Dear Parents and Guardians,

Let me be the first to congratulate the students, teachers, and parents on a smooth completion of the FSA writing. The teachers and staff work hard to make the process very smooth for the students. We are moving on to the last 9 weeks of school and in a few weeks we will be taking the FSA. We will have our grade level trips coming in May. Before the end of the year, we still have a lot of curriculum to cover, please support your students in making good choices and being prepared to learn every day. The end of the year will be here faster than we think. The flying up 8th grade ceremony will be on May 27th, the last day of school. We will have exams from May 24th to May 26th, remember the last 3 days will end at 1:20, half days.

The spring sports have started with girls and boys track and girls softball. Our track team has already placed 2nd at the Jesse Forbes middle school track meet competing against 19 + schools. The math team continues excel with competitions around the state and Fairview won the big bend MathCounts competition. We salute our students who participated in the foreign language expo. The band performed at FSU and received a superior rating for the symphonic band. The history fair had multiple awards given out and a few projects going to state.

In order for your child to participate in all the fun end of year activities, please make sure you have submitted the address verification form. Your child’s homeroom teacher can give you more details if needed.

Just a reminder, those entering 7th grade next year will need their vaccinations done before the first day of school—don’t wait to get those appointments scheduled!

Once again Fairview is at the top in everything we do.

As always thank you for your support and continue to spread the word about our great school Fairview, the Jewel of the South Side!

Special thanks to our partners

Fairview would like to send a big shout-out to our partners in Excellence! Did you know that FMS partners with several local businesses? Our local businesses recognize the importance of investing in our students and the community and in return, FMS and Leon County Schools do our best to recognize the difference that they make!

This year’s Partners are:
- The Clothesline
- Glenda Fulmer Conley State Farm Insurance
- Mainline Information Systems
- Premier Construction
- Subway at Southwood
- Uncle Maddio’s Pizza

** Do you have a business that would like to be a partner with Fairview? Please contact Mrs. Sheree Brown at browns5@leonschools.net for more information!

Points of Interest
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Thank you!
This quarter our 8th grade classes are preparing for the FCAT Assessment. This year FCAT Science will be Monday, April 11th. After testing will be the end of the year with Chemical Bonding, a complicated but interesting final topic.

The 7th grade class will begin our physical science unit. We will study topics of energy, light, waves, force, and motion. These topics are fun to learn, since we will be doing a variety of activities and labs to help comprehension.

Students should continue to stay focused in class, keep up with their assignments, and adequately prepare for tests. Always remember to check Parent Portal to see how they are doing. Don’t get “senioritis” and let’s end the year strong!

8th Grade SSSRIDE
Mr. Charles Fletcher

Mr. Fletcher’s SSSRIDE class just capped off our unit on the circulatory system with our heart dissections. We are now studying the respiratory system. The students are looking forward to our next unit on the digestive system where we will begin dissecting fetal pigs. It’s a great time to be a SSSRIDE student!

8th Grade Biology
7th Grade Comprehensive Science
Ms. Danielle Taylor

During the 4th 9 weeks, Ms. Taylor’s Biology classes will be covering ecology and preparing to take the Biology EOC exam. Ms. Taylor will be holding Biology EOC prep sessions after school on Wednesdays: March 30 (4-5) April 6 (4-5) April 13 (4-5) April 20 (4-5) April 27 (4-5). All students are encouraged to attend. Ms. Taylor’s 7th grade advanced class will be reviewing Plate Tectonics, Earthquakes, and Volcanoes. We will also be dissecting frogs to learn about the internal anatomy of vertebrates. An alternative assignment will be available for students who choose not to participate in the dissection.

7th Grade Physical Science
7th Grade Comprehensive Science

Hello and welcome to the end of the school year. It is amazing that we are in the last nine weeks. It has been a wonderful experience teaching 7th graders this year.

For the remainder of this year we will be studying Speed and Vectors, Newton’s Laws of motion, work, and simple machine. We will also be preparing for the 7th grade End of the year field trip by working through a packet of problems in class about the forces involved in roller coasters at Busch Gardens. A student does not have to be on the trip to do the packet, but they will understand the thrills of the roller coasters better when they do go. And, hopefully, better understand Newton’s laws and forces in the process.

Exam study guides will go out May 6th. The exam will include all the topics studied in the second semester. Those topics include heat, temperature, waves, light, sound, magnetism, electricity, motion, forces, Newton’s Laws, work, and energy.

