

# FGMS: GEARING UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## December 2023 Newsletter

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### Greetings Wildcat Families:

As we approach the end of the calendar year, I am thrilled to share the latest updates and highlights from our vibrant middle school community. It's been an exciting 1st semester filled with academic achievements, creative endeavors, and school spirit.

Our students continue to impress us with their dedication to learning. As we conclude the first semester, I want to commend our students for their hard work and perseverance. Teachers have been diligently assessing student progress, and I am proud to say that our middle schoolers are making excellent strides in their academic pursuits.

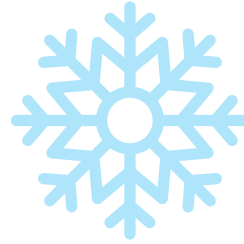
Our talented musicians and performers have been working diligently to prepare for their annual Winter Concerts, which will take place on December 5 (chorus) and December 19 (band) both at Coral Springs HS. These events promise to showcase the incredible musical talents of our students and spread holiday cheer throughout the local community. Please mark your calendars and join us for two evenings of joyous melodies.

As we look ahead, there are several exciting events on the horizon. Be sure to check our school calendar for details on all events, including the Great Glen Expo on January 11 from 5pm - 7pm where students can select their electives for next year. We value your involvement in your child's education and encourage you to join us for all school events.

Lastly, I want to wish each of you a joyful and restful winter break. It's a time to recharge, spend quality moments with loved ones, and reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. We look forward to welcoming our students back on January 8, 2024.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season.

Dr. Norris



### DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

12/1: SGA & JHS AVIATION FIELD TRIP

12/4, 12/5, 12/6, 12/11, 12/12, 12/13, 12/18, 12/19, 12/20: AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING 4-5PM

12/5: PTO MEETING @6PM, ZONE HOLIDAY CHORUS CONCERT @7PM

12/4 - 12/8: SPECIAL OLYMPICS @10AM

12/12: GRADE 8 HIGH SCHOOL MAGNET VISITS

12/13: FAST ELA PM 2, HOME VOLLEYBALL GAME VS. IMAGINE @4:30PM, CORAL SPRINGS

HOLIDAY PARADE @6PM

12/14: FAST MATH PM 2, SGA MEETING, AWAY VOLLEYBALL GAME VS. WESTGLADES @4:30PM

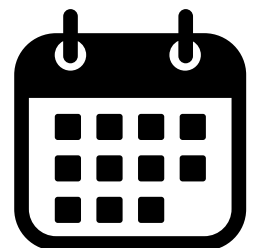
12/15: SGA MOVIE NIGHT

12/18: AWAY VOLLEYBALL GAME VS. CENTRAL CHARTER @4:30PM

12/19: AWAY VOLLEYBALL GAME VS. RAMBLEWOOD MS @4:30PM

12/21: SAC/SAF MEETING IN THE MEDIA CENTER @8:30AM

12/25 - 1/5/24: HOLIDAY BREAK/SCHOOLS CLOSED





# TEAM UPDATES

## ELA

DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, WE WILL BE COMPLETING OUR WORKSHOP 7 ENTITLED "VANISHED". STUDENTS HAVE BEEN IMMERSSED IN THE SEARCH AND DISCOVERY OF VARIOUS LOST WORLDS. STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO EXPLORE THE SEARCH FOR LOST WORLDS THROUGH GEOMYTHOLOGY: HOW THE USE OF ANCIENT MYTHS AND LEGENDS HELP US REDISCOVER REAL PLACES.

WE ARE ALSO GETTING READY FOR OUR READING INVENTORY AND PHONICS INVENTORY ASSESSMENTS AS WELL AS OUR FAST ASSESSMENT DURING THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER. PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO SHARE WITH YOU WHAT THEY ARE LEARNING.

## SCIENCE

IN THE REALM OF SCIENCE, STUDENTS THAT ARE IN BIOLOGY, GEARS 2, AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE ARE IN THE FINAL PUSH BEFORE THEY TAKE THEIR MIDTERM EXAMS THE WEEK BEFORE WINTER BREAK. OUR 6TH GRADERS ARE EXPLORING THE GEOSPHERE LEARNING ABOUT PLATE TECTONICS AND THE DIFFERENT LAYERS OF THE EARTH. THE 7TH GRADERS ARE LEARNING ABOUT HEREDITY AND THE DIFFERENT MEANS OF CELL REPRODUCTION.

## GUIDANCE

DECEMBER 12 IS THE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL VISIT FOR 8TH GRADERS, DURING 1ST PERIOD.

