All About Mrs. Wolters

We just got a new puppy named, Hank! He is a 9 week old Golden Retriever.

About Me

I have been teaching at FHES for 20 years. I spent 4 years in 4th grade and the last 16 teaching first. I am a Vienna native and went to Flint Hill, Thoreau, and Madison.

Meet the Teachers in Room 124

Mrs. Reiners

This is my 7th year teaching. I taught Kindergarten for 5 years here at Flint Hill and this is my 2nd year supporting 1st grade! I am from Horseheads, NY, attended SUNY Fredonia for my undergraduate and George Mason for my graduate degree.

Mrs. Walter (Mrs. W)

Mrs. Beatty

Ms. Wilson

This is my 30th year teaching, with 22 years at Flint Hill. I love working with first graders! I'm originally from PA, and I have 6 nieces and nephews.

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Daily Schedule

8:55 Morning Meeting
9:20 Math
10:25 Recess
11:00 Lunch
11:30 Mindfulness/Language Arts
1:30 Specials
2:30 Science or Social Studies
3:00 Falcon Time
3:35 Dismissal

Specials

Monday: Spanish
Tuesday: Library & Music
Wednesday: PE & Music
Thursday: PE & Music
Friday: Art

Mrs. Wolters

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Meals, Recess, and Snack

- Lunch time at 11:00 a.m.
- PIN number to pay for breakfast and lunch
- Water only for in classrooms
- Quick Snack at 2:30 p.m.

Communication

A **B** **C**

⇛⟶ Nightly Take Home folder and Tuesday folder

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

⇛⟶ Transportation/ Dismissal Changes
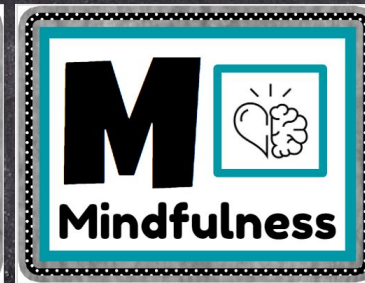
⇛⟶ Weekly Friday Falcon Focus and Falcon Flyer

Morning Work and Mindfulness

Building Classroom Community

- Responsive Classroom
- Creation of Class Rules together
- Daily Morning Meetings
- Flint Hill PRIME Time

P Privacy

R Respect

I Integrity

M Mindfulness

E Engagement

Responsive Classroom

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

We strive for a kind, caring, and welcoming school for all!

Our Class Rules

- Be kind.
- Have a safe and calm body.
- Listen to the speaker.
- Respect people and property.
- Always follow PRIME
- Try your best!

Language Arts

Our New Curriculum for K-6

Common Topics, K-6

Unit	Knowledge Strand	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Life Science	Plants and Animals Have Needs	Plants and Animals Grow and Change	Plants and Animals in Their Habitats	Animal Adaptations	Observing Nature	Protecting Natural Resources	Relationships in Nature
2	Character Matters	Every Story Has Characters	Many Kinds of Characters	Characters Facing Challenges	Ways Characters Shape Stories	Characters	Characters' Relationships	Characters at Crossroads
3	Government and Citizenship	Rules	Being a Good Community Member	Government at Work	Government for the People	Government in Action	The U.S. Constitution Then and Now	Beyond Democracy
4	Perspectives in Literature	Writers Tell Many Stories	Stories Have a Narrator	Many Characters, Many Points of View	Comparing Points of View	Points of View	Author's Point of View	The Reader's Perspective
5	Technology and Society	Technology at Home and School	Technology at Work	Solving Problems Through Technology	Advancements in Technology	Technology for Tomorrow	Technology's Impact on Society	Technology in the 21st Century
6	Themes Across Cultures	Stories Have a Message	Stories Teach Many Lessons	Tales to Live By	Making Decisions	Confronting Challenges	Up Against the Wild	Legendary Journeys
7	History, Culture, and Geography	Holidays and Celebrations	Past, Present, and Future	Investigating the Past	Communities Then and Now	The Transcontinental Railroad	Conflicts	Ancient Cultures
8	Earth Science	Weather and Seasons	Observing the Sky	Wind and Water Change Earth	Weather and Climate	Earth Changes	Water Fact and Fiction	Exploring Earth's Structures
9	Economics	Meeting Our Needs and Wants	We Use Goods and Services	Buyers and Sellers	Spending Time and Money	Resources Impact	The Economic Development of Cities	Economic Expansion

