

# Welcome to Jack C. **FAUBION** MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Hello Faubion Family,

I hope you all had as awesome a week as we did here at Faubion. For those who participated in the fundraiser, I want to say THANK YOU for helping us to raise money. As usual, 6<sup>th</sup> grade had a whopping number of kids participate. My bookkeeper is still counting and reconciling the order sheets with the cash and checks in the envelopes. Once she has finalized the tallies, I will make the announcement over the PA and in next week's newsletter to congratulate the Apple Watch and Roll in the Dough winners. They will have their opportunity to Roll in the Dough during our Fall pep rally on (wait for it...), October 31<sup>st</sup>. We had one student sell 100 items, just enough to qualify for the iFly trip! I'll be honest, I'm a bit nervous about participating in that one. 😊

Speaking of the pep rally, we want to invite you to attend. Each year as part of our **#FaubionCares** campaign, we select a charity or cause to raise money for during the month of October. This year, our theme is **"We are many, We are ONE"** and when brainstorming a cause/charity, it was easy to decide to donate whatever money we raise this month to the Red Cross for hurricane relief and assistance for those affected by the recent tragedies left in the aftermath of the hurricanes. We hope you will join us in raising money for this very worthy cause. Now, let me go ahead and answer the one question that every parent is probably wondering: *Can my child wear a costume that day?* The answer is yes, but... Students in costumes must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Costumes must be "school appropriate" and to the extent reasonable, follow the MISD dress code. (If you're not sure, send me a picture and I'll give you a thumbs up or down.)
- Costumes should not depict hate speech or denigrate any person, religion, ethnicity, etc.
- Painted faces are OK, but no masks. We have to be able to identify students at all times.
- Costumes should avoid blood, gore, and guts.
- Costumes should not include weapons, fake or real.
- Costumes should not prevent students from fulfilling their daily academics tasks (they need to be able to still sit in desks and use writing utensils).
- NO "sexy" nurse, firefighter, police, lawyer, etc. costumes. (If it says "Sexy..." on the package, that is probably not school appropriate)
- Costumes should not pose a safety risk to your child or anyone around them
- NO CLOWNS are allowed
- We encourage parents to participate as well! If you're coming to the pep rally, you're encouraged to participate, but the same guidelines apply. 😊



Costume/Dress Up days are a privilege. We have done this for last two years and haven't had a single issue. Our kids are great and our parents have done an amazing job of making sure their child didn't ruin it for everyone else. I hope to see EVERY Lion in a costume!

**Picture RE-TAKE Day** is Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Amend, our new Yearbook/Journalism Teacher, asked me to include this note in this week's parent newsletter: "Anyone who wants a retake can have a new photo, even if they didn't purchase a package. If a student purchased a package and is not happy with the photo, just bring the package back on October 17<sup>th</sup> and you can retake the photo." If you have any questions about yearbooks or school pictures, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Amend at [MAmend@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:MAmend@mckinneyisd.net).

Its that time of year again for Red Ribbon Week. This year, Red Ribbon week will go from 10/23 to 10/31 (excluding October 30<sup>th</sup> because that is Parent Conference Day). Daily themes are below:

- 10/23 – **Tacky Tourist:** *Doing drugs is tacky!* (Dress like a vacationer)
- 10/24 – **Crazy Hair:** *Its Crazy to do drugs!* (No permanent hair dye.)
- 10/25 – **Twin:** *Friends don't let friends do drugs!* (Dress like a buddy)
- 10/26 – **Hat:** *Put a cap on drugs!* (Wear a hat... extra high five if it's a Dallas Cowboys hat)
- 10/27 – **PJ's:** *Put drugs to sleep!* (Pajamas must be school appropriate)
- 10/31 – **Costumes:** *Scare drugs away!* (Reminder to review the guidelines)

**Parent Conference Day** is **Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**. As always, we encourage you to check your child's HAC regularly. Parent conference day is a specifically set aside so that parents and teachers can have deep discussions about our children's progress. Your child's teachers should be sending out information about how to schedule an appointment that day.

