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Welcome to
Back to School Night!



September 10, 2024

Third Grade

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I am so glad you are here! I appreciate your support in our classroom community! Please follow these steps before we get started this evening:

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2. Fill out the "Tell Me About Your Child" sheet and leave in on my desk.
3. Complete the "3 Hour Early Release" sheet and leave it on your child's desk.

We will get started with our presentation soon. I can tell it's going to be a wonderful year and I look forward to working in partnership with you.

Warm regards,
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Meet Mrs. Altounian



Family



I have always dreamed of being a teacher and a mother. I am so proud to be both of those things! This year, you'll find me in the classroom, on the soccer field, and everywhere in between!

About Me

This is my nineteenth year of teaching 3rd grade at FHES. I am originally from Bel Air, MD, but I relocated to northern VA after graduating from JMU. I have my state endorsement in Gifted Education and a passion for supporting all learners.

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Meet Ms. Tagliareni



About Me

I am lucky to have been a part of the FHES family for six years! I went to Penn State for my undergrad in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Spanish then ClemSon for my Masters in Curriculum and Instruction. I love my friends, family, and I will be getting married next month in October!

Being a teacher has been my dream job ever since helping my little brother with his homework. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to educate and care for your child. I look forward to being a team!

Meet Ms. Shaffer



In my free time, I love being with my family and friends.

I also love attending sporting events. This includes going to Nationals, Capitals, and Commanders games.

About Me

This is my eleventh year teaching at Flint Hill Elementary. I have spent time teaching Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade. I studied Elementary Education at Radford University.

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Meet Mrs. Covarrubias



I love spending time with family, being outside, coffee, and steak! It is a pleasure working with the 3rd grade Flint Hill team again this year.

About Me

This will be my 23rd year as a Special Education teacher in FCPS. I spent my first 21 years teaching at Woodburn Elementary School in Falls Church. My son is a first grader at Flint Hill this school year. I am originally from Door County, Wisconsin.

Meet Ms. Marquina



In my free time I love spending time with my family and friends I have a son, who is in 3rd grade as well here at Flint Hill.

I'm so excited to work with 3rd grade again this year!

About Me

This is 3rd year with Flint Hill as a Special Education Instructional Assistant but my 7th year teaching. Prior to joining Flint Hill, I started teaching as a Preschool and Pre-K teacher at Kindercare, where I also received my Child Development Associate (CDA) credential.



Meet Ms. Wilson and Mrs. Beatty

About Ms. Wilson

This is my 30th year teaching and my 22nd year at Flint Hill. My BA is from Grinnell College in Iowa, and my MS is from Wheelock College, a part of Boston University. I am originally from Erie, Pennsylvania. I love to read and quilt.



About Mrs. Beatty

This is my 20th year in FCPS and my fourth year here at FHES. I love to spend time with my family and pets. I love to garden, and to watch baseball, especially when my son coaches!



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11:20 Lunch
11:50 Recess
12:20 Falcon Time
12:50 Math
1:50 Snack and Content
2:30 Specials
3:35 Dismissal

Specials

Monday: Music and P.E.
Tuesday: Music and P.E.
Wednesday: Art
Thursday: Spanish
Friday: P.E. and Library



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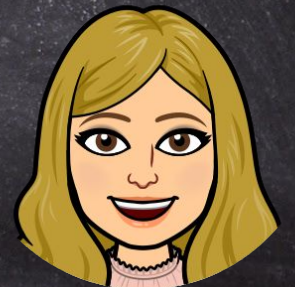
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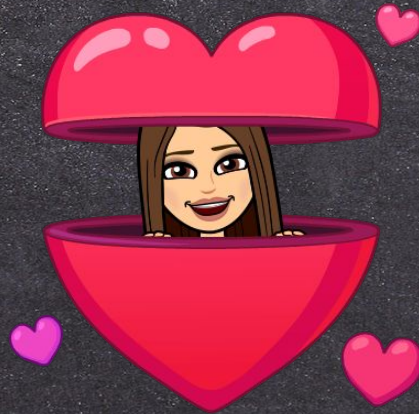
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Communication

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Tuesday Folder & Friday Falcon Newsletter



Email is the fastest way to get in touch with me.



Please do not email me during the school day about a change in your child's transportation for the day. Call the main office at 703-242-6100.



You can also send a note in your child's Student Agenda for them to share with me at school.



If you are picking your child up early, please plan to arrive prior to 3:10 pm as to not interfere with dismissal.



Responsive Classroom

We will promote an academic,
socially, and culturally
responsive learning
environment for our students.





Classroom Community

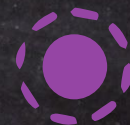
- We use a Responsive Classroom approach.
- Daily Morning Meeting fosters community and social-emotional learning.
- We developed class rules together last week.
- Flint Hill PRIME Time reinforces classroom and school-wide expectations.