Growing Knowledge over Time
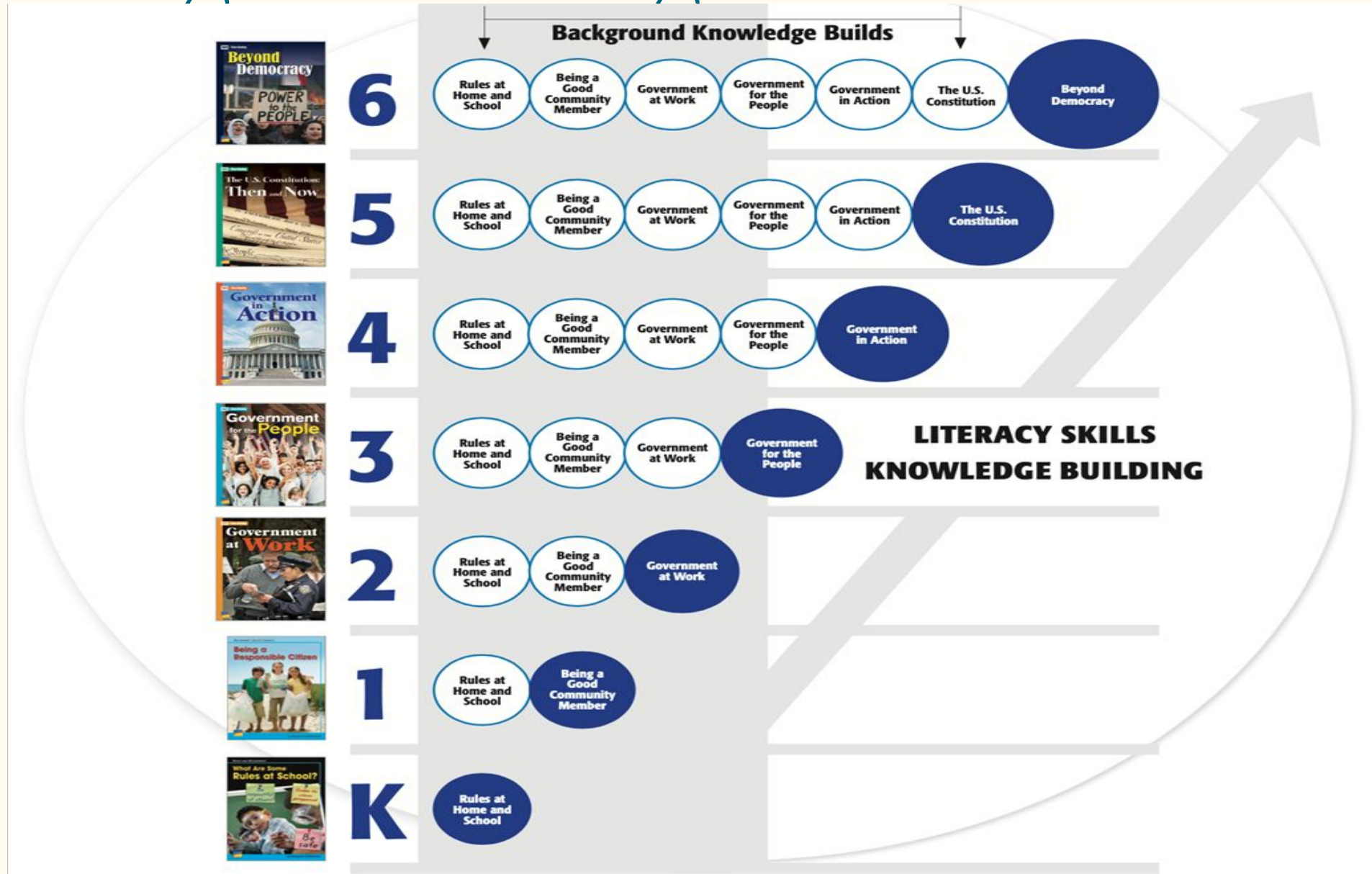
Essential Questions Get More Complex

Unit 1:
Life Science

Plants and Animals Have Needs
Why do living things have different needs?