*Free/Reduced Lunch Applications* - All students who were on the free and reduced program last year will automatically receive benefits from the same status as the previous school year. This grace period lasts for 30 days, meaning that the drop date for students who do not have a 2017-18 application will no longer receive benefits. Students who currently qualify for benefits will lose their benefits after **Tuesday, October 10, 2017** unless a new application is completed for the 2017-18 school year. The application for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program can be completed online at <http://www.mckinneyisd.schoolunchapp.com/>. Paper forms for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program are also available in the Faubion MS cafeteria.



Our SRO, Officer Roberts, asked me to thank you all for following the laws about not parking in the fire lanes. Just know that he watches that fire lane like a hawk, so please avoid parking there. He also asked me to remind you all to be sure you are driving the posted speeds while in the school zones, stopping at all stop signs near our campus and perhaps one of the most important reminders: Handheld usage of a cellphone while driving in a school zone during school hours is STRICTLY PROHIBITED and punishable by a fine of up to \$200. In fact, a new statewide ban on texting while driving and over 600 more new laws went into effect on September 1, 2017. The reminders from Ofc. Roberts are all about keeping our kids safe, so please be sure to adhere to them.

The next few pages contain some important School reminders and information followed by a schedule of upcoming school events called **The Mane Events**. We would love to see you at any and all school events, so please consider this your personal invitation to see our kids practice, perform and compete. Oh, and if you haven't done so, please take care of the following housekeeping items:

- Go to our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/FaubionMS](http://www.facebook.com/FaubionMS) and LIKE our page
- Sign up for a Twitter account and FOLLOW US on Twitter @FaubionMS
- Visit the PTO's new website at <http://faubionpto.weebly.com> and sign up to receive the newsletter from our fabulous PTO, buy PE clothes, sign up to volunteer, etc.
  - **Please join our PTO** at <http://faubionpto.weebly.com>. There are several membership packages starting at \$15. Some of the membership packages include some awesome Faubion clothing for you or your child. So be sure and sign up today! You can pay online or fill out the form and send in your membership payment by check. Be sure to make the check out to Faubion MS PTO.

That's it for this week. There's lots of important information below. Please be sure and read through it all. Have a great weekend!

Your Partner in Education,  
Jimmy Bowser  
Principal, Faubion MS



## Important School Information

### **\*\*ACTION ITEMS\*\*:**

Proof of Residency – We have the PORs for approximately 99.9% of our kids. We realize this is a bit of a hassle, but students must provide proof of residency each year under state law. We're down to just six students left to reach our goal of 100%.

Attendance – Students are required be at school each and every day. Please note that if a student is absent, he/she must bring a signed note within 72 hours documenting the reason for the absence. You may remember that our attendance rate goal for this year is 97%. The official daily attendance is taken during 2<sup>nd</sup> period (roughly 9:30 -10:30). Please avoid scheduling appointments during this time if at all possible. We appreciate your partnership. All notes must be turned into their House Office. You may also scan and email the note to the House Secretary.

- For students with last names beginning with A-K, notes should be brought or emailed to Ms. Laurie Kiley at [LKiley@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:LKiley@mckinneyisd.net) or call 469-302- 7005.
- For students with last names beginning with L-Z, notes may be brought or emailed to Ms. Omie Dedman at [odedman@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:odedman@mckinneyisd.net) or call 469-302- 6917.

Tardies - If a student is tardy to class, the student will go to their House Office to receive a tardy pass. The tardy will be documented, and the student will be given a pass back to class. All students are given one free tardy per nine weeks. Students who are tardy will receive the following consequences per nine weeks:

- 1st - Warning
- 2nd - Administrative Detention
- 3rd - Administrative Detention
- 4th – Friday School (3:45-7:00)

Buses/Transportation Information - For questions regarding bus transportation, please contact Durham Transportation directly at 972- 542-8316 or visit the District's transportation site at <http://www.mckinneyisd.net/transportation/>.

Dress Code - The Faubion Middle School staff is committed to enforcing the dress code. You may also visit the District's website for specific information on the MISD Dress Code. Please download and read the [MISD Student Dress Code](#)



*Cell Phones* – MISD Student Code of Conduct prohibits the personal use of cell phones during instructional time. Students may use their cell phone before school, after school and during their lunch. Please avoid calling your student during the instructional part of the school day. If you need to get a message to your student, you should call the FMS main office or the student’s House Office and we’ll work with you to get a message to them right away.

