Grade is having their very first in-house field trip, Friday, February 3, 2023. Animal Tales (The Animal Science Program) will be visiting Fort Braden School to introduce and explore the topic of animal classifications. Students will meet and learn about a member of each of the following animal types: bird, reptile, amphibian, mammal, invertebrate and maybe even a fish!

Fourth Grade News

Reading: SAVVAS U2W4-Poetry, Greek Roots, Analogies, Figurative Language

Math: Division and Decimals

Science: Properties of Matter

Social Studies: Important Floridians and The Civil War

Writing :Informative/Expository

Upcoming Events:

Blended Lives Field Trip – please see information regarding referrals and field trip participating on the pink parent letter.

2/9/23 Progress Reports

Reminders:

Please check your student's Pioneer Folder daily

Homework for math must be completed each night and turned in the next day (except Fridays).

Reading homework is given every Monday and due on Friday

Please make sure your child has a pair of headphones that can be used at school

Fifth Grade News

In Reading, we are working on Realistic Fiction and Historical Fiction. Elements of Fiction include setting, plot, and characters.

In Social Studies, we are about to be learning about the American Revolution.

In Science, we are working on Stars and Galaxies and comparing the inner and outer planets.

In Math, we are working on decimal multiplication and learning how to estimate decimal products.

Volunteers and mentors will be allowed on campus again this year. Remember before you can become a volunteer at Fort Braden (which includes going on field trips) you MUST go online, fill out an application and wait to be cleared.

<http://volunteers.leonschools.net>.

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Middle School Math

6th grade math – Writing Algebraic Expressions

7th Grade math – Area of Parallelograms/Trapezoids/Rhombus

Middle School Social Studies

8th Grade US History started the 2nd semester with our 2nd president! They have been focusing on the tensions between two of our most important Founding Fathers, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, and their thoughts on how our government should be run. 8th Grade has also been studying the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and '60s in honor of Martin Luther King Jr's birthday, focusing on the amendments created directly after the Civil War.

7th Grade Civics students have been analyzing the functions and roles of the legislative branch of the federal government, including how a bill becomes a law, and will begin their study of the federal executive branch next.

6th Grade World History students have been learning all about Imperial China- the various dynasties of the period, social and political developments, philosophies, and the geography of the area.

Middle School Science

Hello all! Mr. Martin and Mrs. Williams here from the Science department in middle school!

6th grade science: Feb will be working on weather versus climate and learning about dangerous weather! With that also comes tips for staying safe/preparedness.

7th grade science: Feb Human Impacts on the environment and moving into genes and heredity with some fun and interesting activities. Students may learn how they and their siblings have different colored hair from each other/their parents!

Middle School ELA

Ms. Hatcher's ELA 7 classes are reading the novel Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry. This novel is rich in vocabulary and figurative language which makes it not only enjoyable but great preparation for our FAST 3 test coming the end of April. Students should also be reading 20 minutes nightly in their AR books to work toward making their AR goal and to fulfill homework requirements.

Eighth graders are investigating why we take chances through the lens of writers such as Frederick Douglass, Anya Groner, and Jack London. After completing our readings for the unit, students will engage

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in an expository extended writing project where they will identify and analyze the risks the authors, speakers and/or characters took in their lifetimes.

Reading Intervention: We have started our Language Live program and students are working hard to improve their reading skills. Please have your student read or be read to for 20 minutes per night.

Band

Joseph Watson, one of our 7th grade Advanced Band musicians is preparing a piece for trumpet and piano. He will play his piece with an accompanist for Solo and Ensemble on either February 17th or 18th at Swift Creek Middle School. Best of luck to Joseph!

The Advanced Band is working hard to prepare three pieces for Concert MPA (Music Performance Assessment), which will be happening at Leon High School on March 4th at 1:30. Parents are welcome to attend this event.



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