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Flint Hill's News You Can Use!

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Flint Hill is a Learning Organization!

This week, our teachers participated in self-selected Learning Circles that advanced their knowledge in Responsive Classroom practices and Project Based Learning. A Learning Circle is a highly interactive, participatory structure for building, sharing, and expressing knowledge through a process of open dialogue and deep reflection. They are reading various texts to scaffold their knowledge, including **The Power of Our Words** and **The Google Infused Classroom**. We know that these monthly sessions will contribute greatly to our collaborative practices. In addition, they will increase our collective understanding of the most effective practices that support classroom community and student engagement!

Updates from Administration

Flint Hill administration and third grade teachers would like to thank the **Rotary Club of Vienna** for visiting the school and providing every third grader with a dictionary. We know this resource will greatly support our students with their growth in writing and vocabulary development!

We would like to spotlight two concerns this week that we feel are equally as important to you! First, if your student is **running a fever** and is sent home from school, please ensure your child is fever-free for 24 hours before returning to the learning environment. Second, we would like to request your help in mitigating a **dog excrement** issue. We are finding feces on school grounds, and this is causing sanitary concerns. Students do not always watch where they are walking (neither do adults! :) and are tracking the feces into the building. It ruins shoes, and it tracks germs and other debris into the building that can be difficult to clean-up. If you could help us keep a watchful eye on our property, and maintain dog walking off school grounds, we would greatly appreciate it!

We would like to thank Mrs. Patti Page with helping many of our parents understand the basics of **1-2-3 Magic**. Mrs. Page, our Behavior Intervention Teacher, assisted families with addressing problematic behavior, while also keeping the focus on a positive parenting approach. Due to the incredibly encouraging feedback, we are looking to host more events that foster an understanding of how schools and families can work together to “speak the same language” at home and at school. Thank you, Mrs. Page!

Tomorrow is our **“Garden Grub”** event to tend our beautiful grounds. We can't wait to “dig” in!

Other Important Information

Student Council Association (SCA) Wrapping Paper Fundraiser

Our SCA, comprised of over thirty socially-conscious 6th graders, builds leadership capacity for all students through participation in events that support FHES and the community. As you may already be aware, the SCA is currently hosting a wrapping paper fundraiser, Charleston Wrap, to raise **money for items that directly support the needs of our school**. SCA students will be selling pizza at the **PTA's Pumpkin BINGO night**, on **October 20th**, as well as donating their time and talents to benefit various programs at FHES throughout the year. Your support of this fundraiser assists their organization and, in turn, our entire school!

Please contact Mrs. Williams, SCA sponsor, with any questions: aywilliams1@fcps.edu.

Did you know?



Putting a teal pumpkin on your doorstep for Halloween means you have non-food treats available, such as glow sticks or small toys. This simple act promotes inclusion for trick-or-treaters with food allergies or other conditions. If you would like more information regarding the teal pumpkin project, please visit this site: <https://www.foodallergy.org/education-awareness/teal-pumpkin-project>.

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