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Hello Faubion Family,

What another wonderful week it has been here at Faubion! I feel like I'm emailing you all a lot here lately, but there's nothing wrong with that, right? I'd like thank you all for helping us to keep Faubion healthy. I hope I didn't alarm you all. Our campus has not been as affected as other campuses. The highest absence count I saw this week was 46 out of 1,300, and that number is only slightly higher than average. I understand that at least one campus had nearly a third of their kids out one day. Thank goodness you all are helping us keep those hands clean! We will continue to encourage kids to practice targeted hygiene and we appreciate you helping us at home. Who knows, maybe we'll start a cleanness epidemic. Not even sure that's a thing.... But, I digress.

The annual fundraiser has gotten off to a great start. Every morning I see a line of kids standing at the table to turn in their tickets and collect their monkeys. When we had the fundraising meeting with each class, the guy helping coordinate the fundraiser introduced several new prizes that really got the kids excited. Every time he said "Fortnite" the kids went crazy! I've never seen kids get so excited. I personally was in awe with the mini-Segway (but I'm a major gadget guy so...). I even came home and told my wife about that mini-Segway and how awesome it would be if I had one, but she wasn't trying to hear about any of that. Anyway, the fundraiser ends on September 27th. Students should bring their forms and money to school with them on September 28th. The forms and money can be turned in to the Bookkeeper, Ms. Romero, or their 1st period teacher. Seventh graders who have Athletics first period should turn theirs into the front office. We will make copies of all order forms. The Bookkeeper will count the funds from each envelope to make sure the correct amount of money is in the envelope. She will be in touch if there is a discrepancy. I also want to give a big thanks to the parents who wanted to help but didn't want to sell items. Your contributions to our PTO and our campus are greatly appreciated.

As a reminder, **Picture Day** is coming up this Wednesday, September 26th. We would really like to have all of our students appear in our yearbook this year. Please help us reach our goal of 100% participation. The pictures taken on this day will be used for your child's student ID as well as all of our student information systems and the yearbook. We have chosen Josten's to be our school picture once again because their quality is quite amazing. You have the opportunity purchase a picture package. We have negotiated packages with them to fit every budget. For more information about school pictures, you can contact our Yearbook Teacher, Ms. Tina Marshell at TMarshell@mckinneyisd.net. You can also visit www.mylifetouch.com and enter code TX038076Q0.



Thank you to all of our Faubion parents who signed up to volunteer at our MISD Interdisciplinary Study and Mentorship (ISM) Annual Business Symposium. I understand that we had several parents there today. I'm glad to hear that because we have some parents with really interesting jobs. Every time I send out the weekly email, I get several "Out of Office" replies from parents from various industries. It's always fun to see those and learn where our kids' parents work. I won't name anyone specifically here, but I've seen Homeland Security, IRS, Department of Justice, lots of Raytheon, lawyers, doctors, nurses, engineers, corporate executives, journalists, military, police and fire, authors and many MISD or other school district employees, etc. With so many diverse backgrounds, I believe our parents could certainly offer a great service to the ISM students. Our health, journalism, engineering, English, math, science and other teachers are always looking for presenters, if you'd like to be a guest speaker, let me know and I'll try to connect you with the right teacher. If you'd like to mentor a student who dreams to follow in your professional steps one day, please email Ms. Karen Green at kigreen@mckinneyisd.net. ©

Parents, if your child is currently receiving benefits for **free and/or reduced lunch**, we want to remind you the 30 day grace period for **free & reduced benefits end October 2nd**. Students must re-apply for benefits every year. To apply on-line go to www.McKinneyisd.SchoolLunchApps.com. Once a student falls off the program, they will accrue charges for full priced meals. They will be responsible for all charges even if they fill out a new application and are approved for free meals. I received the most updated list from Food Services this morning. There about 50 or so students who have not yet completed a updated application for this year. That's about 10% of our kids who currently receive benefits. That means about 90% of our kids are good to go for the rest of the year. I will send an email and call out either today or Monday to those parents that are on the list I received this morning.