*Schedule Changes* – The purpose of schedule changes is to change courses, not teachers. The last day for schedule changes was Friday, September 1st. For questions about schedule changes past the deadline, please contact your child’s Counselor or Assistant Principal. Please note that schedule changes for electives are not guaranteed and will depend on available seats, availability of the class to fit into your child’s schedule, etc.

*Student Handbooks and Code of Conduct* - Please go online to the [MISD Rules and Regulations](#) website to view the MISD Student Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct. If you do not have access to a computer and would like a hard copy, please stop by the front office or call our front office at 469-302- 6900.

*Home Access Center (HAC)* – The Home Access Center or HAC is where you will login to monitor your child’s academic progress for any/all of their classes. Please note that your child’s grade is calculated based on a combination of their Summative (70%) and Formative (30%) grades. Here at FMS, we are expecting that each student will have a minimum of three (3) summative grades and ten (10) formative grades per quarter. The Home Access Center will open over the next week or so, so this gives you enough time to contact Ms. Laurie Kiley at [LKiley@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:LKiley@mckinneyisd.net) to get your HAC Log In information.

*Food* – Under the rules established by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), we are not able to allow you to bring cupcakes, pizza, etc. to the cafeteria or classrooms for lunch or birthdays. However, you are more than welcome to bring items for your child. Also, we love when parents come to eat lunch with their child here at Faubion. But, please remember that you can only bring lunch for your child only—not others. I’m sorry. ☹️

*Books* –The evolution of technology and the richness of other resources have caused changes in the way schools use the traditional textbooks. In many cases, textbooks are a scarcely-used supplemental resource of today’s classroom curriculum. Our students will have access to a class set of books in each classroom. This year, many of our teachers are moving to an online curriculum management environment called Canvas. Student can receive,



download and submit assignments online, negating the need for a textbook outside the immediate classroom. We are looking forward to the continued roll out of Canvas over the next few years. We believe parents and students will find this one-stop-shop for find assignments and feedback on assignments very convenient and easy to use.

*misdGO App* – The *misdGo* App offers students, parents, and anyone interested in the McKinney Independent School District access to a comprehensive suite of apps developed to provide timely and helpful school and district information. The app provides tools like lunch menus and maps to schools. It also provides access to critical student information including password protected parent access to student attendance, grades, progress reports, and assignments. You can even watch highlights from football games, theater and musical performances, and high school graduations! To download the app, please visit the Apple App Store for iPhones or the Google Play store for Android phones.



