



December's Hive Newsletter

What's Happening This Month....

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Before we know it Christmas break will be here and the new year will follow. We would like to say a great big thank you to all our families for sharing your wonderful kiddos with us. They have grown so much just in this first semester of school. Their smiling faces and contagious giggles is what brightens up our days.

As we grow up and become parents ourselves, do we sometimes forget the joy that is Christmas? Seeing the trees lit up and all the decorations? Remembering why we celebrate it in the first place? Do we lose our Christmas spirit and get caught up in all the hussle and bussle instead? Do we let the worry of finding the right gift or having enough financially to afford everything get in our way? What if instead we took a step back and remembered that it's ok to not have it all together. Could our viewpoint change? Could we become more like our children and just be excited to see all the beauty that is Christmas? This holiday season I challenge you to start looking at things from a different perspective and to find the joy that even the smallest of things can bring.

This month is filled with learning, fun and festivities. Many classrooms will be having Christmas parties, breakfasts, visits from Santa, making gifts for parents, and visiting the Elf Shop. If you are signing up to help with any of these activities, please remember you need to have your background check completed.

It has become cold outside. Please make sure your child comes dressed to go outside for recess. If your child is in need of a winter coat and you are needing assistance with this, please reach out to Mrs. Gutwiller at pgutwiller@fccsc.k12.in.us. We also have students who forget their coats or hoodies outside. We usually bring these in and place them on the coat hooks for them to identify

and take home. A good idea would be to write your child's name on the inside tag of the coat to help them identify theirs and make sure they are taking home the correct one.

Are you interested in becoming more involved with your students school? Our parent teacher organization, The Jacket Backers, would be a great way to do that. They are always organizing events and fun opportunities for our students. If you would like to volunteer to help out please send them a message via our facebook page or contact Kaleigh Hammond or Jessica Couch.

Reminders 💡

- 12/1-5: Canned Food Drive.
 - 12/4: 6th Grade Recognition Night for Athletics.
 - 12/8-12: Scholastic Book Fair.
 - 12/8: Board Meeting @ 6:30pm.
 - 12/10: Early Dismissal.
 - 12/10: PTO Movie Night.
 - 12/15: Kindergarten is Making Gingerbread Houses.
 - 12/15-19: Christmas Spirit Week.
 - 12/19: Santa Visit For Prek through 1st Grade.
 - 12/22 to 1/2: Christmas Break/No School
 - 12/24: Christmas Eve.
 - 12/25: Christmas Day.
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Way To Go Yellow Jackets!!

After the latest ILearn Checkpoint 1, Laurel Elementary scored the highest in the county and higher than the state average with our Math scores!

39% of our students scored proficient or advanced on mathematics.

4th and 5th grade exceeded state and corporation averages in mathematics.

21% of our students scored proficient or advanced on ELA.

6th grade exceeded corporation average in ELA.



WIN News

Grade K - students can correctly ID numbers 1 - 10 88% of the time

Grade 1 - 75% of students can correctly write numbers 1 to 100

Grade 2 - 100% of students tested can solve addition and subtraction word problems with 83% or higher accuracy.

Grade 3 - 44% of students tested can add or subtract with regrouping with an accuracy of 75% or higher.

Grade 4 - 78% of students tested can solve multiplication and division word problems with an accuracy rate of 75% or higher

Grade 5 - 100% of students tested can solve mixed skill word problems with an accuracy rate of 75% or higher

Grade 6 - 100% of students tested can multiply fractions by fractions with an accuracy rate of 89% or higher

Airport Experience

On November 24th and 25th, students in grades Pk - 6 will be visiting an "airport". This experience will help to build the background knowledge that our students lack. According to reading research by Hart and Risley (2003), there is a "30 million word gap by the age of three between children in professional families and high socioeconomic status and children in families from lower socioeconomic status, such as those receiving welfare support." In order to level this deficit,

vocabulary enhancement is vital. Teachers are already working daily to close this gap, however, by creating fun, memorable experiences, words come alive for students. This airport adventure will be our first experience.

Girls on the Run

Our Girls on the Run team completed their 5k on November 15th. We are so proud of the effort they have put into this!! Way to go girls



* **A VERY MERRY**
GRINCHMAS *
MOVIE NIGHT *
* **COOKIES & COCOA**
WITH SANTA

DECEMBER 10
5-8 PM

LAUREL
ELEMENTARY
GYMNASIUM

CONCESSIONS
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE DURING
THE MOVIE

PHOTO BACKDROPS
WHOVILLE STYLE *



November							2025
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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Cut Here

The Laurel Preschool class is raising money to purchase graduation shirts and to take a field trip. We will be making and selling snowman and/or gingerbread ornaments. Ornaments will be \$1.00 each. If you would like to purchase ornaments, please return the lower portion of this form in an envelope with your payment. Make sure you fill out the number of ornaments you would like. All orders must be received by December 5, 2025. Snowman ornaments are limited.

Your name _____

Student name _____

Phone number _____

School _____

Number of Snowman Ornaments _____

Number of Gingerbread Ornaments _____

Amount enclosed _____

Book Fair

Laurel Elementary School Library



Volunteers
needed

December 8th – 12th

Book Fair is right around the corner, and we would love your help! Volunteers will be asked to assist students in creating wish lists, finding a book, helping to bag, and keeping order. Please review the available slots on the SignUpGenius link and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!



Lunch Menu



FCCSC Lunch Menu December 2025



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Garlic Bread Fresh Broccoli Fruit Milk	Chicken Sandwich Potatoes Fruit Milk	Orange Chicken Rice Fruit Milk	Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Pizza Carrots Fruit Milk
Walking Tacos Beans & Corn Fruit Milk	Chili PB Sandwich Fruit Milk	Cheese Bread Broccoli Fruit Milk	Bosco Sticks Cucumbers & Tomatoes Fruit Milk	Pizza Carrots Fruit Milk
Calzone Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread Fresh Broccoli Fruit & Milk	Cheeseburgers Potatoes Fruit Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Sausage Patty Fruit Milk	Ham Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll, Cake Fruit & Milk



DEC 22ND-JAN 4TH CHRISTMAS BREAK





MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ALTERNATIVE ENTREE OFFERED DAILY

USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
PROVIDER AND EMPLOYEEER

Dippin Dots

The cafeteria is now selling Dippin Dots!! The cost is \$3.00 and they can be purchased by students in grades 3 to 6.



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