Meals and Snack

- Please send your child to school with a labeled water bottle every day.
- Students have time for snack in the afternoon. Please make sure that it is peanut and tree nut free.



Language Arts

- Building a Community of Word Learners, Readers, and Writers
 - Benchmark lessons focused on phonics and word study, comprehension and reading, and writing across multiple genres
 - Small group skills instruction
 - Lexia
 - myON
 - Independent Reading and Writing
 - Reading and Writing Conferences



Helping your child at home



Read with your child.



Help your child build their reading stamina.



Ask your child questions before, during and after reading.



Play word games - Scrabble, Bananagrams, Boggle, etc.



Discuss character changes with your child.



Provide writing opportunities - notes, lists, journaling, etc.

Math

- Understanding of the base-ten numeration system and place-value concepts and apply that knowledge to multi-digit addition and subtraction
- Developing an understanding of multiplication and division
- Developing and applying strategies for basic multiplication facts and the related division fact
- Growing our understanding of fractions and fraction models
- **Advanced Math extends these concepts throughout each unit.**

Which one doesn't belong? Explain your thinking!



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25	43





Helping your child at home



Practice Multiplication
Fast Facts



Notice customary and metric
units of household items



Play games with cards!
(Such as "Multi-digit Battle"
or "Fraction Battle")



Play estimating games! Practice
making reasonable estimates for
amount, length, and capacity.



Have your child help you
tell the time on an analog
clock!



Notice that math is all
around us.

Social Studies

- Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Being a Global and Ethical Citizen
- World Geography
- Ancient Cultures
- Exploring Relationships and Interactions



Science

- Living Systems
- Water Cycle
- Soil
- Simple Machines
- Investigating Systems and Change



Technology

- Schoology is the FCPS learning management system
- Students will use online learning programs including:
 - Lexia
 - myON
 - Newsela
 - ST Math
 - Research databases - Britannica, World Book, PebbleGo

Homework

- We envision homework to be meaningful and meet the needs of our diverse students
- FCPS allows for up to 30 minutes in third grade
 - If longer, PLEASE contact teacher!!
- Read - Every night!
- Math - Practice skills from class (Monday-Thursday)
- Science/Social Studies - Review lessons from class and prepare for upcoming assessments

Progress Reports and Standard Based Grading

- Report Cards will be available in ParentVUE on **Tuesday, November 12th @ 6am.** ★paper copies will be sent home for Q1
- Fall conferences will take place in October and November. A SignUp Genius will be shared in advance and we look forward to meeting with each family!

Virginia Assessment Program

- Reading and Math Standards of Learning (SOLs) during the Spring
- Technology-enhanced items
- Computer adaptive testing



PTA Information

- **PTA Membership is open** - your \$25 contribution to the PTA goes a long way and is directly invested back into PTA programs and investments in FHES!
- **Spirit Wear sales end 9/18/24** - Don't forget to grab your FHES Spirit Wear - proceeds go to the FHES PTA! Spirit Days are coming up and grade-level shirts will help your Falcons celebrate their school spirit.
- **PTA Meeting - Thursday, September 12 at 7pm** : Join Principal Montaquila and the Kindergarten Team at the next PTA meeting! It's a great chance to share your ideas, stay updated on school activities, and connect with other parents. You can attend in-person (Flint Hill Elementary library) or over Zoom (accessible through our website)

PTA Information Cont'd

- **Snack Donations - Thursday, September 19:** Help the PTA stock the teacher's lounge with snacks and drink packets by signing up to donate! Signup Genius on the PTA website and in the PTA weekly newsletter.
- **Community Mixer Event - Saturday, September 28 from 2-4pm** : Join the FHES PTA and community at Meadow Lane Park for the Community Mixer Event, where you can connect with fellow parents, enjoy fun activities, and learn more about upcoming school initiatives.
- **After School Programs - Enrollment Postponed to Friday, September 13:** Look for additional updates on this topic from the FHES PTA in your email.
- **PTA website** : <https://fhespta.membershiptoolkit.com>

Holiday Videos

- 1 - 3 minutes long, recorded at home with your third grader
- Includes national holidays, cultural holidays, heritage months, etc.
- Help us celebrate our diversity!

Volunteer Opportunities

- Class Events
- Field Trips
- Helping with at home tasks



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ONE Kind Act can change the world

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We are continuing our ONE
campaign and growing our
growth mindset.

You Belong Here !



YOU
BELONG HERE

"No significant learning can occur without a significant relationship."

~James Comer

3 Hour Early Release Days

We have **7** Mondays where the students will be released at 12:35pm to allow for teacher planning and professional development.

September 23

October 28

November 25

February 24

March 17

April 28

May 19



**3 HOUR
EARLY RELEASE
SURVEY**



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FLINT HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

parent teacher association

Please consider joining, if you haven't already!

The PTA supports our School by:

- Classroom Technology
 - Teacher Materials
 - Field Trip Expenses
 - Teacher Training
 - Community Building
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- And So much more!