

Welcome to Jack C.
FAUBION
MIDDLE SCHOOL



Dr. Jimmy Bowser
Principal

October 5, 2018

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 great week. Of course all is going great here. I can't believe its October already. But, that means fall is here and it's time for cooler weather. By the way, I want make sure to remind you all that next Friday, October 12th is the end of the 1st quarter. Any student who lost their UIL eligibility has an opportunity to regain their eligibility. For those parents who are new to middle school, we don't mail or send home the nine-page report cards like elementary schools.

Michael DeMakas
Assistant Principal
(Last Names P-Z)

Robin Phillips
Counselor
(Last Names A-G)

Our report cards are posted in the Home Access Center (HAC). They should be posted by Thursday, October 18th.

Christie Thompson
Counselor
(Last Names H-O)

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 19th, 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 2nd in the FMS Auditorium.

Christina Kiefer
Counselor
(Last Names P-Z)

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 2nd. The clubs and organizations will take their picture on November 14th. By the way, you can still get your yearbook for the low price of just \$35 if your order by November 2nd. 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. You can also visit www.mylifetouch.com and enter code TX038076Q0.



Our Counselors have continued with our push this year to #LiveKind. The emphasis in September was coping skills. The Counselors visited the classrooms and taught lessons to help students cope with the challenges they may face. 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!

On Saturday, October 13, the McKinney ISD Substance Use Prevention Committee will host "**Bedrooms, Backpacks and Beyond,**" a workshop the committee introduced last year as a resource for parents. The workshop is geared toward parents to provide information and resources to keep their kids safe. You will learn about substance use trends and coping strategies that can be used with your children. Our goal is that you leave the event feeling informed and ready to help your family stay safe. The event is free and offers childcare for ages 5-11. In addition to the scheduled activities, *Bedrooms, Backpacks, and Beyond* will feature interactive learning displays from community partners, mental health professionals, and law enforcement. Parents are invited to come and go as desired. Location: McKinney North High School from 8:15 am until 12pm. We hope to see you there!

In the last new item for this week, I'd like to thank all of the students and parents that helped us with this year's fundraiser. It is my honor to announce our top seller is FMS 8th grader, Brayden McKellar, who sold 111 items! Congratulations Brayden and good luck when you get your chance to Roll in the Dough for a chance to win up to \$500 at our #LiveKind pep rally on November 9th. I should note, this is Brayden's second consecutive year winning a chance to Roll in the Dough. Great job to all of the students who helped out this year! 😊

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 7th 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.

The mornings have been going well, but I want to remind you that there is **no one on duty to supervise your child before 8:15am**, so we have to ask that you not just drop them off and leave before 8:15am. We want our kids to be safe and supervised by a FMS staff member when they are on campus. We appreciate your assistance and your understanding. Please remember that speeding or using your mobile device while driving in a school zone can draw hefty fines from McKinney Police Department. Again, thank you for helping to keep our kids safe.

Speaking of mobile devices... electronic or mobile devices are allowed at school and students are free to use them during "non-instructional times" that include before school, after school and during lunches. The use of mobile devices during instructional time is prohibited. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in device confiscation. When a device is confiscated, the parent must come to pick up the device. Repeated violations will result in a \$15 fee to pick up the device. There are certain times when a teacher may allow students to use their device for instructional purposes. Students may have their device out for instructional purposes out only with the permission of the teacher. The device should be off/silent when not being used for instructional purposes. If you need to get an urgent message to your child, please feel free to call the school at 469-302-6900 and we'll get the message your child right away. Mobile devices should never be left unattended because they face the risk of being stolen. Please be sure to discuss this with your child here at the beginning of the year. For more information about the use of electronic devices at school, dress code and other information, please see the [MISD Student Rules and Regulations page](#).

Ride Sharing Services

While we realize that popular ride-sharing services like **Uber** and **Lyft** provide convenience for their customers, the drivers of these services are not authorized contacts and therefore will not be allowed to pick up students during the school day. If there is someone else that you would like to authorize to pick up your child during the school day, please contact our Registrar, Ms. Laurie Kiley at LKiley@mckinneyisd.net or call 469-302-6905. Any authorized person must be able to provide proof of their identity before we will release your child to their custody. Please let us know if you have any questions.



