



March 2019 ~ 3rd Nine Weeks

Dragon's Lair

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Principal's Message

Greetings Dragons!

Spring is upon us, and this school year is quickly ending. In this time, you have demonstrated tremendous growth with no signs of slowing down. Spring is a very busy time of year for all on campus. We have important dates coming up that you should keep in mind. STAAR exam season will begin on Tuesday April the 9th with the proctoring of the English I exam, followed by the English II exam on Thursday April 11th. STAAR exams will resume on Monday May 6th with the Algebra 1 exam, followed by the U.S. History exam on Tuesday May 7th, and the Biology exam on Wednesday May 8th. Make-up exams will be administered as needed on April 10th, April 12th, and May 9th. Remember Dragons, if you are currently in a direct teach class for a STAAR tested subject, you will be testing!

We will have an additional round of TSI testing for juniors the week of April 22nd. If you are senior and interested in retaking the TSI, please come by my office to make arrangements. Remember Dragons, it is the expectation that every senior passes the TSI exam before graduation. If you are not able to pass the TSI exam, you will put into a college prep course for math, reading or both. The passing score on the TSI is a 350 for Math and a 351 for Reading. Mrs. Phillips offers tutorials on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:15-6:15; she can provide you with guidance on TSI math preparation. Ms. Siver holds test prep tutorials for STAAR, TSI, SAT, ACT, and ASVAB on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:15. Please take advantage of these opportunities to prepare for exams.

Parents, please encourage your student to take advantage of the offered opportunities. It is important that students finish the year strong. Ask your student about their weekly progress to make sure they are on track to meet their deadlines. In order to meet deadlines, students should be doing homework at home and be prepared to take tests and quizzes at school. The deadline for potential graduates to turn in all work is May 15th. It is important that students do not wait until the last minute to finish their assignments. All seat time and graduation fees must all be complete by May 15th.

Hang in there Dragons, you are doing great! Remember that my door is always open for you to come by to check on your credits, seat time, or for a pep talk. You've got this!!! Let's continue to grow in an environment where we believe, achieve and succeed. You are GREAT!

Warmest regards,

Jackie San Miguel, Associate Principal

Welcome, Amber Snethen

Interview by Dragons Lair Journalists
Tawnya Lytle & Emma Hanna-Huff



DL: What are some differences between Fred Moore and your previous campus?

Ms. Snethen: "A lot of it is that it is self paced."

DL: What are your goals as a teacher for Fred Moore students?

Ms. Snethen: "To help the students to succeed, because if y'all succeed then the teachers succeed"

DL: What is something you think is unique about your teaching style?

Ms. Snethen: "Almost anything that comes up, I can incorporate into the class because history repeats itself."

DL: Why did you choose a career in historical education?

Ms. Snethen: "Because I like stories. I initially wanted to be a psychology teacher—that is what my degree is in—but then I figured I could teach history, because that's what I'm interested in."

DL: Why did you become a teacher?

Ms. Snethen: "Getting to watch that little lightbulb moment that kids get when they finally understand a difficult subject."

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Calendar

by Ashley Saxton and Kylie Martin

January

- ☐ **07** Staff Development - No Classes
- ☐ **08** 3rd Nine Weeks Begins
- ☐ **21** MLK Holiday - No Classes

February

- ☐ **01 - 28** Attendance Challenge
- ☐ **12** Healthy Relationships & Teen Dating Violence Mandate

March

- ☐ **11 - 15 Spring Break** - No Classes
- ☐ **18** Staff Development - No Classes
- ☐ **27** Bell Ringer

April

- ☐ **10** Deadline for Coursework for May Graduates
- ☐ **05** Graduation Fees \$52.00 due to Ms. Cates
- ☐ **05** Graduates submit Baby/Youth Pictures to Mrs. Peña
- ☐ **12** STAAR - English II
- ☐ **09** STAAR - English I
- ☐ **12** STAAR - English II
- ☐ **19** Good Friday - No Classes

May

- ☐ **06** STAAR - Algebra I
- ☐ **07** STAAR - U.S. History
- ☐ **08** STAAR - Biology
- ☐ **10** Bell Ringer
- ☐ **15** Deadline for Coursework for May Graduates
- ☐ **16** Main Event Graduates meet at FMHS @ 8:30 am
- ☐ **16** Bell Ringer
- ☐ **17** Graduation Practice / Senior Handprints 1:00 pm
- ☐ **20** Application for New Students Opens
- ☐ **22** Graduation - UNT Gateway Center 2:00 pm (doors open at 1:00 pm)
- ☐ **22** Early Release
- ☐ **23** Last Day of School/Early Release
- ☐ **24** Teacher Work Day
- ☐ **27** Memorial Day/Holiday

June

- ☐ **03** Summer Hours Begin
7:30-5:30 Monday -Thursday
All District Buildings closed on Fridays

July

- ☐ **26** Summer Hours End
- ☐ **29-31** FMHS Registration for current and new students 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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DL: What is your teaching philosophy ?

