



Flat Rock “Eagles” ~ Week at a Glance

Monday, October 2, 2017

*3:30pm – 8:00pm Volleyball Clinic – 5th - 8th Grades

*6:00pm – 7:30pm – JV Football Game - FRMS vs Rising Starr MS @ Starr’s Mill HS

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

*3:30pm – 4:30pm - Title I Extended Day – Math

*3:30pm – 4:30pm - Honor Band / All-State help session with 7th & 8th grade

*6:30pm – 7:30 pm – Volleyball Tournament / Lady Eagles vs Rising Starr @ McIntosh HS

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

*3:30pm – 8:00pm Volleyball Clinic – 5th - 8th Grades

5:00pm – Football Game – FRMS vs BMMS @ Sandy Creek HS (make up)

Thursday, October 5, 2017

*3:30pm – 4:30pm - Title I Extended Day – Literacy

Friday, October 6, 2017

5:00pm – 7:00pm – FRMS PTO Sock Hop

*Parents please keep in mind our 15 minute rule that all students must be picked up within 15 minutes after athletic events, after school practices, rehearsals and other activities, or your child may be prohibited from participating in future events.

Attention: All dismissal and/or transportation changes must be made by 2:50 pm each day for adequate communication time.

All lost and found items are cleared out and donated to charity the last school day of the month.

The above dates and more can be viewed on our school website at <http://www.fcboe.org/frms>.

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<http://www.fcboe.org/frms>

CAN YOU HELP?

Do you know anyone interested in seeking employment within a great school environment with full-time benefits and paid leave time? Flat Rock Middle School is looking for caring, skilled and capable individuals to serve on our custodial team. If interested, please apply [here](#).



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



DRESS CODE REMINDER

Students are expected to dress and be groomed in such a way as to reflect neatness, modesty, cleanliness, and respect for our school. Students must ensure that their dress does not distract or cause disruption in the educational program or orderly operation of the school. School administrators are responsible for determining dress code violations. The principal may interpret or add to these provisions as he/she deem to be in the best interest of the school, students or the educational process. The complete dress code rules may be viewed in the Student Handbook [here](#).

It is particularly important to review the following dress code items due to recent and repeated school violations, particularly with leggings and stressed jeans:

Pants, shorts, slacks, shirts, dresses and skirts will be of appropriate size and fit. Holes and stressed areas must be below the fingertips or mid-thigh. Pants and shorts must always be on the waist. The hem of skirts, dresses or shorts must be at or below the fingertips or mid-thigh. Clothing that is extreme form fitting (leggings, yoga pants, jeggings, compression shirts, etc.) must be worn with an outer garment of appropriate length. See pictures below for guide.





It's ESPLOST time again; time to be informed and cast your **vote**. Voting is on Nov. 7th and **early voting starts October 16 through November 3rd**. We need every parent, teacher, and Fayette resident to go to the polls and vote.



EDUCATION ESPLOST

SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

What is an ESPLOST?

- ESPLOST is an Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax that is dedicated for use by school systems for school facility improvements. It can be used for renovations, technology upgrades, equipment, school bus purchases, and to retire bond debt. It cannot be used for salaries or consumable instructional materials.
- The penny sales tax spreads the responsibility of educating our children to all citizens and visitors of the community. Anyone who spends money in Fayette County is funding the ESPLOST, regardless of whether or not the person lives in the county.

We already have an ESPLOST, is this an additional tax?

- No, it is not a new sales tax. This will simply extend the current 1% sales tax for education for another 5 years. Collection of the renewal ESPLOST can only begin after the current ESPLOST expires.

The county recently passed a SPLOST, did it not include the school system?

- No, it is only for the county and city municipalities. The ESPLOST is for the school system only.

What does an ESPLOST mean for people who don't have children in the public school system?

- The ESPLOST helps keep ad valorem taxes stable. Additionally, the children are not the only ones who benefit from good schools. The social and economic strengths of a community are greatly influenced by the public school system. Good schools mean well-prepared citizens, a strong labor market, and an inviting atmosphere for both living and working.

What happens if the ESPLOST does not pass?

- Without the extension of the current ESPLOST, the school system will not be able to continue to upgrade its technology infrastructure, and purchase textbooks, learning materials, and school buses as needed. Repairs and refurbishments to existing facilities will take longer to complete. There would be many lost opportunities for Fayette County students.

Has the current ESPLOST been successful?

- Yes. All classrooms have been upgraded with 21st century technology for enhanced learning. Textbooks and new school buses have been purchased, and school buses currently in use have been retrofitted with air conditioning. There have also been many facility and equipment improvements, and our property owners have seen reduced debt service millage rates using the funds provided by the education sales tax.

Instead of imposing an ESPLOST, shouldn't the school system reduce its spending?

- The school system has taken measures to reduce operational spending over the years and now operates on a balanced budget while providing a quality education for our students. However, state and federal funding cuts and unfunded state mandates continue to be imposed. An ESPLOST will allow us to address critical technology, equipment, and facility needs that would be difficult, if not impossible, to fund out of the general operating budget.

Why isn't the money being used for teacher salaries and curriculum development?

- State laws prohibit using ESPLOST proceeds for salaries and consumable instructional materials.



Positive and effective parent-school communication benefit the school, child, and the parents. Parents also benefit from being involved in their children’s education by getting ideas from school on how to help and support their children, and by learning more about the school’s academic programs and how it works. The journey of school is not just for educators and students, it’s about parents, too! Here you will find resources and articles to support your child’s success in school.

Check out the link below for help on Strategies for Raising Resilient Students:

[5 Ways to Strengthen Student Resilience](#)

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~INTEGRITY~

To consistently be truthful, sincere and fair. Keeping one’s word.

*Leadership Trait of the Week
September 26th – September 29th
“JUSTICE / FAIRNESS”
Elsy Alfaro
“Student of the Week”*

Justice / Fairness



The power to direct or regulate your actions or emotions.

Team 6B student of the week makes contributions to our team, as well as to all of Flat Rock Middle. She assists others in need and demonstrates respect for others by showing kindness and expressing gratitude. This student is courteous and polite to all students and follows the golden rule. She cooperates with peers and avoids blaming others. Because this student is an exemplary model of a student who shows justice and fairness, team 6B honors Elsy Alfaro as the student of the week.