6th Grade Earth/Space Science
Mr. Michael Moran

- Wow! the 4th 9 weeks is here already! In Earth & Space Science class we just concluded our unit on Rocks. We are moving on to learn about the layers of the solid Earth, and how plate tectonics work to form the physical world around us. After plate tectonics we will take a look at geological time periods, meaning how the Earth has changed over time. We will conclude the school year with a unit on the Human impact on the Earth—how humans are changing the Earth’s landscape, and what we can do to prolong the healthy survival of our home. As students prepare for final exams, please remember to use all assessments we have taken in the 3rd and 4th 9 weeks to help you study. As we prepare for FSA testing in math and language arts, we will reinforce test taking skills in science class by continuing to read advanced texts, and support conclusions with text based evidence. This is a skill that can be applied to any academic area! We continue to rely heavily on technology using online modules and activities to help students grasp the understanding of the physical world around us. The students are becoming fluent in using Office365 to create, edit, and share documents, which will be key to their success in the 7th grade. It has been a very successful year thus far, and let’s keep working to finish even stronger than we started!

6th Grade Comprehensive Science
Mrs. Dawn Smith

Parents,

The students continue to do an awesome job as they transition into becoming rising 7th graders! As we look forward to the remainder of the year, this quarter the curriculum will concentrate on Earth Structures with a large emphasis on Weathering and Soil, as well as Erosion and Deposition.

Reminders
* Please remember to ask your child for their Science GPO (Grade Print Out) every Tuesday. These are printed on bright yellow paper and sent home with your child. The GPO must be signed by a parent and returned for credit to be received. * Edmodo Code for Science: y38c4c
* All students need to have a hand held pencil sharpener that catches the shavings. * Students need to bring colored pencils to class daily.

8th Grade Comp Sci for Mr. Fletcher

Mr. Fletcher’s 7th grade science class is learning about mitosis and meiosis. We will be talking about cells and cell division for another week. We will then begin our unit on ecosystems and how energy moves through them. We are looking forward to learning about the classification of living things towards the end of the grading period.

8th/6th Grade Comprehensive Science
Ms. Brianca Sanders

Ms. Sanders 8th grade classes are certainly working on Science FCAT Practice/Review items to get ready for the Science FCAT which is on Monday, April 11. Following the Science FCAT and FSA we will work on Chapter 12 Matter and energy in the Environment.

Ms. Sanders 6th grade classes will be working on Chapters 4, 5, 6, & 7 for the last nine weeks of the school year. We will discuss Earth’s Atmosphere, Weather, Climate, and Energy, Motion, and Forces. As always, it is a pleasure working with you and your student. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me sandersb2@leonschools.net 850-488-6880.
Math Corner

Ms. Burns: We are in the final countdown to the end of the school year and it is hard to imagine 6th grade is almost over! We are wrapping up the last of the 6th grade topics, Surface Area and Volume and Measures of Central Tendency and Data Analysis before the FSA in the middle of April. After that important assessment, we move on to the Algebra Placement Test. Most of the Pre-Algebra Curriculum was been covered throughout the year but there is still a bit of “house-keeping” coming after the FSA to tie up loose ends before administration of the Algebra Placement Test. Jefferson Labs is still on the assignment list as a great resource to prepare for the upcoming assessments including the Algebra Placement Test. Please continue to monitor Edmodo for weekly lesson plans and homelearning assignments. Remember to check the gradebook on a regular basis to monitor achievement and success as we finish out the school year.

Ms. Johnson: Parents, the fourth nine weeks has arrived! Just a few reminders: Your child will have homework this nine weeks, however it will not be every night Monday through Thursday. I do have the assignments on my Edmodo website if needed along with the topics we are working on each day in class. FSA is coming soon so please practice multi-step or critical thinking questions with your child. They can be found on the www.fsassessments.org website.

Please keep up with missing assignments encourage your child to make up his/her work upon return from being absent. I will be giving out progress reports in class. Please sign and return them for extra credit.

7th grade content: We will be covering Statistics and reviewing the Modules to prepare for the FSA.

If your child is having trouble with what we are doing in class please visit the website www.khanacademy.org where you can type in the topic and it gives video tutorials.

Concerns? Questions? Please contact me at johnsonm4@leonschools.net or 850-488-6880.

