March 6, 2020

Hello Lion Parent and Friends,

It is hard to believe that this is the Friday before Spring Break! I hope you all get the opportunity to make plenty of memories next week. We will be in town next week and I will be working next week, so I look forward to seeing the amazing pictures from our staff and students. Remember, you can tag me on Twitter @MISDJimmy or post to Facebook if you’d like.

Well, the last few weeks have been full of Faubion student activities, so let’s do some celebrations:

**FMS Theatre:**
Congratulations to the Theatre Department on receiving 3rd Place at the UIL One Act Play competition with their performance of *Lafayette No. 1* by Mandy Conner. Individual awards received were Best Tech – Ingrid Guerra, All Star Cast – Kayla Sotelo, Honorable Mention All Star Cast – Luke Ludwig and Ashlee Senter. The whole cast and crew worked extremely hard and are very excited to receive this honor!

![Image of Theatre Cast]

**FMS Engineering and A/V Tech:**
Faubion Engineering classes are currently working on a Civil Engineering project. The project in question is Bridge Building. Students are teamed up drawing bridge designs while adhering to specific bridge specifications. Student bridges will be tested and should be able to hold up an average of 25 pounds while spanning a gap of 30 cm long. The A/V Tech classes have been working on Adobe Audition. Students are downloading songs and creating their own personal mixes. Students creativity is being displayed and they are enjoying working with Audition.
FMS Library
Faubion brought home the team win for the District Poetry Slam! Thanks PTO for helping us bring in Michael Guinn to work with our 7th graders and prepare for this event! Our poets also won the first and second place individual trophies!

We are starting our second annual Tournament of Books contest! This week students can fill out a bracket and turn it in to see who gets closest to our winners. During the next month, students can vote weekly on the match-ups and help us choose our favorite book! Click here to download the Tournament of Books bracket.

FMS UIL Champs (8th Time in a Row!)
Congrats to our Faubion Lions that participated in the district meet at Cockrill MS for UIL Academics this past week. They represented our campus exceptionally well and the hard work that they put in helped us achieve an 8th straight year of victory. The awards that we brought home are – 7th Grade District Champs, 8th Grade District Champs, and Overall District Champs. Many individual awards were also won at the event. Congratulations to the FMS Students and Sponsors who did an incredible job again this year preparing for this competition. Great job FMS Lions!

Faubion Rhythmettes Win Big!
The Faubion Rythmettes recently competed at Frisco Liberty High School. The ladies did an outstanding job and brought home a total of 9 trophies which included:
1st place in pom small group routine, 1st place in lyrical small group routine, Overall 1st place division in middle school small group routines, 1st place in pom team routine, 1st place in contemporary team routine, Overall 1st place division place in middle school team routines

Solo, duo, and trio awards were even more impressive as the girls competed against middle schools and high school JV teams receiving 4th place in solo division for Leah Guerrero, 1st place in the duet division for Ashlee Senter and Regina Velazquez and 1st place in the trio division for Kaylea Melita, Caroline Stacy, and Lahna Wright. Again Congratulations Ladies!
Faubion Cares Campaign Sets Goal to Raise $8,000!
Faubion Middle School is partnering with the American Heart Association by participating in a community service project called American Heart Challenge. We are trying to make our generation healthier and save lives! Please click on the link below and help me make a difference by donating! http://igfn.us/f/2l9q/n.

Our American Heart Challenge Event is going to be a Student vs Faculty Basketball game which will take place on Friday, March 6th during 7th period (2:52-3:40). Drill team and Cheerleaders will also be performing in between quarters and at half time. Although the tickets are sold out, we would still love for you to help us raise money by donating to the link above.

Faubion Choir Wins Sweepstakes!
Congratulations to all three seventh and eighth grade Faubion choirs for receiving “Sweepstakes” at UIL evaluation this week. The UIL competition is the most important competition for each of our performing arts groups every year. Each choir prepared three songs from the Prescribed Music List for a panel of three judges. Then, they studied and sang a piece of music they had never seen before (sight-reading) for another panel of three judges. Congratulations to our students and our Directors, Mrs. Turner and Ms. Jackson for all of their hard work!
Faubion Orchestra Wins Sweepstakes!
Congratulations to the Faubion MS Orchestra that competed in UIL Concert and Sight-reading evaluation at Allen HS the past two days received Sweepstakes Awards! We are thrilled that all four of our orchestras (Sinfonia, Concertino, Camerata, and Honors) earned the Sweepstakes honor. This is the 13th year in a row that every single Faubion Orchestra has earned this prestigious award at UIL and we were the only orchestra in the region to receive 4 Sweepstakes awards this year. We are so proud of our students and Directors, Ms. Zamora and Mr. Cortez on their hard work and excellent performances.
Faubion PTO Fundraiser
The Faubion PTO Spring Flower Fundraiser will run March 16-April 1. Students are invited to participate in the sales and will earn 1 raffle ticket for each flat sold. Raffle prizes will include a variety of gift cards, FMS spirit wear and a GRAND PRIZE to be announced soon! Order forms will be distributed on March 16 OR order online at FAUBION PTO.

Help Us Keep Faubion Healthy!
We would like to remind all parents of the importance of keeping sick children home. When a student comes to school ill, he/she can spread illness by coughing, touching his/her nose/mouth and then touching objects that other students come in contact with.

Remember that fever is not the only sign of true illness and that fever is usually a late sign of an illness, or an illness that is progressing. If your child is out sick remember to always send in a note from the Dr. or a parent note.
MISD Health policies are in place to help insure a healthy school where students can learn and grow. Please take a moment to review the exclusions that are listed below.

[Winter Illnesses – English] [Winter Illnesses - Spanish]

Well, that’s all for this week. Remember that we are out for Spring Break Monday, March 9\(^{th}\)-13\(^{th}\). We look forward to seeing our kids and families back after the break. Until, next time, stay healthy and have a wonderful Spring Break!

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