

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



Dr. Jimmy Bowser  
Principal

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Dr. Sara Kriesel-Hall  
Assistant Principal  
(Last Names A-G)

Hello Faubion Family,

Roberto Dominguez  
Assistant Principal  
(Last Names H-O)

I hope you all have had a good week. We certainly did here at Faubion, despite the challenges that days and days of rain can pose to a building that was originally built in 1958. I have to give a special thanks to our maintenance and facilities departments. They were here as quickly as possible each time we called. I'd also like to thank all of you for again, being patient and making a difficult situation tenable. But you all are always great and we work well together! 😊

Michael DeMakas  
Assistant Principal  
(Last Names P-Z)

Robin Phillips  
Counselor  
(Last Names A-G)

I didn't think I'd have a lot of stuff to add to this week's newsletter, but I have some super exciting news. For those who don't follow me or FMS on Twitter or Facebook, I am elated to share with you that McKinney ISD was named the #1 Best Place to Work by the Dallas Business Journal! Think about that for just a second, think about every company in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Of all those companies, McKinney ISD is #1! It's obviously an honor for the District, but please know that it is our incredible community of parents and kids that make this a great place to work.

Christie Thompson  
Counselor  
(Last Names H-O)

Christina Kiefer  
Counselor  
(Last Names P-Z)

Next week is the 2018 Red Ribbon Week. If you've never heard of Red Ribbon Week, it's a week-long (actually its always longer than a week) anti-drug campaign. There are dress-up days, sometimes a speaker is brought in that talks to the kids about the importance of not doing drugs and lots of other things that schools across the country do to celebrate being drug-free. Here is our dress-up schedule:

Tuesday, 10/23 – Wear Red (Kick off Red Ribbon Week by wearing red!)

Wednesday, 10/24 – Tacky Tourist Day (Doing drugs and smoking is tacky!)

Thursday, 10/25 – Twin Day (Friends don't let friends do drugs or smoke!)

Friday, 10/26 – Pajama Pants Day (Put substance abuse to sleep!)

Monday, 10/29 – Nerd Day (Nerd out to focus on school – NOT DRUGS or SMOKING!)

Tuesday, 10/30 – Crazy Sock/Crazy Hair Day (It is crazy to do drugs or smoke!)

Wednesday, 10/31 – Costume Day (Scare away drugs and smoking!)

Obviously this is just a fun way to raise awareness of the dangers of doing drugs and/or smoking. Kids are not required to participate and there are no consequences should your child choose not to participate in the dress up days. Keep in mind the dress-up days are a privilege and any student who chooses to wear something completely inappropriate will lose their privilege to participate in Red Ribbon Week dress-up days and will be required to call their parents to bring another set of clothing. If you're not sure, shoot me an email with a picture and I'm happy to give you feedback. I will send guidelines on Costume Day in next week's newsletter.



The BMX Bike show this week was incredible. I took plenty of pictures, but I'll post them on our Facebook page if along with pictures from our trip to PINSTACK today when I get some time this weekend or next week. We had to cancel today's Ultimate Challenge as the weather just didn't permit us to go outside on the field for hours. However, as I mentioned we did still go to PINSTACK in Allen. The kids had a blast! That is such a fun place. There was bumper cars, bowling, laser tag, a climbing wall, some sort of obstacle course that was about 10 feet in the air, and many, many games and other fun things to do. I had never been there before, but it has way more things to do than some of its competitors and we could easily have stayed another hour or so, but we arrived back at school around 2:30pm or so. Congrats to the kids who qualified. They earned it and had a lot of fun! We will reschedule the Ultimate Challenge for another date and let the kids know.



Attention 8th Grade Parents,

Now is the time to celebrate your child's accomplishments during their middle school years. You can purchase a special recognition ad in the 2018-2019 to express to your child how proud you are of all their hard work. Go to <https://goo.gl/etvDkk> today to create your personalized ad. DEADLINE to create an ad is November 9th. Please email [marshell@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:marshell@mckinneyisd.net) with any questions.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade football game that was scheduled for Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> against Cockrill MS has been moved to Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and will be played at the new MISD Stadium and Event Center. We'd love to see as many parents and community members there as possible to cheer on our Lions at the new stadium. First game starts at 5:30pm. I hope to see you there!



Invitations for the *Lion's Pride* and *Faubion Merit Scholar* award programs will be mailed as soon as grades are finalized and verified by the teachers. We're aiming to mail them October 19<sup>th</sup>, but technology sometimes has a surprise in store for us. For those new to Faubion, Lion's Pride recipients provide the model for all students as they demonstrate the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Lion's Pride winners exhibit character both inside and outside the classroom, complete homework, have a good attitude, are respectful, are willing to learn and try their best every day. In other words, Lion's Pride is the gold standard of personal excellence. Students are nominated by their teachers and can only receive this award one time each year. Faubion Merit Scholar is an honor to recognize individual students for their outstanding academic achievement. Merit Scholar recipients exhibit academic excellence in all subjects with a 93 or above average in all classes each quarter. These students are recognized for their hard work and diligence at this advanced level of mastery and achievement. The first Lion's Pride/Merit Scholar ceremony will be held on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the FMS Auditorium.

