A Note From Your Principal

What an amazing week to end the month of January! Last week could have had the most highlights of any week during my time at FMS. The long-awaited opening of the FMS Performing Arts Center was outstanding. We had performances by both Honors Choir and Honors Band. We honored the FMS Classified Employee of the Year, and FMS and WCS Teacher of the Year. All the while, FMS teachers are working hard every day to deliver high quality instruction.

Gary B. Shrader, Principal

FMS Performing Arts Center Opens

The long awaited ribbon cutting for our new auditorium was Wednesday, January 29th at 1:00. The FMS Chamber Singers performed in the lobby as guest arrived. The FMS 8th grade band opened the ceremony. Many honored guests joined us to officially open the facility.

Click here to see a video.

Upcoming Events

February 9
Late Start

February 11
Spring Pictures

February 19
WCS Ambassadors Visit FMS

Read more
Fred Hewitt  WCS Middle School Teacher of the Year

Fred Hewitt was named the WCS Middle School Teacher of the Year at a banquet on January 29th at Embassy Suites in Franklin.

Click here to see more.

FMS Teacher of the Year  Fred Hewitt and Classified Employee of the Year Mary Justus

WCS  Honors Band

Congratulations to band director Lindsay Halford for 4 FMS students being named to the WCS Honors Band. The students were Rebecca Boles, Isabella Freels, Chase Green, and Samantha Noble. They practiced with students from across Williamson County and then performed at Brentwood Baptist Church.
FMS Choir Students in Middle Tennessee Honors Choir

Congratulations to FMS Choir Director Kristyn Houck and the students listed below for making the Middle Tennessee Honors Choir.

Fairview Middle School
Emily Collins
Austin Davenport
Sarahanne Ferrell
Jacy Green
Madison Leming
Maggie McGowan
Riley McPherson
Caroline Scheuermann

Franklin Road Academy
Twitter

Follow Principal Shrader on Twitter at @wcsFvMS for the latest happenings at FMS. Here are some of the last week’s top tweets.

Fairview Middle School supports American Heart Association by wearing red. #gored

Great performance by Middle Tennessee Honors Choir, 8 FMS students and director Kristyn Houck. #ProudPrincipal

Great job Wilco Middle School Honors Band! #falconpride #ProudPrincipal
Progress Reports and Citizenship Grades

This year Citizenship grades are posted in the teacher gradebooks as a formative average at 0%. The grades will appear under a 0% category and do not affect the academic average. The grades appear as follows:

(4) 100 = Excellent
(3) 75 = Satisfactory
(2) 50 = Needs Improvement
(1) 25 = Unsatisfactory

If you haven’t signed up for access to your student’s grades, just submit the paperwork and bring a valid ID to get your username and password. We can often do that all in one trip. If you need help, just call us at 472-4430. Progress Reports and Report Card dates remain:

3rd Grading Period
2/6/15   Progress Reports visible on Family Access
3/25/15  Report Cards available on Family Access

4th Grading Period
4/21/15   Progress Reports visible on Family Access
5/22/15   Report Cards available on Family Access
FMS Yearbooks

Cost of yearbooks is $35.00 for a yearbook, and ad prices vary. Visit www.jostens.com to order yearbooks, design your own student/business ads, and personalize your yearbooks!

Don’t miss out, Feb 15th is the deadline!

Questions call 1-877-767-5217

FMS Comedy Club

Beginning on February 18th, weekly meetings of the PTO-sponsored FMS Comedy Club will begin! This after school club will meet on Wednesdays until 4:00, culminating with our first ever FMS Comedy Showcase in our brand new auditorium. There is NO COST to students. Sign-ups are all over school. Look for the posters! The class will be taught by a WCS parent who is a comedy writer/stand-up comedian/performer. Students will write and perform their own comedy routine, guided by our pro! Students must arrange for their own transportation home. Because of limited space, those who have signed up will be notified by this coming Monday if they will be a part of the club.

Welcome, New Employees to FMS

Over the past few weeks, FMS has hired several new employees. Here is a short biography to introduce them to you.

Travis White   Bookkeeper

My name is Travis White, and I’m a local to the city of Fairview. After working for Williamson County Schools for four years in different capacities I now have the pleasure to work as the new bookkeeper for Fairview Middle School. I look forward to serving the community where I was raised in my new position.

Tiffany McCullough   SSS Assistant Principal

I want each of you to know how thrilled I am to have the opportunity to support, encourage and learn alongside of you. It is evident that Fairview is a genuine, hard-working and student-focused community.

My journey in education began thirteen years ago, with 10 of those years working at the middle school level. Working with students with disabilities and understanding the significance of helping them reach their greatest potential is important to me. In addition, the collaborative, team effort required among the Student Support teachers, paraprofessionals, Gen Ed and Related Arts teachers is a vital and strong support necessary for all students’ success. The experiences I’ve had continue to teach me the value of teamwork, collaboration, flexibility and respect.
When I'm not at school, a lot of my time is spent with my fantastic, 9-year old nephew, Aiden, who came to live with me a little over a year ago. I also enjoy spending time gardening, hunting for antiques or attending Nashville Symphony concerts at the Schermerhorn. Playing my violin has been an extremely important part of my life since I was 7 years old. Enjoying time with my family and friends remains the most treasured part of my life.

It is with eager anticipation that I humbly accept the opportunity to serve in leadership at Fairview Middle School. I commit to work hard, to continually learn and challenge myself and above all, to lead with compassion and humility. I am looking forward to knowing each of you, listening to you and supporting you as we continue to grow and achieve wonderful things together this school year!

Kristy Jones  8th grade Reading/Language Arts

Kristy Jones recently moved here from Madison, Mississippi. She is a graduate from the University of Alabama and has nine years of teaching experience. She is married to her husband Steven, who is a software engineer. She has a five-year-old son named Miles and a two-year-old daughter named Mary Kinley. She is very excited to be a teacher at Fairview Middle!

Andrea Miller  SSS Paraprofessional

I was born and raised in Fairview. I've always worked with kids and loved working with them and/or caring for them. I graduated with my B.S. in elementary education from TSU. I have two step sons that are 10 and 13 and a 16 month old baby girl. I have already found that I love Fairview middle through subbing and am thrilled to be an every-day-member!

Alex Young  8th grade Reading/Language Arts

Hello all! I am Alex Young, a native of Mobile, Alabama, and a graduate of Louisiana State University. While at LSU, I studied English - Secondary Education and was a member of the Golden Band from Tigerland. I taught 8th grade English Language Arts at Central Middle School for four years before deciding to move to the beautiful state of Tennessee. I am thrilled to be a part of the wonderful faculty at Fairview Middle, and I look forward to teaching the students of this loving community!

Teressa Parker  8th grade Reading/Language Arts

Teressa L. Parker graduated from ETSU in East Tennessee with a degree in English and a minor in History. She taught in Newport, TN before moving back to Middle TN. After an interim in Franklin Co., she began at the, then new, Wilson Central High School in Wilson County teaching Freshman English, where she stayed for the next 13 years. Although English is her main subject, she has taught a number of other subjects, including Chemistry and Theatre.

Cutting grass is her favorite thing to do, and gardening and chess are a few things which occupy her time when not in the classroom. Law is the thing she was born to do, and after retiring from teaching, she hopes to pursue the office of the District Attorney and become an ADA.