Ms. King: Algebra/Geometry/Math Competitions: We are currently studying Data Analysis in Algebra. During the final nine weeks in Algebra students will be studying Data Analysis and Probability, and Rational and Radical Expressions and Functions. We will also be preparing for the Algebra EOC, which is currently scheduled for May 4th – May 5th. Some students have been invited to Algebra EOC help sessions that will be held on Mondays from 4:00 – 5:30 pm in Ms. King’s room beginning March 28th. If your child needs additional help please have them see me for an appointment for morning tutoring. They can also watch videos on specific Algebra topics on Khan Academy and Algebra Nation. These are excellent resources, because the students can stop and start the videos and watch them over and over if necessary. For Geometry we are currently studying Surface Area and Volume. During the final nine weeks students will learn about Geometric Transformations. We will also be preparing for the Geometry EOC, which is currently scheduled for May 2nd – May 3rd. Some students have received an invitation to Geometry EOC help sessions that will be held on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:30 pm in Ms. King’s room beginning March 30th. If your child needs extra help they can see me for an appointment for morning tutoring and also watch Geometry videos on Khan Academy. Students should bring their math notebook, and supplies to class daily.

Algebra and Geometry students will take an End of Course Exam this year. We are being told at this point in time that Algebra students must pass the test to get credit for Algebra and it will be 30% of their final grade. Geometry students will have the End Of Course Exam and it will count as 30% of their final grade.

Algebra and Geometry are high school level courses and I expect high school quality work. I am more than willing to help struggling students before school. Please check my Edmodo page for information on upcoming Quizzes, Tests, or Projects. Please check Parent Portal often to see how your child is progressing. I look forward to a successful mathematics testing season for your child and a fun summer after that. If you have any questions feel free to e-mail me at kingt@leonschools.net

See Math Club section for our competition schedule and list of winners!

Mr. Lightfoot: As we are beginning the final quarter it is important that students maintain their focus and determination. This quarter moves fast due to testing and field trips. Students need to make sure they are completing their homework nightly as well as checking Edmodo daily for updates. Parents can support by making sure students are showing work for each problem and checking Parent Portal for the most current grades and assignments due. It has been a pleasure working with your child this year; thank you for sharing your student with us!

Mr. Weathersbee: The end of the school year is coming sooner than you think. We will be moving very quickly to finish up the last 2 modules before FSA testing begins on April 11th. Please check Parent Portal and Edmodo weekly for assignments and upcoming assessments. We are currently holding after school FSA help sessions every Wednesday from 4:5-5:15 until FSA testing begins. Tuesday and Wednesday morning tutoring will continue until May and is from 8:30-9. Does your student have all the necessary quality points for 6th grade mathematics? If not, a letter was sent home on Wednesday March 23rd outlining how many points they need to pass for the year. There will be a lot of academic and social activities going on in the near future. Stay focused!

Mr. Wright: Mighty Falcons, we are flying into the last nine weeks. In General Math we are in the middle of the Unit on Generator Equivalents Numerical Expressions. Advanced we are starting the Unit on Equations and Inequalities. Students are going to need to get their homework in this nine weeks, I had many students fail because of not turning in homework. Materials are a big thing for my class, it is a class disruption when so many students don’t have the materials they need (Pencils, paper, binder, and agenda). Please check your child’s planner daily, this will tell you what the homework is for the night. Fly High!

Mrs. Zimmerman: Time flies when you’re having fun!! The year is almost over, but we have lots of important work left to do! The FSA and EOC is right around the corner. Algebra 1 Honors students are completing the last module for the year and they are in full force review for the End of Course exam. The last module is on quadratic functions and is heavily tested on the EOC.

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SOCIAL STUDIES SNIPPETS

Fairview’s social studies program has been very productive this school year. We have really infused technology into the curriculum that will give your student a leg up on skills needed at the high school and university level. 7th Grade Civics is the only class that has an EOC, but please review all reading strategies, because social studies goes hand in hand with language arts. The Civics EOC should be in early May and all other classes will have their own final exam. Congratulations on all the students who were recognized for GeoBee and History Fair. Great job and Fairview is proud!

Ms. K. Study – 6th Grade World History (IB Prep)

Spring break has come and gone! We are in the final 9 weeks of this school year – hard to believe it’s already here. This quarter we will continue our exploration of ancient history, including Ancient India & China, the Roman Empire… and it’s time for another Ancient Cultural Exchange! In early May, students will design performances and demonstrations to teach elements of Ancient culture to the class. The guidelines will help students plan “Entertaining, Exciting, and Educational” lessons to present to their fellow classmates. Once again, I’m looking forward to being enthralled by our students’ knowledge and creativity. There are numerous activities and fieldtrips occurring this spring, please check grades on Parent Portal and my Edmodo site to assist in your survival!

