

Weekly Memos – November 13, 2017

Superintendent's Weekly Message: SAFETY IS ALWAYS PRIORITY!



First, I would like to begin by offering my most sincere appreciation to the overwhelming amount of support from families around this administration regarding our school safety efforts. Most recently we took 3,700 plus students to our annual Homecoming parade, where students had an opportunity to watch and enjoy the parade. After the parade, many students joined the crowd of 4,000 or more for the carnival at Fayette-Ware High School. Because of our safety and security measures, we did not have any mishaps - safety is a priority. We continue to install new safety barriers in schools to ensure that our students are safe. However, my greatest concern around safety is our transportation system. I have inherited a transportation conundrum, which keeps me up at night worried about our students. Before my administration, there was this system "Edulog" implemented that has caused significant problems in transporting our students. When students have to walk long distances to catch a one-stop bus in the early hours of the morning or ride a shuttle bus in the afternoon, this is a concern - a great concern. Although it's not my fault, it is my fight now. Working with a school board of education that's committed to the safety of students, I am confident that we will fix this problem. I'm baffled by the fact that allowing students to observe the democratic process has more momentum than students walking during the dark hours of the morning to catch a bus. More to come that will make you go "hmmm". Stay tuned.



TNREADY Opportunity for FCPS Educators

The Tennessee Department of Education is seeking educators to participate in the ongoing development of the Tennessee assessment program. Participants are needed for the following committees:

- TNReady ELA Content Assessment Committee: Grades 2–8 and EOC
- TNReady ELA Bias Passage Review Committee: Grades 2–8 and EOC
- TNReady ELA Item Writer Committee: Grades 3–EOC
- TNReady Math Item Writer Committee: Grades 3–EOC

The application, located [here](#), is now open and will close on **Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. CST**. The online application, along with a brief description of the responsibilities and time commitment for each committee, is also posted on the Educator Opportunities web page ([here](#)). Please note that positions are highly competitive. All applicants will be notified of status no later than **Dec. 12**.



Corvettes for Christmas Parades

Any chief that is interested in a Corvette for any Christmas parade should contact Jodi Joyner no later than Wednesday, November 15. Dates and times for Christmas parades are as follows: Somerville Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 2nd at 5:00 PM; Moscow Christmas Parade is Friday, December 8th at 5:00 PM; and the Oakland Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 9th at 4:00 PM.



Upgrades with New Playgrounds

Squeals of laughter and sounds of excitement could be heard from the new playgrounds at Southwest and Buckley-Carpenter Elementary Schools. As state-of-the-art equipment was unveiled, it was evident that youngsters took advantage and enjoyed getting active!



LaGrange-Moscow Students Demonstrating Service

Because community support is strong around our schools, schools love to give back to the community! LaGrange-Moscow Elementary School collected and donated over 1,100 canned goods to Feeding Fayette. This is a great way for students to live out our core value of service.





Fayette Cares “A Night of Southern Elegance”

This year, Fayette County Public Schools targeted fundraising efforts to assist families within our communities. Through multiple school and district events, FCPS supported Fayette Cares by raising \$7500.00 to become a gold sponsor at “A Night of Southern Elegance”. By keeping fundraising dollars within the district, more opportunities can be provided to impact local families.



West JRHS Basketball Defeats MHEA Eagles

West JR HS welcomed the MHEA Eagles to the Lion’s Den last week and came away with two wins. In the girl’s game, the Lady Lions used a full court pressure to force MHEA into turnovers which they converted into easy baskets. West led 27-16 at halftime. All Lady Lions saw action in the 2nd half as the game was out of reach. Tyneequa Gilcrease again led the way with 10 points while Tamareh Thompson chipped in with 8.

The boys’ game was back and forth as West jumped out to a big lead and 35-17 at the half. However, the Eagles came back strong, thanks to a 14-0 run to start the 4th quarter. The Lions were able regain the momentum, make their foul shots down the stretch and finish off the 58-46 victory. JJ Jones again paced the Lion attack with a game high 19 points while Eric Jones and Jirah Payne both added 7points. Come out and support these future Wildcats in action. Both teams’ season schedules can be found online at www.fcsk12.net.





Southwest and LaGrange-Moscow Square Off on the Court

Last week's elementary basketball schedule saw LaGrange-Moscow Elementary face off with the Southwest Eagles. In the girls game, Southwest jumped out to a halftime lead of 12-8 thanks to Raven Foster's 11 points. But the Tigers rebounded in the 2nd half as Kamiyah Morrow scored a game high 14 points and Harmony Morrow added 10 as LaGrange-Moscow came from behind for the 25-13 victory.

In the boys' game, Southwest got their revenge, 34-22, as they were able to take advantage of their full court defense forcing the Tigers into turnovers. The Eagles' Tarecos Steven led the way with 17 points while Makylor Boyd chipped in with 6.

The Tigers had a balanced attack as Devin Cook, Travis York, and Willie Griggs Jr all scored 5 points each.

The season ending league tournament will be held on Nov 14-16 at West Jr HS. Keep up with all the action as the elementary basketball schedule can be found online at www.fcsk12.net.





Fayette Schools and Fayette Academy: Junior Rotarians for November 2017

The Rotary Club of Somerville honors Jakevious Rosser, Sinahi Carrizales, Kaitlin Bowers and Logan Johnson as its Junior Rotarians for the month of November.

Jakevious is a senior at Fayette-Ware Comprehensive High School. He is the son of Erika Harris and Lekethric Rosser of Somerville. He plays football and runs track and field and cross country track. He is a member of FBLA, NTHS, NHS, Skills USA and the Beta Club. He plans on attending the University of Tennessee – Knoxville where he will major in pre-med. He wants to pursue a career as a radiation oncologist.

Sinahi Carrizales is a senior at Fayette-Ware Comprehensive High School. She is the daughter of Mayra and Jose Carrizales of Somerville. She runs cross country track and is involved in Skills USA. She is a member of the FCCUA, the Beta Club, dual enrollment and the yearbook committee. She will attend UT Martin where she plans on majoring in communications and minoring in political science.

Kaitlin is a senior at Fayette Academy. She is the daughter of Ken Bowers of Somerville. She plays soccer, basketball and baseball. After high school, she plans on getting her undergraduate degree from Christian Brothers University and become a physical therapist. She will attend CBU on a baseball scholarship.

Logan is a senior at Fayette Academy. He is the son of Angelia and Stephen Johnson of Somerville. He is a member of the soccer team, the Ecology Club, prom committee and FCA. He plans on attending college with his top choices being UT Knoxville, Mississippi and Alabama.

The Rotary Club of Somerville is an affiliate of Rotary International, a service organization serving both the local and international communities. The Club meets at noon each Monday in the Oak Room of the Trustmark Bank in Somerville. The public is welcome to attend any of its meetings.