We want to thank you all for making sure your Lion was here for picture day. We had about 97% of our students in attendance for picture day. **Picture retake day is November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The clubs and organizations will take their picture on November 14<sup>th</sup>. By the way, you can still get your yearbook for the low price of just \$35 if your order by November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also, please remember that you have the opportunity purchase a picture package. We have negotiated packages with them to fit every budget. For more information about school pictures or yearbooks, you can contact our Yearbook Teacher, Ms. Tina Marshall at [TMarshall@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:TMarshall@mckinneyisd.net). You can also visit [www.mylifetouch.com](http://www.mylifetouch.com) and enter code TX038076Q0.

Our Counselors have continued with our push this year to #LiveKind. This month, the guidance lessons will be focused on empathy. The lessons will be covered during classroom warm-ups, through morning announcements and through displays in the building created by Faubion students. \*Please remember to use and promote our hashtags #Misdliveskind, #fmsliveskind, and #Faubionliveskind. If you catch your child being kind, please snap a picture! Share it with his/her counselor (or @CounselorsFMS) so that we can give your student a shout out on Twitter and/or our website!

The cookie dough and other ordered items will be available for pick up on **Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 3pm**. We will be set up in the cafeteria, so please pull around to the west side of the school (Hollis Street) and enter through the cafeteria. We do not have access to a freezer to store items this year, so **all items MUST be picked up on November 1<sup>st</sup>**.

At Faubion, we take academics very seriously. We realize that sometimes students need additional assistance and for that reason our teachers have designed tutorial days and times. It's important to us to eliminate any inconveniences that prohibit or hinder a child's ability to attend tutorials.



Therefore, we want to make sure that our parents know that we offer tutorial buses afterschool on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The bus will pick up students behind the cafeteria at 4:30pm and drop them off at the elementary school nearest their home. Please talk with your child about this great opportunity to extend or enhance their learning. The bus is free of charge to students and is available to all students. The tutorial bus will continue every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the year until mid-May.

It's that time of year again to begin recruiting our next crew of UIL Champions. There are many categories for UIL Teams. As you may know, Faubion takes great pride in the fact that we have won the UIL Academic Championship the last six years in a row! Last year Cockrill MS got a little closer than we were comfortable with, so this year we are asking for your help in recruiting a team that will take us to a 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive championship. If you'd like to know more information about our UIL Academic Teams, visit <http://www.faubionmiddleschool.com/academic-uil.html>. There you can find the available teams, Coaches to contact and a brief description of each event. For other information, please contact UIL Academic Team Head Coach Ms. Sherry Morris at [SMorris@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:SMorris@mckinneyisd.net).

MISD seeks to collaborate with and support parents in their important role. The P.O.W.E.R. Parenting series is designed to serve parents with children of all ages. Join us to explore strategies to effectively communicate, understand developmental issues, provide positive discipline, and relate to your child in a more affirming manner. Check out our upcoming events: Fall Schedule ([English](#) or [Spanish](#)). Be sure to follow us on Facebook @misdparenting for helpful tools and resources.

### Join Our PTO

The Faubion PTO is an integral part of the success of our school. Each year our PTO provides back to school supplies, lunches/snacks and volunteers to make copies for our teachers, and offers convenient and low cost solutions to purchasing PE clothes and school supplies for our students, and provide volunteers to operate our school store *The Lion's Den* among many other things. We invite EVERY parent to join our PTO. To learn more about our PTO, join our PTO or sign up for volunteer opportunities, please visit <http://faubionpto.weebly.com>.

Okay, that was way longer than I intended it to be this week. Have a wonderful weekend!

Your Partner in Education,  
Dr. Jimmy Bowser, Principal  
Faubion Middle School

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**The Mane Events:**

- 10/19/18 Fundraiser Prize Day Ultimate Challenge & PINSTACK (Allen, TX)  
FMS Advanced Theatre Show Performance – *Snow Angel*
- 10/20/18 FMS Choir Optional Social to Six Flags, 9am-7pm  
FMS Orchestra Regions Audition @ Allen HS  
**MISD ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR**
- 10/22/18 **MISD PARENT CONFERENCE DAY – NO SCHOOL**  
FMS Band All-District Band Auditions, @ Dowell MS
- 10/23/18 FMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs Cockrill MS @ Ron Poe Stadium, 5:30pm
- 10/24/18\*** FMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs Cockrill MS @ MISD Stadium & CEC, 5:30pm **\*CHANGED**
- 10/25/18 FMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball vs Prosper Reynolds MS @ Faubion MS, 5pm  
FMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball vs Prosper Reynolds MS @ Reynolds MS, 5pm
- 10/27/18 FMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball District B & C Team Tourney @ Dowell MS, TBA  
FMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball District B & C Team Tourney @ Evans MS, TBA
- 10/29/18 FMS Band MISD Band Night
- 10/30/18 FMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs Prosper Rogers MS @ Rogers, 5:30pm  
FMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs Prosper Rogers MS @ Ron Poe Stadium, 5:30pm
- 11/1/18 Cookie dough and other fundraiser items available for pickup at 3pm (cafeteria)
- 11/2/18 Picture Retakes at FMS. See our website for more information  
Lion's Pride & Merit Scholar Award Ceremony @3pm, FMS Auditorium
- 11/9/18\*** **#FMSSLIVESKIND PEP RALLY @ 2PM – PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND \*CHANGED**