History Fair News- We had many 6th graders make it to the District History Fair with their impressive exhibits! Congratulations to the following students: Raya Hughes, Liam Chapin, Dylan Epstein-Gross, Nicholas Voss, Vedant Patel, Roshan Mettupalli, Rohan Chadha, John Woo & Justin Xie. And a special congrats to Srihari Sakurati, Jeffrey George, & Ishrit Gupta for receiving an Honorable Mention award for their group exhibit!

Mr. Kumar and Mr. Barnes – 6th Grade World History and 7th Grade Applied Civics

Our classes will start to finish up the chapter on Greece Civilization and move into Founding of Rome. Taking a look at how the Roman Republic was first established. Please remember to have your children bring their earphone to class every day, so they do not miss out on the videos that go along with the lessons on Florida Virtual School.

Mr. Kumar and Barnes No information submitted

Mrs. Bauer – 7th Grade Applied Civics (IB Prep and Advanced General)

It’s hard to believe that the school year is almost over! The students will begin their last unit of student on World Affairs. After that, we will have time to review before our Civics End of Course Assessment (EOCA). The EOCA will take place May 10, 11 & 12 (students will only test one of the three days) If you would like your student to get a jump start on studying, you can always visit the following website: http://www.ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/civics. Remember, the Civics EOCA will count as 30% of your student’s overall grade for this course. Please revisit the grading policy for this course if you have any questions.

This class continues to have a Student Service Learning (SSL) component where students are asked to complete hours of community service. The 4th nine-weeks project requires students to write 150 words about their experience with community service for the entire and provide three pictures of themselves completing their final hours of work. There is an alternative project that does not require completing service hours available upon request. This project will be due on May 2nd for IB Prep students and May 13 for my Advanced students. Don’t forget to check Edmodo for details about the SSL projects, as well as ongoing information on our units of study.

Any questions or concerns? Please do not hesitate to contact me!

Mr. Weathersbee – 7th Grade Applied Civics: The end of the school year is coming sooner than you think. We will be finishing up the last section, Going Global, before FSA testing begins on April 11th. It is imperative that all of the assignments are completed and turned in before this date. There will be a lot going on once testing begins and I’d like to keep their workload as light as possible during that time period.

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Bonjour Falcons,

This is the busy season for the French students as we gearing up for many fun and exciting events. Our annual Mardi Gras parade, accompanied by live music from the FMS Jazz band, is on February 9. Also, fourteen French students will represent Fairview at the Modern Language Expo on February 20 at Maclay School. Last year, Fairview’s French team won the 2nd place trophy. This year we can do even better!

The second week of March, all French students, after preparation, will have the opportunity to take the National French Exam that is given nationwide and for which prizes are awarded on both the state and the national levels.

How to keep up with your Language over the summer months!

Start a Group Blog
Put a spin on the “What I Did This Summer” essay by inviting students to contribute to a group blog where they can share their summer experiences in their new language. Remember: This is not a time to be picky about grammar, but to celebrate the language learning that is happening outside of school walls!

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Many websites offer the opportunity to connect with similar-aged students around the world and communicate via e-mail. Global Penfriends, InterPals, and Letternet are all good choices.

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Send home a list of recommended online games that will help students with their language practice. A few that we like: Qué Onda Spanish, & Trés Bien French

Magnet News

This year has FLOWNby! As we are finishing up this school year, there are a few more reminders that need to be addressed.

Parent Partnership
The next Parent Partner meeting will be on Thursday, April 7th, at 6pm in the FMS Media Center. We will explore the World Language departments and all it has to offer for our students in terms of curriculum and high school credit opportunities. We also will have the testing information. Please plan to attend!

Thanks for all your support as we continue to make 2015 the best year at the FMS IB Prep Magnet yet!

Course Requests forms have been collected and are no longer being accepted. Students who have not submitted a course request form have forfeited their elective choice for next year.

Communication
If you have not joined our listserv, directions to join can be found on the FMS homepage.

FMS is on Twitter! For those who are wondering about more activities going on at the View, follow us on twitter @FairviewMiddle.

After School Program
The After School Program is still going strong! Mr. Cameron has taken over as Lead Teacher this year.

Please feel free to contact him with questions: camer-onl@leonschools.net

Summer Homework
The Summer Reading and Math work is now available on our webpage! This should give students plenty of time to complete their summer assignments and still have time for fun!

Summer Camp
IB Prep Summer Camp is beginning registration. Summer Camp will run June 6th—23rd and is open to rising IB 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Contact Mrs. Mayer for more details.

