



*Representing the Best*  
*Germantown Municipal School District*

**STUDENT AND PARENT**  
**HANDBOOK**

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# Administration and Contact Information



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# General School Information

## **ATTENDANCE**

Academic performance is directly related to school attendance and arriving at school on time. Farmington Elementary is proud of our outstanding student attendance record. Continue to encourage your students to be at school every day on time unless illness occurs. School hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## **ABSENCES AND TARDINESS**

After 8:30 a.m. students are tardy and a parent or legal guardian must sign in students at the school office for admission to class. This includes students who arrive in the car lane without enough time to exit the car in the correct manner before the 8:30 a.m. bell rings. After an absence from school, a note from a parent or legal guardian is required explaining the reason for the student's absence. Please include your child's full legal name, the date(s) of the absence and the reason for the absence. If a note is not received, the absence is unexcused. Excessive tardiness or absences for illness may require documentation from a doctor. After five unexcused absences, a conference with the principal may be scheduled to discuss reasons for absenteeism or excessive tardiness.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Parents and guardians will be asked to complete an Inclement Weather Form in case of a change in dismissal time or procedure because of weather or an emergency. School staff will follow instructions on the Inclement Weather Form in case of an inclement weather dismissal. Should an Inclement Weather Form not be on file, children will be dismissed as designated on the transportation form signed during registration. Parents and guardians are encouraged to keep their copy of the inclement weather form in a safe location for easy reference in case of an early dismissal. Weather or emergency-related dismissal information is available from the following: Farmington Elementary School web site, radio stations, TV stations.

## **PTO (PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION)**

The Farmington PTO consists of a group of loving parents and teachers who care about the educational experience at our school! This organization is open to the entire school, and all are encouraged to join! The PTO holds events for parents, students, grandparents, teachers and friends of the school through family nights, book fairs, games with grandparents, teacher treats, and so much more!

The PTO executive board is here to lead and listen to parents as we continually find ways to enhance the educational experience of our little Falcons. Feel free to contact any board member for questions. The PTO is open to anyone who wants to join: parents, grandparents, friends of the family...anyone who wants to be a part of an organization that takes care of its students, teachers, administration and families are welcome to join! For information on how to join the Farmington PTO, visit our PTO's website at [www.ptofarmington.org](http://www.ptofarmington.org).



# Communication at Farmington

*There are many ways to learn about our school and our municipal school district (GMSD) and all of the wonderful things going on! Be on the lookout for the many ways to keep up to date on the happenings at Farmington, with the district and in our community!*

## FACEBOOK

**Farmington:** [www.facebook.com/FarmingtonPTO](http://www.facebook.com/FarmingtonPTO)  
**GMSD:** [www.facebook.com/germantownmunicipalschooldistrict](http://www.facebook.com/germantownmunicipalschooldistrict)

## FALCON FLASH

This is a weekly emailed newsletter that keeps Farmington families up to date on all that is going on at Farmington as well as community-sponsored school events. It is an incredibly helpful tool that includes lots of details of upcoming events, contests, meetings, and other important Farmington happenings. Every FES parent will receive the Falcon Flash each week. If you do not yet receive it, you can either text "PTOFES" (all one word) to 22828 or visit our PTO website at [www.ptofarmington.org](http://www.ptofarmington.org) and click on the link on the homepage.

## WEDNESDAY FOLDERS

Each Wednesday, this folder is sent home. This contains official school information (forms to fill out, flyers for PTO/school activities, report cards, etc.). Please be sure to read the information carefully each week and return the forms that need returning.

## TWITTER

**GMSD:** @gmsdk12

## WEBSITE

**Farmington:** [www.gmsdk12.org/farmingtonelementary\\_home.aspx](http://www.gmsdk12.org/farmingtonelementary_home.aspx)  
**GMSD:** [www.gmsdk12.org](http://www.gmsdk12.org)  
**PTO:** [www.ptofarmington.org](http://www.ptofarmington.org)



# Arriving To and Leaving From Farmington

## MORNING ARRIVAL

School hours are 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Students going to breakfast may enter the building at 8:10 a.m. All others enter at 8:15 a.m. Students should not be on campus before 8:10 a.m. as staff is not available to provide supervision. You have three (3) options for drop off: Bus (if eligible), car drop-off or walking to school. If your child is a bus rider, your bus number will be assigned to you at registration. Route and pick-up info will be available then and on the GMSD website.