Ms. Snethen: "A teacher is a compass that activates the magnets of curiosity, knowledge, and wisdom in the pupils." - Ever Garrison

DL: What do you find most frustrating about teaching?

Ms. Snethen: "When things don't go as you planned. Like when the internet goes out."

The Green Team

By Koi Oke

The Green team is one of the newest clubs to come to FMHS. Mrs. Swindle has been a go getter in its creation. She and Ms. Siver applied for an education grant, which was awarded through Keep Denton Beautiful and achieved through the City of Denton. Interact club previously worked with the organization last March during the Great American Cleanup at North Lakes Park. The great people of DISD have donated supplies for a drip irrigation system, and K&K Landscaping Services will donate the labor. Rose bushes will be donated by the Denton-based Gemini Rose and Peach Tree Farm.

We plan to build L-shaped flower beds with outward slots for student plants and flowers. Running through the middle will be planted rose bushes. Our long-term goal is to have benches located near the beds so students can go outside during lunch. Soon we will be able to decorate the school garden with paint and possibly bird houses. Now we need to focus on getting our plants strong enough for potting. For more information, join the Green Team Google classroom and check out www.gardenate.com.

Donations and contributions include:

- ☼ City of Denton- Keep Denton Beautiful Grant
- ☼ Sam's gift cards totaling \$50.00 awarded through KDB by City of Denton
- ☼ Target gift card of \$25
- ☼ Mr. Jim Herbison, owner of Gemini Rose and Peach Tree Farm has also offered to conduct a rose growing class for our students.

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Student Spotlight

FMHS STUDENT WINS SPEECH CONTEST



Desiree (center) with Interact sponsors Molly Swindle (left) and Kelly Fiore-Watson (right)

Desiree Williams, a junior at Fred Moore High School, won this year's Denton Rotary Club Four-Way Speech Contest on February 27, 2019. Students from all Denton ISD high schools participated in the contest at DHS. Desiree won the top prize of \$300 for her speech, which was judged by members of the Denton Rotary Club. She now advances to the district competition in April.

Desiree is FMHS' first student to enter the contest, and her success has sparked interest among many other students. Fred Moore has a very active Interact Club, with participation from more than two-thirds of the student body. Sponsored by Rotary, Interact Clubs develop leadership skills while helping students discover the power of service above self.



Desiree celebrating her win with Mrs. Fiore!



FMHS Student, Kylie Martin attended the event to support Desiree.

The Four-Way Speech Contest is organized and run by local Rotary clubs. Rotary is an international community service organization, and the Four-Way Test consists of questions Rotarians use to guide their personal and professional interactions:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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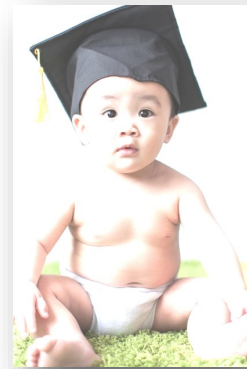
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Order by April 5th

• See Mrs. Ware Jones for more information

Oh Baby,... May Grads

May graduates, don't forget to send four baby or childhood photos to Ms. Pena! These photos are part of the senior tribute, and you don't want to be left out. (Note: these are photos of yourself as a child.) Send photos to MPENA@G.DENTONISD.ORG



Nurse News



MARCH IS KIDNEY HEALTH MONTH

**KEEP A KIDNEY
*Happy***

Kidneys are awesome. You probably own two of them!
Follow these simple steps to keep them healthy and happy.



**FEED THEM A
HEALTHY DIET**

DO NOT SMOKE



**REDUCE
THEIR SALT
INTAKE**



**KEEP
THEM FIT
& ACTIVE**

**KEEP THEM
HYDRATED**



The Kidney Foundation of Canada kidney.bc.ca

Our Family is Growing...



Our Social Worker, Angela Holl, welcomed baby boy Henry and our English teacher, Ashly Sharp, welcomed baby boy Daxton this month.

Congratulations!



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