Kindergarten

Animal Adaptations
How do living things survive in their environment?

3rd Grade

Relationships in Nature
What roles can we play in the balance of nature?

6th Grade

Core Instruction & SWD

Benchmark Advance has numerous scaffolds and supports to assist all teachers in providing core instruction responsive to the needs of students with disabilities.

Core Instruction & Multilingual Learners

Benchmark Express is the English Language Development curriculum that complements Benchmark Advance in providing tier 1 instruction for multilingual learners.
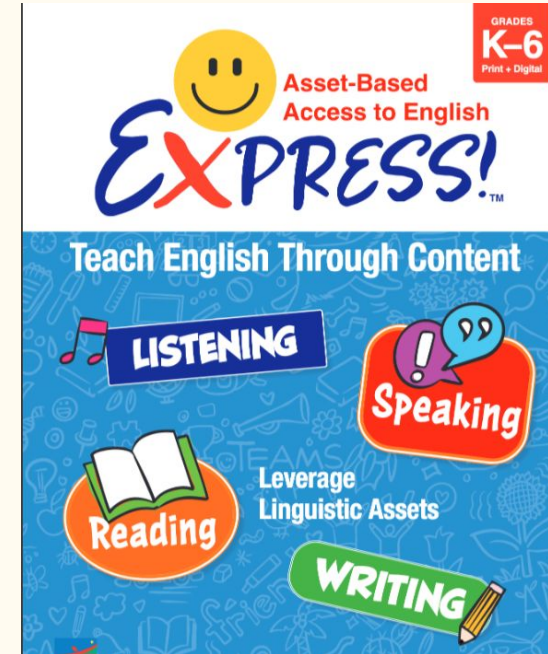
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Core Instruction & AAP

All students receiving Advanced Academic services will participate in Benchmark Advance, which includes extensions for advanced learners. In addition to inquiry-based research embedded in Benchmark, each quarter will focus on at least one supplemental AAP ELA curricular resource to be used throughout that quarter.

Advanced Academic Programs (AAP)

Fairfax County Public Schools offers a continuum of advanced academic services for students K-12 that builds upon students' individual strengths and skills and maximizes academic potential for all learners.

A B C

→ Read to your child

→ Read with your child

→ Talk about what you are reading together

→ Play word games - Scrabble, Bananagrams, etc.

→ Notice text in the world around you

→ Write notes, lists, cards, etc.

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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Building a Mathematics Community

Building a strong mathematics community is critical to creating a positive, productive learning environment where students are encouraged to take risks and engage in mathematical discourse. Through discourse students learn how to be communicators, collaborators, problem solvers, and critical thinkers.

Math

- To develop an understanding of the base ten numeration system through counting and comparing sets of objects and grouping by tens and ones
- To identify and describe patterns that are found in numbers and physical and geometric situations.
- To develop understandings of addition and subtraction and strategies for basic facts and related subtraction facts
- To use the data cycle to formulate questions, collect, acquire, organize, represent, analyze, and communicate results

Math

- Prerequisite Assessments/One on One Assessments
- Math Workshop
  - Number Sense Routine
  - Focus Lesson
  - Small Group Instruction
    - While teacher is working in small groups, students are working on
      - ST Math
      - Independent Activities
      - Partner/Group Activities/Games

