



Dragon's Lair

March 2017 ~ 3rd Nine Weeks

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Principal's Message

Greetings Dragons!

Spring is a time of new beginnings and a time to celebrate new growth. This spring Fred Moore High School is celebrating the tremendous growth our students are demonstrating in their academics and behavior. We also have important events this spring that include STAAR testing (last week of March for English STARR and TELPAS; first week of May for Science, Math, and History STAAR) and our final commencement exercise at UNT May 31st.

There are a few tips for parents to help relieve the stress and anxiety many students experience during testing season. 1) Encourage your child by helping to develop a "you got this" frame of mind. 2) Have your child practice released STAAR test questions located on TEA's website. 3) Make sure your child is organized, fed, and prepared on test day. Lastly, consider offering a reward the same week of the test as a motivator.

Potential graduates and their parents have been notified of upcoming dates, fees, and requirements for the Spring commencement. All candidates for graduation must submit final assignments to their teachers by Friday, May 19th; however, we are instilling the importance of being early, not last minute. The May 19th deadline includes having credit recovery or "seat time" completed (\$50 fee), passing all STAAR assessments, and meeting district credit requirements.

Fred Moore High School staff is collaborating with community partners such as TWU mentors, NCTC Project Achieve, and Denton ISD affiliates to insure the success of every child. We invite other agencies and organizations to be an active part of our team as well. I hope to cultivate and grow Fred Moore's culture and climate through positive, thriving relationships with all our stakeholders.

Marilyn Rabsatt,

Principal



Bell Ringers are Back!

-by Kelcie McDonald

As many of you know, Bell Ringers are back! At scheduled times throughout the rest of the year, we will gather as a school to honor our graduates individually. Everyone will have a chance to say their goodbyes and give their best wishes to the people whose hard work finally paid off. Let's celebrate!

Bell Ringer Dates:

(9:15 am-10:00 am)

Feb 21

March 8

March 29

April 12

April 26

May 19

Interact Raises Money for ShelterBox!

-by Ethan Bourns

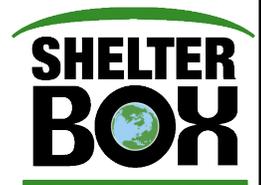


Interact Club is sponsored by Rotary Club International. Part of that sponsorship requires Interact to adopt an international project each year. This year our project is ShelterBox, which was started by a Rotary Club in England.

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that provides temporary shelter and life saving supplies to families that have been displaced by a disaster. Each ShelterBox costs about \$1000 and typically comes with a tent designed to withstand extreme weather, a water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities. ShelterBox response teams will personally deliver the boxes and show the recipients how to set it up and give each family a contract that legally gives the ShelterBox to them.

Interact Club did two fundraisers for this project. In February, we sponsored a Valentine's Day bake sale and in March we had Penny Wars (Girls vs. Boys). Our students and faculty of FMHS along with the personnel of SPED and Adult Ed. raised \$120.03 for ShelterBox during the Penny Wars. Both fundraisers brought in a total of \$237.03. The Morning Rotary Club of Denton will match the funds raised for ShelterBox.

Great Job FMHS!



Here's What's Happening!

February

Relationship Awareness Month

- 10 Interact Bake Sale
- 21 Bell Ringer
- 22 Spring Blood Drive

March

- 3 Presentation for Future Nurses
Krista Simpson, RN
TX Health Presbyterian/ NCTC 2015
- 8 Bell Ringer
- 13 - 17 Spring Break
- 20 Classes Resume
- 20-25 Interact Penny Wars
End of Course Testing
- 28 STAAR - English I EOC
- 29 Bell Ringer
- 30 STAAR - English II EOC

April

- 12 Bell Ringer
- 19 TWU Mentee Day @ TWU
- 26 Bell Ringer

May

- **End of Course Testing**
- 1 - 5 STAAR EOC Tests
Alg 1, Biology, U.S. History
- 19 Last day for graduate candidates to submit work
- 24 Bell Ringer
- 26 Senior Celebration @ Main Event, Frisco gam - 2:30pm
- 29 Memorial Day - no school
- 30 2017 Graduate Handprints & Graduation Rehearsal
Early Release
- 31 Graduation - UNT
Gateway Center 7pm (doors open @ 6pm) Early Release



June

- 1 Last Day of School/
Early Release

★ Test Taking Tips ★

By: Lirio Linares

Don't Be Fooled - You'll be surprised how many questions you're capable of missing just by misreading a thing or two. For example, if a question asks for a certain number of fruits, don't choose an answer choice that mentions vegetables. Take some time to re-read questions and answer choices.

Don't Rush - When you're skimming through a test, it's really easy to make silly mistakes that will cost you points. Make sure you understand what the question is really asking for. Sometimes, especially in math-related questions, a question may ask for an answer in miles but will have answer choices using feet.

Plan Ahead - You don't have to study every waking minute of your day. There is such a thing as studying TOO much! Plan some study time for 15 minutes or so and take a moment every day to learn stuff bit by bit.

Get A Study Group - When all else fails, just get a buddy! Maybe studying alone isn't for you, so that's when your friends come in. If they aren't learning what you're learning, use them to help quiz you. It's always nice to get some extra help.



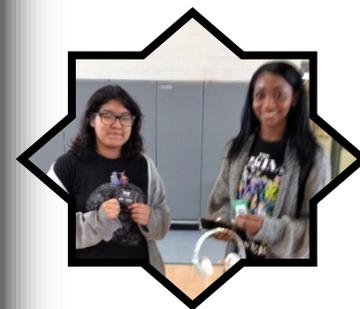
“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” - *Helen Keller*



"Love Life" Original Artwork

by Ashley McCormick 10th Grade

Girls Rule!