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http://www.weareteachers.com/blogs/post /2015/03/23/10-ways-to-keep-language-learning-going-over-the-summer
Ms. Kirkendoll: Spring has sprung, and Poetry is in the air. This nine weeks we will continue to focus on the reading, writing, and integration of good literature. Our poetry unit has begun with short poems, and we will work our way to some more advanced poems. Everything we do has to be the student’s original work. There is a poetry project that will take the place of the normal book reports. In addition, this is the first year, I find that it has not been easy to complete our novel study in Literature Circles, so that will continue in the 4th nine weeks. There will be a Poetry Jam on May 5th at 6:00p.m., and we look forward to our students and parents coming out. We are on the verge of selling t-shirts, and the theme is “Poetry Wars in a Galaxy Far, Far Away.” Also, the annual Wild Adventures trip will be May 19th, and we will accept additional students until April 1st. This has been a great year, and I am looking forward to finishing out the year positively.

Ms. Brown: In Mrs. S. Brown’s Language Arts classes we have decided to get a jump start on the summer reading assignment and are working on the novel, My Brother Sam is Dead. The story is about Tim and his older brother Sam during the time of the American Revolution. Students have started online notebooks to full fill half of the summer reading assignment and hopefully will only have the project to do on their own. FSA is right around the corner and they cannot practice too much; ask them about the FSA practice test and encourage them to practice at home! Please continue to check grades through the Parent Portal and look for extra credit progress reports on Fridays.

In reading, students are still working on Achieve 3000 and many of them have reached their initial goal level. Achieve is also something they can do at home. The more lessons they get in as practice, the better their reading scores should be. Encourage them to read aloud to you and ask questions about what they are reading. As parents, you can also log on and see how they are doing. If they know you are checking, they will try even harder!

Mr. Cameron: These last weeks will be spent covering a variety of topics that we have not yet had time to look at this year, as well as reviewing key concepts from earlier. We will read more short stories, continue to sharpen our writing skills, throw in a bit of poetry, and a few other things here and there. As time permits, we will be studying some of Shakespeare’s comedy, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” Shakespeare typically has a significant presence in the high school curriculum, so I want to start familiarizing the students with the writing style, and this particular work is a great place to start. This is a busy time of year, with testing, field trips and other year’s-end activities; it is essential to be flexible and also stay on top of things by frequently checking Edmodo.

Mrs. Hern’s The 2015-2016 school year has flown by in Mrs. Hern’s reading and language arts classes. The reading classes are reading a fourth novel, Survivor, part of the Bluford High series. They are also preparing to write an essay comparing the first three books read this year: The Cay, The Autobiography of Frederick Douglass, and Parvana’s Journey. Three seemingly unrelated books actually have many things in common. The language arts classes are typing the final copy of an informative essay on the Burmese Python and the problems they are causing in the Everglades. By the end of the marking period, they will have completed a novel study. Both reading and language arts classes are also busy preparing for the upcoming FSA tests.

Mrs. Brown: Mrs. Brown’s classes are reviewing each of the literature and informational text standards for language arts. Ms. Brown will discuss each students’ strengths and areas of improvement based on last year’s FSA data and Edmodo Snapshots. Each student will then complete individual tutorials and assignments to gain the skills and knowledge they need to transition to high school. Finally, students will prepare for summer reading by previewing books from high school reading lists.

Ms. Ruth: Wow! It’s hard to believe that we now have less than 9 weeks left in the school year. We are working on testing strategies, vocabulary and grammar. We have been reading tales from Greek mythology and will continue to read stories from different types of genres. I have posted the Summer Reading list on Edmodo and will continue to post it from time to time in the hopes that students start a little early.

Ms. Almerico: We have begun our mystery unit in 7th grade IB-Prep Language Arts. Students began by researching real-world mysteries that are still unsolved across the world. We will complete the school year by reading Ellen Raskin’s thrilling mystery novel, The Westing Game. The reading of this novel will be accompanied by text dependent questions and a culminating project allowing students to use their creativity and writing skills.

Summer Reading Assignments

Summer Reading Assignments are now available on our webpage! These assignments will count as your first assessment grade next year and are due on the second day of school! Because we have posted them so early, we are expecting every student to have plenty of time to secure the books. Mrs. S. Brown (browns5@leonschools.net) has sent an order form home that would allow students to order books at a discounted price. If you have not received the form, please contact Mrs. S. Brown or your child’s Language Arts Teacher for another copy!

If you need a hard copy of the Summer Reading Brochure, please contact your child’s Language Arts teacher and he/she will have your child print a copy of the brochure at school.