Helping your child at home

- Engage in math talk!
  - What makes you say that?
  - How do you know?
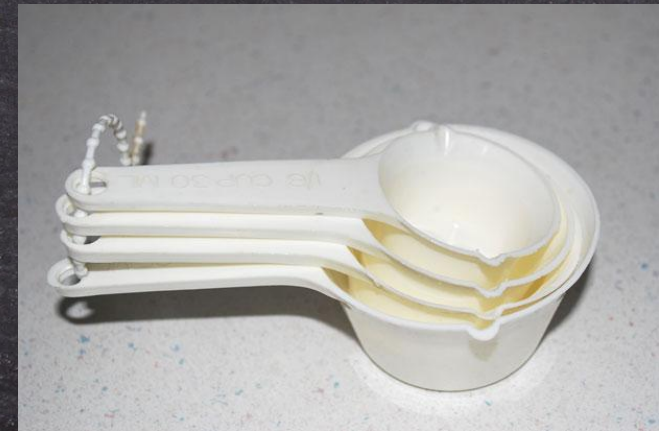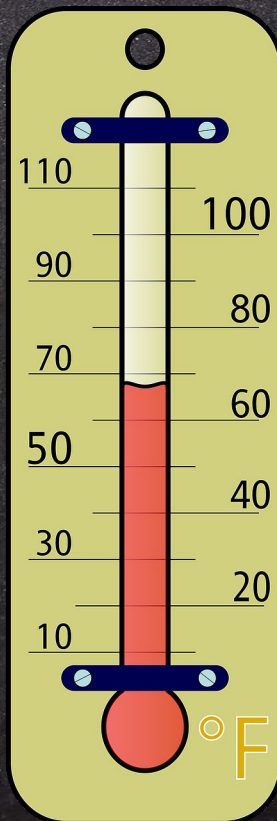
Social Studies

- Rights and Responsibilities
- Ethical and Global Citizenship
- Being a Virginian and an American
- Making contributions to the community
- Economics
- Geography, climate, and map skills
- The first Virginians
- Influential Virginians

Science

- Theme - How I interact with my world
- We explore Science concepts through the lens of observing and investigating parks.
- Characteristics and basic life needs of plants and animals
- Daily and seasonal changes, including weather and sun
- Motion and Sound
- Natural Resources
- Air and Water Quality
- Conservation

Daily Falcon Time

Daily Time for differentiated instruction based on students' individual needs

Portrait of a Graduate (POG)

Examples of how we use it in first grade:

- Collaborative play and learning
- Varying types of communication
- Setting goals and working toward them
- Building resilience
- Learning about and celebrating diversity

Conferences and Progress Reports

We will have conferences beginning in mid October.

We will send a SignUp Genius in advance. We look forward to meeting with everyone!

Report Cards will be available in ParentVUE on **Tuesday, November 12th @ 6am**

★paper copies will be sent home for Q1

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Technology

- Schoology is the FCPS learning management system
- Students will use online learning programs including:
  - Lexia
  - ST Math
  - MyOn
  - PebbleGo

Practice using a laptop or desktop at home

Practice your username (student ID#) and password

Holiday Videos

- 1 - 3 minutes long, recorded at home with your first grader
- Includes national holidays, cultural holidays, heritage months, etc.
- Some videos may be featured on the school-wide FHES News. Let us know if you prefer your video to be shown grade-level only.

Help us celebrate our diversity!

Holiday Video Examples!

