

March 2018 ~ 3rd Nine Weeks

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<u>Principal's Message</u>

Greetings Dragons!

As Fred Moore High School enters the 2018 Spring season, we are collaborating as a team on creating a positive and nurturing campus culture. The faculty and staff are engaged in discussions about our values and we will begin the process of redefining our mission in succinct, yet meaningful terms. The end goal is to establish our culture and brand our mission so that who we are is evident from the moment someone walks through our front doors.

During this season of transition, our work with our students is not waning. We anticipate that our students will be well prepared for STAAR testing during the weeks of April 9–13 and May 7-11. There is also evidence of an increase in our students' accountability for their learning and their use of self-monitoring practices.

We have been intentional in our efforts to improve college and career readiness and social/cultural connections. The University of North Texas is partnering with us to help attain our goals. UNT's newly established High School Career Connect department is providing weekly volunteers for our mentoring program which will kick-off at the end of UNT's Office of Outreach and March. Undergraduate Admissions is overseeing our GO Center where students engage weekly with their representatives in college and career exploration activities. Lastly, this semester our students will tour both the Nasher Sculpture museum in downtown Dallas and Frisco's National Videogame museum for STEM-related and cultural enrichment.

I am excited about where we are headed as a campus and very proud of the work being done by our team.

Marilyn Rabsatt,

Principal

#GOALS

Nasher Museum by Paige and Koi



On March 20th Ms. Schultz and Mrs. Fiore chaperoned a field trip to the sculpture art museum - Nasher. Sixteen

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students were in because they completed the

vere in attendance they successfully the attendance challenge. February

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12— March 7th you could have no more than one tardy and no absences to be able to go.

The students were led and explained the importance of art on young people. Avi, the tour guide, took great care to make sure the students had an interpretation

of art.



After the tour, the group took a ten minute walk from the museum

to The Spaghetti Warehouse for lunch. The museum

tour also met the goal of Fred Moore staff to increase social and

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2017-18 Calendar by Christopher Alanis

<u>January</u>

*1/1 - 1/2 — Winter Break
*1/3 — Teacher Work Day
*1/4 — 2nd Semester Classes Start
*1/15 — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

<u>February</u>

- *2/5 2/9 National School Counseling Week
 *2/26 Student Award Winners

 Dallas Mavericks
 vs. Indiana Pacers, American Airlines Center Dallas,
 6pm-11pm
- *2/28 Bell Ringing Ceremony, FMHS Gym @ 3pm

<u>March</u>

***3/11** — Daylight Savings Time Begins

- ***3/12 3/16** Spring Break
- *3/19 Teacher Work Day
- *3/20 Attendance Contest Winners (a) Nasher Museum & Spaghetti Warehouse Dallas (West End), 8am-1pm
- *3/28 Bell Ringing Ceremony, FMHS Gym @ 3pm

<u>April</u>

*4/1 — Easter Sunday

- *4/2 Deadline for Graduation Fee (\$45) & Childhood Pictures
- *4/4 National Paraprofessional & School Librarian Appreciation Day
- *4/11 Bell Ringing Ceremony, FMHS Gym @ 3pm
- *4/25 Bell Ringing Ceremony, FMHS Gym @ 3pm

<u>May</u>

- *5/7 5/11 STAAR Testing & National Teacher Appreciation Week
- *5/9 School Nurse Appreciation Day & Bell Ringing Ceremony, FMHS Gym @ 3pm
- ***5/11** Spring Deadline for Graduates o Submit Work
- *5/15 Attendance Contest Winners @ National Video Game Museum (Frisco, TX), 9am-1pm
- *5/16 Graduate Celebration @ Main Event Frisco, 9am -2pm
 - Bell Ringing Ceremony, FMHS Gym @ 3pm
- *5/18 Graduate Handprints and Graduation Rehearsal (MANDATORY), 1pm - 3pm
- *5/22 Spring Graduation, UNT Gateway Center, 2pm (doors open to the public @ 1pm)
- *5/23 Early Release Day (1:05pm)
- *5/24 Last Day of School/Early Release Day (1:05pm)
- *5/25 Teacher Work Day
- *5/28 Memorial Day

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..." – **Dr. Seuss**,

Oh, The Places You'll Go!

Quote selected by Christopher Alanis

#GOALS Nasher Museum (continued from page 1) cultural awareness for our students.



The next attendance challenge runs the entire month of April. The reward is a field trip to the National Videogame Museum as a part of STEM enrichment.

Our attendance goal at Fred Moore High School is 98%.





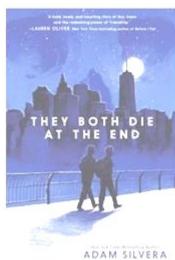
UNT GO Center is on the FMHS Campus!

Each Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon representatives from UNT will be on Campus to host the UNT GO Center. Whether you are going to college, joining the armed forces, or are undecided, the GO Center is here to support your goals. See Mrs. Pena to schedule an appointment or for more details.