### CAR RIDER GUIDELINES (DROP-OFF)

- Cars can forms lines on Cordes that will turn both left and right into the main school driveway.
- Crossing guards will stand and direct cars when to go.
- As you pull into the main driveway, you will need to pull up all the way to to the end of the sidewalk drop off your child - please DO NOT stop at the front doors.
  - Drop-off cannot be safely completed until you reach the wide yellow line that runs along the sidewalk (near the curve) - administration and staff will be there to assist your child out of the car from 8:15 until 8:30 a.m.
- Children must get out of the car on the passenger side.
- Parent MUST remain in the car.
- Please wait until the car in front of you starts to exit the driveway before you leave. DO NOT pull around the car in front of you since staff members are entering the school from the parking lot.
- You may TURN RIGHT ONLY when leaving the school parking lot.
- When on Cordes Road (whether or not your are in the car rider line), DO NOT park or stop to let your child out on the sidewalk in front of the school or the sidewalk across the street from the school. This is not only dangerous to our students, but it slows down the drop-off process.
- If you are dropping your child off after 8:30 a.m., please park and walk with your child into the school to check them in at the front office.

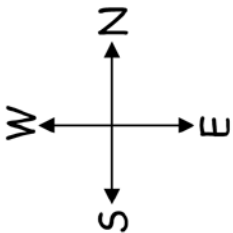
### WALKER GUIDELINES (DROP-OFF)

- For your child to be considered a walker, you can walk your child from your home or drive to the school and park in the Farmington parking lot (by the playground - not the parking lot in front of the school). You may walk your child into the school via the main entrance.
- Walkers are directed by crossing guards on when to cross for safety reasons.

### HELPFUL HINTS FOR DROP-OFF FOR BOTH CAR RIDERS AND WALKERS

- Rain slows the drop-off considerably. Please allow extra time if it is raining during drop-off.
- For safety reasons, the south crosswalk near Sandpoint Drive/bus lane is not to be used. Please walk to the main crosswalk where a crossing guard is posted.