Student of the Week

- Timeline Share

- Estimation Jar
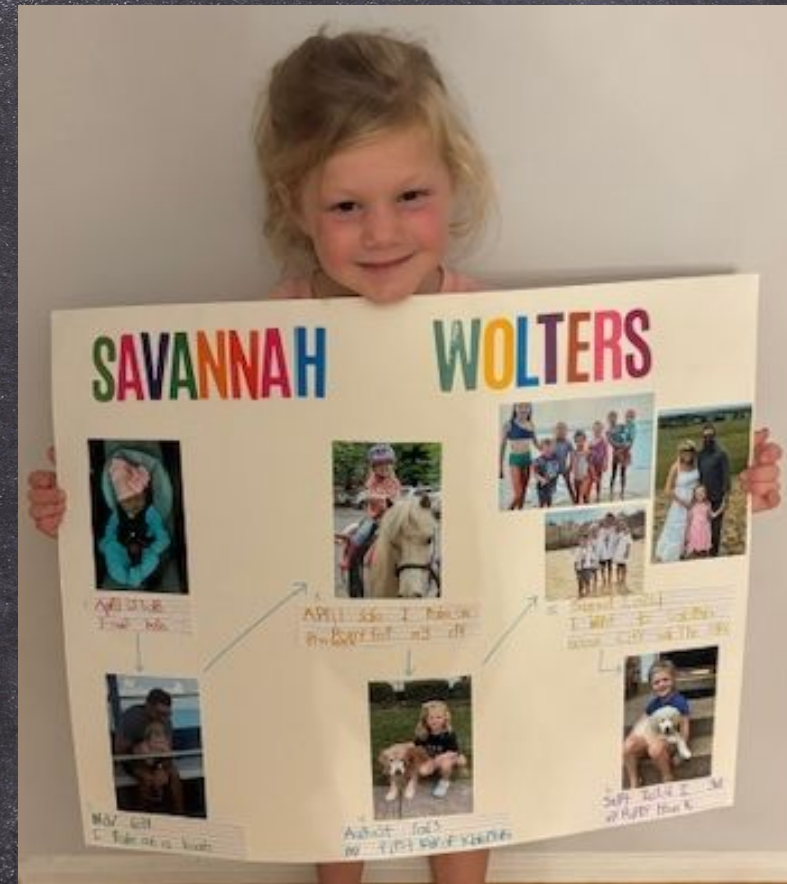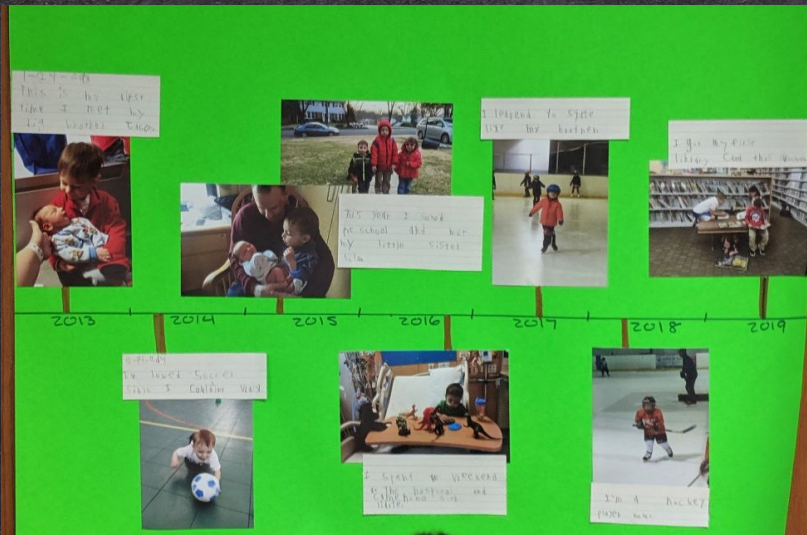
Mystery Reader

- Sign up to read to our class - it's a surprise!
- Fridays from 9:15 to 9:30
- You choose 2-3 books to read to our class.
- Sign Up Genius coming tomorrow morning.
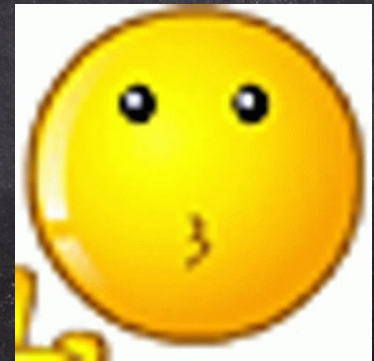
Volunteer Opportunities

- Class Coordinators
- Class events
- Helping with at home tasks or in the classroom

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parent teacher association

Please consider joining the PTA if you haven't already!
The PTA supports our school by:

- Classroom Technology
- Teacher Materials
- Field Trip Expenses
- Teacher Training
- Community Building and so much more!

Check the PTA website for specifics on all of the above and much more! https://fhespta.membershiptoolkit.com/

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PTA

· **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.

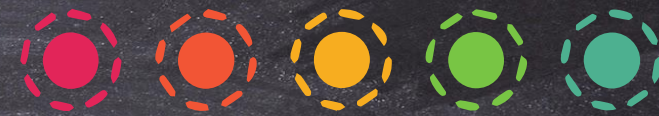· **PTA Meeting - Thursday, September 12 at 7pm** : Join Principal Montaquila and the Kindergarten Team at the next PTA meeting! It's a great chance to share your ideas, stay updated on school activities, and connect with other parents. You can attend in-person (Flint Hill Elementary library) or over Zoom (accessible through our website)

· **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 e-mail.

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We are continuing our ONE campaign and growing our growth mindset.
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"No significant learning can occur without a significant relationship."

~James Comer

Thank you for coming tonight!

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