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Book Club News

The FMHS Book Club just finished its first selection of 2018, New York Time's Bestseller They Both Die at the



End, by Adam Silvera book (2017). This reminds us that there's no life without death and no love without loss. It was a humorous, darkly uplifting story about two people whose lives change over the course of one unforgettable day. Join us for coffee and donuts as we read and discuss our next book.

Ask Mrs. Pena for more details.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

The winners of the 2nd 9-weeks Student Recognition Awards:

Student of the 9 Weeks – Jacob Gonzales High Academic Achievement – Monica Ruiz Most Positive Influence – Jasmine Lopez Best Attendance – Benjamin Harrison New Leaf – Armando Fernandez



The FMHS Mentoring Program...

Student Mentors and university faculty from UNT Career Connect visited FMHS on March 23 to give an overview of The purpose of Career Connect is to increase their program.

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career confidence about what path students want to take for the future. They aim to combine your passions with careers. The current career categories are STEM, Multidisciplinary, Business and Industry, Public Service and Arts and Humanities.

The mentors and FMHS mentees connect weekly during lunch. CareerConnectHS

The "Teacher Spotlight" for the 3rd grading period of the 2017-18 school year is Mrs. Molly Swindle.

Mrs. Swindle has served the students and families of Fred Moore High School for over five years as our Career and Technology (CTE) teacher. Prior to coming to FMHS she worked at Denton High School for many years. As the CTE teacher, Mrs. Swindle facilitates learning in a vast array of subjects through distance learning opportunities with the Advanced Technology Complex. She also represents our campus in district initiatives that include Adopt-A -School Coordinator, Teach Denton Liaison, and the Sustainable Schools Program point of contact. Lastly, Mrs. Swindle sponsors the Interact club where she inspires our students to be selfless and innovative leaders.

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In addition to devoting time to FMHS, Molly Swindle is committed to service at her community and her church. Mrs. Swindle serves dutifully in ministry at Denton Bible Church as a 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday School teacher, Kids' Praise Children's Choir teacher volunteer, and member of the adult choir. When she has a moment for herself, she enjoys gardening, reading, international and domestic travel, and spending time with her seven grandchildren.

Married to her husband Kenneth for forty-three years, she is the mother of three. All the Swindle children have emulated their parents' values in key aspects of their lives. Their son Ryan is a librarian and is married to an educator. Their son Brendan is firefighter, like his dad, and is also married to an educator. And, their daughter Amber is a ministry assistant who is married to a firefighter.

The faculty, staff, and students of Fred Moore High School proudly salute Mrs. Molly Swindle for all you do. Mrs. Swindle's subtleness in bringing cheer to our campus with beautiful décor on special occasions and her gifts of private prayers to encourage and uplift have made a lasting and positive impact.

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Even though we've been brushing and flossing our teeth for years and years, many of us are surprised to learn that we're not doing it properly. Did you know that proper brushing takes at least two minutes?



These four steps are the best and easiest ways to help you remember how to care for your mouth, teeth and gums:

- 1. Brush at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste for at least two minutes, especially first thing in the morning and before bedtime.
- 2. Floss every day usually at bedtime.
- 3. Limit the number of times you eat snacks each day.
- 4. Visit your dentist every 6 months for an oral exam and professional cleaning.





On Saturday, March 24th, students and staff from Fred Moore participated in the Great American Cleanup. The group volunteered for over three hours clearing trash and debris near an area pond. The students picked up lots of grocery bags that had blown into the water. Some interesting finds were shark bait, a sleeping bag, an old shoe and a golf ball.

After the cleanup, some students went the Civic Center for food and drinks. The were two food trucks. One truck had nachos with the choice of either chicken or pulled pork. The other was a vegetarian truck with make your own plate.

This effort was held in conjunction with Keep Denton Beautiful to continue making a positive impact in the Denton community.

Animal Shelter Donations

This month Interact Club has chosen to collect donations for Denton's local animal shelter. Donated items are being collected in orange boxes around campus.

- Kitty litter (cheap clay variety)
- Dog & puppy food (both wet & dry*)
- Cat & kitten food (both wet & dry*)
- Dog toys & treats
- Cat toys & treats
- Pet bedding (washable)

- Cheap dog leashes (rope style)
- Flea treatments
- Dawn dishwashing liquid
- Bleach
- Old newspapers

• Gently used towels & bath mats *Good quality food is requested as many of the animals arrive malnourished See yellow flyers hanging in the hallways/classrooms or visit the shelter website for a more detailed list. If you bring a larger item (kitty litter, dry food, bleach bottles) please set it next to the box to save space for smaller items. If you

prefer to bring cash, please give it to Mrs. Rabsatt (let her know it is for the Animal Shelter).

Donation drop-off begins Monday, April 16th and ends on Friday, April 20th.

https://www.dentonasf.com/about-the-shelter/

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

C. Ware Jones - Advisor

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