Live Kind!

This year McKinney ISD is implementing a new initiative called **Live Kind**. What is kindness? Kindness is an expression of acceptance and appreciation that inspires positive action. Kindness is possible when individuals possess the following skills: Collaboration, Active Listening, Self-Regulation & Coping Skills, Empathy and Speaking with Positive Intention. Live Kind will be a theme and common language inside and outside of Faubion Middle School. Parents and teachers will be able to tweet pictures of kindness activities to #FMSLivesKind and #MISDLivesKind.

School Safety

A critical ingredient in the safe school recipe is the uniform classroom response to any incident. Weather events, fires, accidents, intruders and other threats to student safety are scenarios that are planned and trained for by all McKinney ISD schools and District Administration and staff. Historically, schools have taken this scenario-based approach to respond to hazards and threats. Each McKinney ISD classroom is furnished with the Standard Response Protocol poster that provides teachers with readily accessible response procedures and provides information during a crisis event. The attached handout explains Standard Response Protocol that is taught to students, faculty and staff.

Please click the link below to view the Standard Response Protocol parent handout.

<https://www.mckinneyisd.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/SRP-Parent-Handout.pdf>

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>.

That's it for this week. Have a wonderful weekend!

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

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The Mane Events:

- 10/6/18 FMS Band Six Flags Trip
- 10/8/18 **MISD STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL**
- 10/9/18 FMS Cross Country Cockrill Elite Meet @ Cockrill MS, 5pm
- 10/9/18 FMS 7th Grade Football vs Evans MS @ McKinney HS, 5:30pm
- FMS 8th Grade Football vs Evans MS @ Ron Poe Stadium, 5:30pm
- 10/11/18 FMS 7th Grade Volleyball vs Cockrill MS @ Cockrill MS, 5pm
- FMS 8th Grade Volleyball vs Cockrill MS @ Faubion MS, 5pm
- FMS Choir 6th Grade (only) Fall concert, FMS Auditorium, 6pm
- 10/12/18 FMS Choir 7th/8th Grade (only) Fall concert, FMS Auditorium, 6pm
- FMS Band Boyd 8th Grade Band Night
- 10/13/18 FMS Orchestra Six Flags Trip
- 10/15/18 FMS Cross Country District Meet @ Cockrill, 5pm
- 10/16/18 FMS 7th Grade Football vs Scott Johnson MS @ Ron Poe Stadium, 5:30pm
- FMS 8th Grade Football vs Scott Johnson MS @ McKinney North HS, 5:30pm
- 10/17/18 FMS Advanced Theatre Show Performance – *Snow Angel*
- 10/18/18 FMS 7th Grade Volleyball vs Prosper Rogers MS @ Faubion MS, 5pm
- FMS 8th Grade Volleyball vs Prosper Rogers MS @ Rogers MS, 5pm
- 1st Quarter Report Cards posted in Home Access Center (HAC)
- 10/19/18 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 7th Grade Football vs Cockrill MS @ Ron Poe Stadium, 5:30pm
- 10/24/18*** FMS 8th Grade Football vs Cockrill MS @ MISD Stadium & CEC, 5:30pm ***CHANGED**
- 10/25/18 FMS 7th Grade Volleyball vs Prosper Reynolds MS @ Faubion MS, 5pm
- FMS 8th Grade Volleyball vs Prosper Reynolds MS @ Reynolds MS, 5pm
- 10/27/18 FMS 7th Grade Volleyball District B & C Team Tourney @ Dowell MS, TBA
- FMS 8th Grade Volleyball District B & C Team Tourney @ Evans MS, TBA
- 10/29/18 FMS Band MISD Band Night
- 10/30/18 FMS 7th Grade Football vs Prosper Rogers MS @ Rogers, 5:30pm
- FMS 8th Grade Football vs Prosper Rogers MS @ Ron Poe Stadium, 5:30pm

- 11/2/18 Lion's Pride & Merit Scholar Award Ceremony @3pm, FMS Auditorium
- 11/9/18*** **#FMSLIVESKIND PEP RALLY @ 2PM – PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND *CHANGED**