**The Mane Events:**

- 10/9/17 **NO SCHOOL – MISD Staff Development Day**
- 10/10/17 FMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs Dowell MS, @Ron Poe, 5:30pm  
FMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs Dowell MS, @MBHS Field, 5:30pm  
FMS Cross Country Cockrill Elite Meet, @Cockrill, 5pm
- 10/11/17 **Interim Progress Report Posted in HAC**
- 10/12/17 FMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball vs Dowell MS, @Dowell Gyms, 5pm  
FMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball vs Dowell MS, @FMS Gyms, 5pm  
FMS Choir 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rehearsal (Required), @FMS Auditorium, 5:30pm  
FMS Choir 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Performance (Required), @FMS Auditorium, 6pm
- 10/13/17 FMS Choir 7<sup>th/8th</sup> Grade Rehearsal (Required), @FMS Auditorium, 5:30pm  
FMS Choir 7<sup>th/8th</sup> Grade Performance (Required), @FMS Auditorium, 6pm
- 10/14/17 FMS Orchestra Six Flags trip, @Six Flags, During the Day
- 10/16/17 FMS Cross Country MISD District Meet, @Cockrill, 5pm
- 10/17/17 **Picture Re-Take Day**  
FMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs Evans MS, @MHS Field, 5:30pm  
FMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs Evans MS, @Ron Poe, 5:30pm
- 10/19/17 FMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball vs Evans MS, @MHS Gyms, 5pm  
FMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball vs Evans MS, @Evans Gyms, 5pm  
FMS Choir (8<sup>th</sup> Graders) Sing National Anthem at MHS Football Game, 7:30pm
- 10/20/17 **End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – (Report Cards Next Week)**
- 10/21/17 **9<sup>th</sup> Annual McKinney ISD Holiday Bazaar, @MHS, 8am -**  
FMS Orchestra All-Region Auditions, @Allen HS Fine Arts Center, During the Day  
FMS Choir Six Flags trip, @Six Flags
- 10/23/17 FMS Theatre Night of Halloween One Acts, @FMS Auditorium, 6pm & 7pm
- 10/24/17 FMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs Johnson MS, @Ron Poe, 5:30pm  
FMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs Johnson MS, @MNHS Field, 5:30pm
- 10/23/17 FMS Theatre Night of Halloween One Acts, @FMS Auditorium, 6pm & 7pm
- 10/26/17 FMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball vs Johnson MS, @Johnson Gyms, 5pm  
FMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball B&C Team District Tournament, @TBA, TBA
- 10/27/17 FMS Fundraiser Prize Day (Tentative – Based on Weather)  
FMS Band MHS Band Night (8<sup>th</sup> graders), @Ron Poe, 6:30pm  
FMS Orchestra “Spooktacular”, @FMS Auditorium, 6pm-8pm
- 10/30/17 **NO SCHOOL – MISD Parent Conference Day**  
FMS Band All-District Auditions, @Dowell MS, TBA  
McKinney ISD All Band Night, @Ron Poe, 6:30pm
- 10/28/17 FMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade B&C Team District Tournament, @TBA, TBA
- 10/31/17 Faubion Middle School Pep-Rally, @FMS Gym, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> periods  
FMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs Cockrill MS, @MNHS Field, 5:30pm  
FMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs Cockrill MS, @MNHS Field, 5:30pm



## WELCOME BACK FROM YOUR FAUBION PTO BOARD!

-Want to Get Involved at Your Child's School? Here is your chance!  
The Lion's Den needs Volunteers! Sign up to help! If you have questions contact Julie Weaver at [juliemweaver1@yahoo.com](mailto:juliemweaver1@yahoo.com). The Lion's Den is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 11:30am-1:50pm during lunchtime as a convenient way for your FMS Student to purchase everything from cool Faubion Lions t-shirts, to approved PE Clothing, to school supplies and more!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a48aba828ab9-lions1>

### -Copy Room Volunteers

Volunteer to Help Make Copies for Staff

Helping make copies is a great way to give of your time to help the teachers & staff at Faubion Middle School! Shifts are just 1 hour long on Wednesdays & Thursdays of each week. Times are flexible & you are welcome to help at another time on those days, if necessary to fit your schedule. Volunteers will make copies for any of our teachers or staff at FMS that submit requests for help. Copy requests/job directions are located in the Workroom. Just check in at the Main Office & you will be directed to the Workroom.

[www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a48aba828ab9-fmsworkroom](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a48aba828ab9-fmsworkroom)

### -Let's Help our FMS Staff

Sign up to bring homemade treats

Please help us feed our wonderful FMS Faculty at their monthly meetings for the 2017/2018 school year. Let's show them how much we love them by providing them **HOMEMADE** goodies! This is the one thing they've all requested they'd love more of!!! Homemade brownies, cookies, or finger foods...we'll take it all!!! We will also need plates, napkins & cases of bottled water.

You can drop off your goodies to the front office starting at 9 am and their meeting starts at 3:50. Please bring your items in throw-away containers or serving plates! If you have any questions, please contact Christy Bickerstaff at [cbickerstaff@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:cbickerstaff@mckinneyisd.net).

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a48aba828ab9-fmsmonthly>

### -ORDER YOUR FMS SPIRITWEAR AND 6TH GRADE UNIFORMS TODAY!

You don't want to miss out on showing your Lion spirit! Order your spiritwear today!

Are you a parent of an incoming 6th grader? You can order their P.E. uniform today! Click on the link below for more ordering information!

[faubionpto.weebly.com/pe-clothes-and-spirit-wear](http://faubionpto.weebly.com/pe-clothes-and-spirit-wear)