Students should be reading at least 20 minutes each day over the summer break to help keep their fluency at their current level.

Rising 6th graders—look for a new reading incentive program to start in August! You can earn a pizza lunch and be entered in drawings for gift cards...just for reading!
GUIDANCE GIVES YOU A CLEARER ‘VIEW

Summer is a great time to provide students with enrichment opportunities. There are camps and summer programs for a wide range of activities from academic enrichment to performing arts. If you are looking for a summer camp for your student, the Tallahassee Democrat has created a 2016 Summer Camp searchable database for parents. The database is available at tallahassee.com/camps.

FMS WELLNESS

Fairview physical education and after-school students will participate in Stomping Out Diabetes on Saturday, April 16 at the Tallahassee Museum. The event was designed to raise awareness about the risks associated with childhood obesity and diabetes. Fairview students will have the opportunity to participate in the fun run, bike demonstrations, and a wellness screening. The event is free, open to the public, and begins at 9:00 AM.

Have you considered a summer camp that will allow your student to be physically active? In addition to the YMCA, many of the colleges and universities in the area offer specialized sport clinics for beginners and those already familiar with sport. The Tallahassee Museum also offers a day camp with wildlife encounters and hands-on activities. Additional camp opportunities are available at http://fun4tallykids.com/

Math Trophy Posse Ms. King (sponsor)

Upcoming Competitions:
April 1st – State MATHCOUNTS
May 21st – Bridge Building

Congratulations to the following students who won trophies at the Chiles Regional Mu Alpha Theta Competition Saturday, February 13th: Mental Math: 1st place - APURVA SRIVASTAVA over high school and middle school students. Apurva is the BOSS of Mental Math! Pre-Algebra Individuals: Tied for 1st place: Dylan Epstein-Gross and Farzan Shiju, 4th - Filippo Aldrovandi-Reina, 5th - Anjali Mital, 7th - Srihari Sankuratri, 9th - Prabhas Kurapati, 11th - John Woo, 14th - Mihir Konda and 15th Nicholas Voss. Algebra Individuals: Tied for 1st place with a perfect score: Alex Hu, Tanusi Mandapati, Akash Bhat, Varun Kambham, and 15th place - Rohan Davidi. Geometry Individuals: 1st place with a perfect score - Rayyan Darji, 6th - Sanjita Choudhary, 7th - Tanvi Haldiya, 9th - Anirudh Tammisetty, 10th - Siddharth Anilkumar, 11th - Anagha Mundrathi, 12th - Jason Zhang and 15th - Maxance Ngnepieba.

Saturday, February 20th Fairview attended the Big Bend MATHCOUNTS and dominated! We won 1st place in Ciphering and 1st place Team! Out of the 10 students called for the Countdown Round 7 of them were Fairview students. In individuals: 1st place - Rayyan Darji, 2nd - Jason Zhang, 3rd - Jeremy Parmar, 4th - Rohan Davidi, 7th - Tanusi Mandapati, 9th - Tanvi Haldiya and 10th - Anagha Mundrathi. The following students will move on to the State MATHCOUNTS Competition.

Math Cont. Chair: Ms. Terry King
Ms. Zimmerman Continued:

Algebra Foundations students are also completing the last module of the year and are in full force review for the EOC. The final unit covers statistics and their applications.

Students are utilizing several technological resources for their review, including Edmodo, Leon County Virtual School and Math Nation! I have enjoyed my [nearly] paperless class this year as a part of the One to One Initiative and I believe the students have as well. They have adapted comfortably and I believe they will be more confident taking their high stakes assessments which are all online.

Mr. Battles: I’m excited to be beginning the last quarter of my first year as a teacher at Fairview. As we move towards the end of the school year, my Pre-Algebra class is studying “Angle Relationships in Parallel Lines and Triangles”. Please be reminded that my class has tutorial sessions every Wednesday & Thursday, after school from 4:00 until 5:00 P.M. and all students are welcome. Parents, please help your student practice his or her math skills as much as possible, especially as we gear up for FSA testing. I wish you all the best, and I’m always available to help.

Summer Math Assignments

The Summer Math Assignments are now available on our webpage! These will be your first real math grade for the new year and are due the first Friday after school begins in August! We put these up very early so students have plenty of time to get started on them! Be sure to read your directions and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your current math teacher.