FAST PM 2 TESTING  
ELA- WED. DEC 13  
MATH-THUR. DEC 14

## MATH

FOR MATH, I WOULD INCLUDE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING TESTING. GEM 6, ALGEBRA 1, AND GEOMETRY MIDTERM EXAMS/COMMON ASSESSMENT #2 WILL BE ADMINISTERED DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18TH. ALL ON-LEVEL AND ACCELERATED MATH STUDENTS WILL BE TAKING F.A.S.T. PM #2 DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11TH.

## DEBATE

THE FGMS DEBATE CLASS IS PREPARING TO COMPETE AT OUR 4TH TOURNAMENT AT MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 12TH. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO EXPLORING THE NEWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL CATEGORY "STORYTELLING".

## YEARBOOK

YEARBOOK STUDENTS HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK GATHERING STORIES, PICTURES, AND LEARNING PROFESSIONAL LAYOUT DESIGNS FOR THE 2024 REFLECTIONS YEARBOOK. OUR 2023 YEARBOOK WAS RECENTLY SENT TO THE AMERICAN SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION TO BE JUDGED. WE'RE EAGERLY WAITING TO SEE IF WE REMAIN 2ND PLACE IN THE NATION AS WE DID WITH THE 2022 BOOK. WANT TO HELP OUR YEARBOOK CLASS ACQUIRE MORE CAMERAS? VISIT [LINKTR.EE/FGMSYEARBOOK](https://linktr.ee/fgmsyearbook) TO DONATE

## VILS

IPADS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP! IF YOU NEED AN IPAD AT HOME FOR WINTER BREAK SO YOU CAN CATCH UP ON SCHOOL WORK, FIND MRS. BARRIS AND WE WILL GET YOU THE PAPERWORK YOU NEED TO REQUEST AN IPAD.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

ALL CAMBRIDGE SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSES ARE WRAPPING UP ENTRIES FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR. STUDENTS ARE PRODUCING ONE OF FIVE PROJECT OPTIONS IN ALL THREE GRADE LEVELS: WEBSITE, DOCUMENTARY, EXHIBIT, PERFORMANCE, OR RESEARCH PAPER. THE FOREST GLEN HISTORY FAIR WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 FROM 5-7 PM. WE'RE EXCITED TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

# PARENT'S CORNER



**SCHOOL SUPERVISION  
HOURS ARE FROM 8:30AM  
UNTIL 4:30PM.**

**SAFETY  
FIRST**

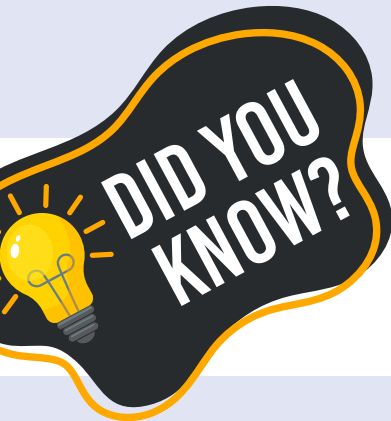
## **SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!**

### **TO REPORT INFORMATION:**

- 1.DOWNLOAD ANY OF THE APPS BELOW FROM ANY APP STORE TO YOUR PHONE. USE THEM TO SEND ANY SAFETY CONCERNS.**
- 2.CALL OUR SCHOOL AT 754-322-3400.**
- 3.EMAIL ANYONE ON OUR STAFF WITH INFORMATION.**



**IF YOU SEE  
SOMETHING,  
SAY  
SOMETHING.**



- FGMS SERVES MORE THAN 1,000 STUDENTS DAILY!**
- FGMS OFFERS FREE AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING FOR ALL STUDENTS!**
- FGMS IS A VERIZON INNOVATIVE LEARNING SCHOOL & EVERY STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO CHECK OUT AN IPAD WITH FREE DATA!**
- FGMS HOSTS FUN EVENTS QUARTERLY TO CELEBRATE STUDENTS FOR FOLLOWING THE GLEN HOUSE RULES!**
- FGMS IMPLEMENTS A RIGOROUS CAMBRIDGE PROGRAM AIMED AT PREPARING STUDENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS!**

**BE RESPECTFUL.  
BE RESPONSIBLE.  
BE SAFE.**



### *Friendly Reminders*

- ID badges are required daily. Badges should be on & visible all day, every day.**
- Please pull all the way forward in the car loop during arrival and dismissal.**
- Check Pinnacle weekly.**

**FOREST**  
ENTRANCE

**GLEN**







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