For questions regarding food service, please contact Aramark Services at 469-302-4263. Breakfast and lunch prices for 2018-2019:

- Student Secondary Breakfast \$1.20
- Reduced Secondary Breakfast \$0.30
- Student Secondary Lunch \$2.90
- Reduced Secondary Lunch \$0.40

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 Mane Events on Next Page





The Mane Events:

9/21/18	FMS Orchestra Movie Night
9/24/18	FMS Cross Country Scott Johnson MS Meet @ Johnson, 5pm
9/25/18	FMS 7 th Grade Football vs Highland Park MS @ Highlander Stadium, 5:30pm
	FMS 8 th Grade Football vs Highland Park MS @ Ron Poe Stadium, 5:30pm
9/26/18	PICTURE DAY @ FMS - WE NEED ALL STUDENTS TO BE PRESENT THIS DAY
9/27/18	FMS 7 th Grade Volleyball vs Evans MS @ Faubion MS, 5pm
	FMS 8 th Grade Volleyball vs Evans MS @ McKinney HS, 5pm
9/28/18	FMS Choir Sing Star Spangled Banner at MHS Football Game (8 th grade only)
	FMS Band MHS Band 8 th Grade Night, TBA
9/29/18	FMS Theatre Cinderella Dance Boot Camp
10/1/18	FMS Cross Country Evans MS Meet @ Evans MS, 5pm
	FMS Beginning Orchestra Demonstration Concert, FMS Cafeteria, 7pm
10/2/18	GRACE PERIOD ENDS FOR FREE/REDUCED BREAKFAST & LUNCH STUDENTS
	FMS 7 th Grade Football vs Dowell MS @ Ron Poe Stadium, 5:30pm
	FMS 8 th Grade Football vs Dowell MS @ MISD Stadium & CEC, 5:30pm
10/4/18	FMS 7 th Grade Volleyball vs Johnson MS @ Johnson MS, 5pm
	FMS 8 th Grade Volleyball vs Johnson MS @ Faubion MS, 5pm
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 7 th Grade Football vs Evans MS @ McKinney HS, 5:30pm
	FMS 8 th Grade Football vs Evans MS @ Ron Poe Stadium, 5:30pm
10/11/18	FMS 7 th Grade Volleyball vs Cockrill MS @ Cockrill MS, 5pm
	FMS 8 th Grade Volleyball vs Cockrill MS @ Faubion MS, 5pm
	FMS Choir 6 th Grade (only) Fall concert, FMS Auditorium, 6pm
10/12/18	FMS Choir 7 th /8 th Grade (only) Fall concert, FMS Auditorium, 6pm
	FMS Band Boyd 8 th 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 7 th Grade Football vs Scott Johnson MS @ Ron Poe Stadium, 5:30pm
	FMS 8 th Grade Football vs Scott Johnson MS @ McKinney North HS, 5:30pm
10/17/18	FMS Advanced Theatre Show Performance
10/18/18	FMS 7 th Grade Volleyball vs Prosper Rogers MS @ Faubion MS, 5pm
	FMS 8 th Grade Volleyball vs Prosper Rogers MS @ Rogers MS, 5pm
10/19/18	FMS Advanced Theatre Show Performance
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 th Grade Football vs Cockrill MS @ Ron Poe Stadium, 5:30pm
<mark>10/24/18</mark> *	FMS 8 th Grade Football vs Cockrill MS @ MISD Stadium & CEC, 5:30pm <mark>*CHANGED</mark>
10/25/18	FMS 7 th Grade Volleyball vs Prosper Reynolds MS @ Faubion MS, 5pm
	FMS 8 th Grade Volleyball vs Prosper Reynolds MS @ Reynolds MS, 5pm
10/26/18	#FMSLIVESKIND PEP RALLY @ 2PM — PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
10/27/18	FMS 7 th Grade Volleyball District B & C Team Tourney @ Dowell MS, TBA
	FMS 8 th Grade Volleyball District B & C Team Tourney @ Evans MS, TBA
10/29/18	FMS Band MISD Band Night
10/30/18	FMS 7 th Grade Football vs Prosper Rogers MS @ Rogers, 5:30pm
	FMS 8 th Grade Football vs Prosper Rogers MS @ Ron Poe Stadium, 5:30pm