WE ❤ MATH

April 1st: Rayyan Darji, Jason Zhang, Rohan Davidi, Tanusi Mandapati, Jeremy Parmar and our alternate – Filippo Aldrovandi-Reina. GO FALCONS!
**ESE Information**

Welcome to Spring! FSAA Testing is completed!! FSA Testing begins on April 11. In learning strategies classes we are working on learning accommodations and what do they mean. Also, working on strategies to help with academic classes.

Mr. Johnson – 8th Grade U.S. History and 7th Grade Applied Civics

This has been a great year and I can’t believe that it is wrapping up. I encourage you to speak with your child and review some of the items we have learned about this year. Topics include: Jamestown, Plymouth, 13 colonies, the Revolutionary War, Florida, Lewis and Clark, the Louisiana Purchase, Texas, Slavery, The Mexican-American War, and the Trail of Tears. We still have to review the Civil War before the year ends. Your child should also be fluent in a variety of educational software including office 365, Edmodo and LCVS. Students in Civics will have to complete their hours for their SSL projects again this semester, so please try to get that done early. Civics has covered citizenship, civic duty, the legislative branch, the executive branch, judicial branch, the Bill of Rights, foundations of our government and landmark Supreme Court cases. Gradventure for 8th grade is on May 20th, but more info on that later. Thanks again for all you do.

**Mr. Weathersbee continued…**

Please check Parent Portal and Edmodo weekly for assignments and upcoming assessments. After completing that section we will start reviewing for the End of Course (EOC) Exam. This will cover all the material that has been taught this year. The EOC will be given in early May. Does your student have all the necessary quality points for 7th grade Civics? If not, a letter was sent home on Wednesday March 23rd outlining how many points they need to pass for the year. There will be a lot of academic and social activities going on in the near future. Stay focused!

**Mr. Mayer – 8th Grade IB Prep and Advanced U.S. History**

We are almost at the end! Students are currently studying slavery and the abolition movement. After writing a speech they will begin their study of the rising tensions between the North and the South. We will end the year while discussing the exciting battles of the US Civil War.

Parents please remember to continue checking Edmodo to stay on top of our weekly lesson plans, and monitoring your child’s grade online. Thanks!

**Chorus Corner**

We have a busy performance season coming up! Here are a few notable dates:

Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 @ Lincoln HS: Spring Chorus Concert (all classes)

Saturday, April 9, 8:30am-4:30pm @ Raa MS Treble Day (girls sign up)

Saturday, April 16, time TBD @ Raa MS: Solo and Ensemble (7/8 Girls Chorus & select Falcon Singers)

Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 @ Fairview: Pops Concert (all students) **Pops Concert Auditions:** Students are auditioning now with solos and small group songs they’ve prepared themselves, to alternate with class songs. It will be an unforgettable night filled with students showcasing their talents with music they love!

**Guitar Jams**

Fairview Guitar is off to a strummin’ good start! Students are becoming well rounded in various learning styles, notation styles, and strumming:

- Guitar Tablature for more contemporary music styles
- Barre chords for playing up and down the neck
- Power chords for rock styles
- Inversions: smoothing out bass lines and providing more intriguing harmonies
- 1st position scales: learning to adjust notes based on notes needed

We look forward to playing at our Spring Concerts (TBD) and Fairview Pops Concert (Wednesday May 4, 6:30 @ Fairview) to conclude a wonderful year of guitar!
Business Technology Education by Mrs. Crutchfield

Springtime is here Fairview Family,
It’s that time of year! Springing forward into our next adventure. Sixth grade technology students are completing career assignments which include developing a Microsoft Office table outlining the requirements for their chose career path. We know that students may change their minds, however as students complete their course request forms for the next grade level, we hope that they will consider their career aspirations when making elective decisions. Seventh grade students continue to increase their Microsoft Office skills with the completion of team rosters using Microsoft Office Excel. Our seventh graders have selected a sports team name, created a team logo (Windows Paint) and typed a memo and letter (Microsoft Word) introducing their team to the community. In coming weeks students will be developing a spreadsheet budget (Excel). These are valuable skills that support students as they work towards their desired careers and post-secondary educational plans.

Sixth and eighth grade business students are continuing their preparation and successful completion of the IBA and ICT certification exams. We are so excited about the certifications that students are continuing to earn as the year progresses. To date, seventy-seven students have successfully gained these valuable certifications. Congratulations to the students who have successfully passed the ICT Multimedia Essentials exam. Our IBA students will be testing in April.

We NEED Mentors!