The girls won this year's Penny Wars competition. From the Girls Team, Lirio Linares won a \$10.00 Sonic gift card and Kelyse Grant won a \$10.00 Starbucks gift card in the Penny War drawing. The rest of the girls were treated to chips, cookies and brownies.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The winners of the second 9-week Student Recognition Awards:

**Student of the 9 Weeks –
KELCIE MCDONALD**



**High Academic Achievement –
A'LARYA CRUZ**



**Most Positive Influence –
VICTOR TURJILLO ROMAN**



**Best Attendance –
WARREN MOORE**

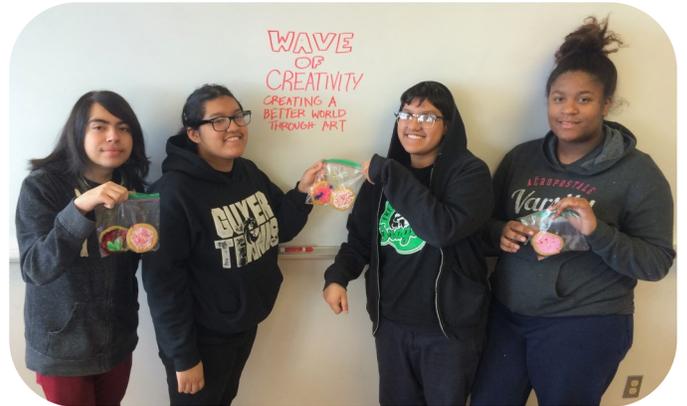


**New Leaf –
LYDIA SAVVINA**



Donation Through Creation!

Art Club collaborates with Interact Club's international community service project to hand-decorate 2 dozen artful, Valentine's Day-themed cookies. They donated their time & artistic abilities in collaboration with Interact Club's international community service project to support ShelterBox.



Second Semester Perfect Attendance

The student starred(*) below has had perfect attendance since he started at Fred Moore this school year.

Trevor Durante*

At Fred Moore High School, our attendance goal is 98%.

Fred Moore High School proudly spotlights Mrs. Cathleen Brackeen for the 3rd nine weeks reporting period. Mrs. Brackeen has dedicated over twenty years of service to our campus. Her every effort as Fred Moore's English teacher is to make sure that all her students are equipped to be great readers and writers.

Prior to serving Fred Moore students and families, Cathleen worked as a Certified Public Accountant for the University of North Texas.

Cathleen Brackeen is a devoted wife and the proud mother of five beautiful children. Four of her children are Fred Moore High School graduates. Her hobbies include quilting and being an avid reader. One may also call her a parrot head as she enjoys listening to Jimmy Buffet and attending his concerts.

Mrs. Brackeen obtained a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Oklahoma with a concentration in Language Arts. She also holds two business degrees: A Master's from the University of North Texas with a concentration in Finance and a Bachelor's from Southwest Oklahoma State University with a concentration in Accounting / Finance. Prior to attending postsecondary schools, Cathleen was afforded the opportunity to study abroad in Scotland.

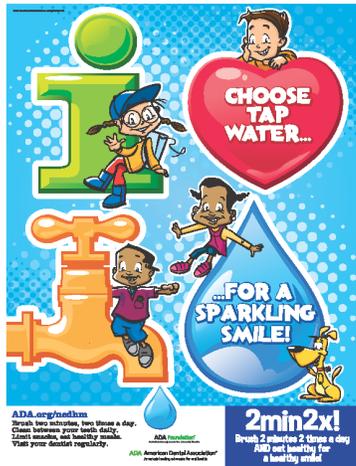
The Fred Moore family honors Mrs. Cathleen Brackeen for her passion and commitment to our school. Mrs. Brackeen's longevity at Fred Moore is due to a care for her students that extends beyond her classroom. She gains satisfaction and fulfillment from knowing that her students are well-prepared for success in college and/or their future careers.



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Nurse News



Students and staff of Fred Moore are impacting the community in a positive way. On February 22, the blood drive held on our campus brought in a total of 15 units saving up to **45+ lives in our community.**



MARCH IS KIDNEY HEALTH MONTH

You can make choices that will help your body do its job as best as it can!

<https://www.kidney.org/>

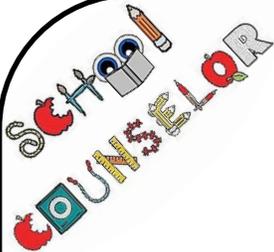
Nursing - The Next Generation



Students at Fred Moore are frequently provided opportunities to learn more about which route to take during post-secondary education. Most recently, a group had the chance to interview Ms. Krista Simpson.

Ms. Simpson is an RN employed with Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Denton. She received her ASN from NCTC in 2015 and her BSN from Texas Tech, May 2016.

She did a very informative 30 minute presentation to Fred Moore students in March about NCTC's RN program, internships, and working in the hospital setting. She also had a 30 minute Q&A session where students asked specific questions about the nursing field in general.



TIME IS WINDING DOWN



ASK THE GURU!

LIVE Well LAUGH Often LOVE Much

The only mistake you can make is not asking for help.

Sandeep Jauhar

meetville.com



Thank you to all the faculty, staff and students who submitted content and ideas to the Dragon's Lair.

C. Ware Jones - Editor

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