Do you have one hour a week to spare? Do you know that one hour a week can make a HUGE difference to our students? Some businesses even allow you to take that hour out of your work day because they recognize the importance of mentoring! This year we had a long list of students asking for mentors and not enough mentors to go around. If you are willing and able to help a Falcon with math, reading, organization, social skills, etc. for one hour a week, please consider becoming a mentor. FMS NEEDS YOU! Please contact Mrs. Sheree Brown at browns5@leonschools.net for more information!
Examinations are a fact of life. But the only time an exam should be a trial is when you aren’t prepared for it, and the best sign that you aren’t prepared is when you have to stay up all night to “cram.” Cramming won’t do very much for you (except make you so tired that when you take the exam you won’t be able to think clearly enough to answer the questions you DO know).

Here are some tips to help you develop test taking skills:

BEFORE THE TEST

1. Start preparing for your exams the first day of class. You can do this by reading your syllabus carefully to find out when your exams will be, how many there will be, and how much they are weighed into your grade.

2. Plan reviews as part of your regularly weekly study schedule; consequently, you review over the whole quarter rather than just at exam time.

3. Reviews are much more than reading and rereading all assignments. You need to read over your lecture notes and ask yourself questions on the material you don’t know well. (If your notes are relatively complete and well organized, you may find that very little rereading of the textbook for detail is needed.) You may want to create a study group for these reviews to reinforce your learning.

4. Review for several short periods rather than one long period. You will find that you retain information better and get less fatigued.

5. Turn the main points of each topic or heading into questions and check to see if the answers come to you quickly and correctly. Try to predict examination questions; then outline your answers.

6. It may seem “old-fashioned”, but flashcards may be a helpful way to review in courses that have many unfamiliar terms. Review the card in random order using only those terms that you have difficulty remembering.

Here is a website to help you develop test taking skills:

http://www.d.umn.edu/kmc/student/loon/acad/strat/test_take.html

DURING THE TEST

1. First, read the directions carefully!! Many points have been lost because students didn’t follow the directions.

2. Remember to preview the test to see how much time you need to allot for each section. If the test is all multiple choice questions, it is good to know that immediately.

3. Work on the “easiest” parts first. If your strength is essay questions, answer those first to get the maximum points. Pace yourself to allow time for the more difficult parts.

4. When answering essay questions, try to make an outline in the margin before you begin writing. Organization, clear thinking, and good writing is important, but so is neatness. Be sure to make your writing legible.

5. Save time at the end of the exam to review your test and make sure you haven’t left out any answers or parts of answers. This is difficult to do under the stress of exams, but it often keeps you from making needless errors.

PICKETT’S

Parents many of you have called with concerns about not receiving materials sent home by the students. Many times students will hide or “lose” important items. You always have access to grades via Parent Portal. You may also see teachers’ classroom plans through EdModo. Of course you may email teachers directly through the Fairview website. The final Progress Report will go home on Wednesday, April 20 and the final Report Card will be mailed home in mid-July.

Parents please remember to check Planners, Parent Portal, and EdModo daily. Students are receiving assignments, projects and homework at least 3 times a week. Also, if you have lost your Parent Portal access please contact Mrs. Pickett at picketta@leonschools.net

Parents please remember students must earn 4 quality points in each academic (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies) subject + one elective course. Remember that one quality point must be earned in the second semester. For more Progression information please refer to the following website http://www.leonschools.net/cms/lib7/FL01903265/Centricity/Domain/69/2015_16%20Middle%20School%20Promotion%20Brochure.pdf

Finally, in accordance with State of Florida and District Policy, schools must notify parents of instructors teaching out-of-field. For the 2014-2015 school year the following teachers are considered working out of field: ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) are currently teaching English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL/ELL) students and are working on completing the required ESOL courses: Ms. Laura Houston, sixth grade language arts, Mr. Lee Cameron; eighth grade language arts, Ms. Cassandra Brown; eighth grade language arts, Ms. Rebecca Morris; Reading/Language Arts, Ms. Katie Crawley, Language Arts, Mrs. Jennifer Spies; Language Arts, Mrs. Benita Brown Lyons; Language Arts/Reading, Mrs. Jacqueline Crutchfield; Technology, Mrs. Brenda Harvey; physical education, Mr. Everett Blakely; physical education, Ms. Devan Moore; band, Mr. Timothy Peck; chorus/guitar; Each of these teachers is working toward endorsement and or certification in the area of ESOL. Also, Mr. Harry Wright, in the area of math 7-12, Mrs. Benita Brown Lyons; Language Arts/Reading, Ms. Morris; Reading, Ms. Katie Crawley; English Language Arts.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at picketta@leonschools.net.

-MRS. PICKETT, ASST.