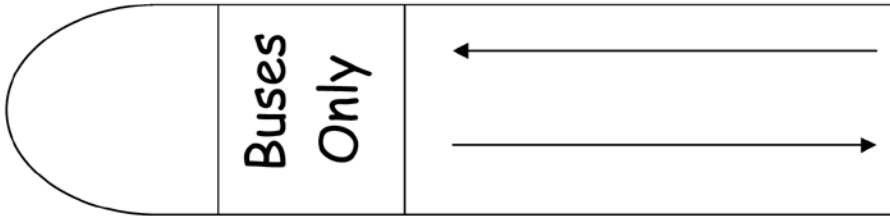




# Farmington Elementary Drop-Off & Dismissal

Sp. Ed. EXIT

Special Ed  
Buses Only



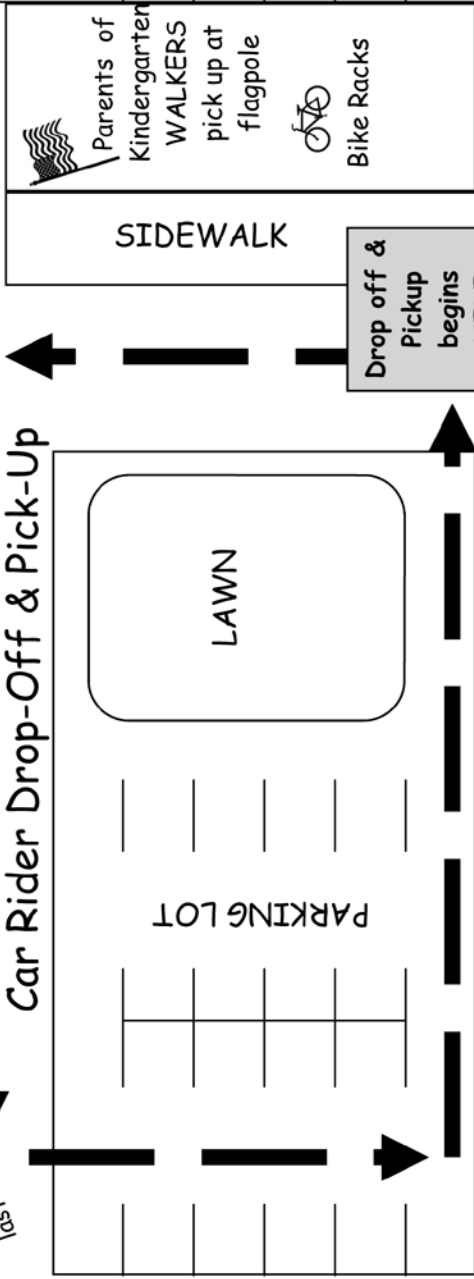
## \*\* SCHOOL ENTRANCE \*\*

Car Rider Drop-Off & Pick-Up

SIDEWALK

Daycare Vans  
Only

PLAYGROUND



**PLEASE NOTE...**

- Remain on sidewalks when walking.
- Allow an extra 10 minutes on rainy days
- Students may not be picked up in car line without a CAR-RIDER number.

Your children are precious to us.  
Help us keep them safe!

**Drop off & Pickup begins HERE**

**RIGHT TURN ONLY**

**Car Rider Lane RIGHT TURN ONLY**

*For the safety of our kids, please do not drop-off at curb on Cordes Road.*

**Drop-off ONLY (A.M.):**  
Left turn from north-bound lane of Cordes Road

**See BACK for more details**



# DISMISSAL PICK-UP

*You have several options to pick up your child from FES\**

**Bus Riders and After-School Programs**

**Car Riders**

**Walkers**

**Walk-Ups**

*\* You must establish dismissal preference for your child. This preference must be followed until changes are made **in writing** and given to the teacher and front office. **Phone calls cannot be accepted.***

## BUS RIDERS AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

### **BUS RIDERS**

The bus service is a privilege provided for students. Students will be expected to follow regulations for safety reasons. Failure to comply with the rules will result in the loss of bus privileges. Parents or guardians of students who have been suspended from the bus must arrange for their child's transportation during the time of suspension. Students cannot ride any bus other than the bus to which they are assigned. Students must board and disembark only at their assigned stop.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION BUS RIDERS**

Special education bus riders will be loaded outside the fourth grade annex hallway (third set of doors on the right side of the building).

### **DAY CARE AND REACH AFTERCARE STUDENTS**

Day care and REACH aftercare students will leave their classrooms to go to the gym. Day Care vans will be loaded outside the first grade hallway (first outside door) on the north side of the building after 3:30 p.m. as the vans arrive.



## **CAR RIDERS**

- Your child will be assigned a car rider number and tag at registration. The tag must hang from your rearview mirror so that the carpool staff can clearly read it. Students may not be picked up in a vehicle without a car rider number. If you need a tag, you may go to the front office.
- Car riders leave their classrooms and go to the front hallway where they are supervised by teachers. As parents get in line, their numbers are called so that the students may get in line to go out to their cars.
- The car rider line only forms going southbound on Cordes (only turning right into the main driveway). You CANNOT turn left into the driveway to pick up your child at dismissal.
- When car riders are called to leave the building to meet their parents, they are called in groups. Therefore, please wait until the car in front of you safely has its child and moves forward. DO NOT pull out and go around any cars.
- The car riders will be dismissed once the walkers and bike riders are off campus.
- For everyone's safety, please remain in the car as you pick up your child from the passenger side.
- One lane of traffic is allowed while picking up car riders. Please do not pass anyone in the car lane.
- You may only turn right when pulling out of the school driveway.
- While waiting do drop off/pick up your child, please do not block the driveways.
- For safety reasons, drivers are asked to put their cars in PARK while stopped or waiting in line. Cell phones should not be used while in the car line.

## **WALKERS**

- Walkers are dismissed at 3:30 p.m.
- Walkers and bike riders will walk out as a group with teachers to the main crossing area; from there, the students will not be supervised.
- Kindergarten parents must meet walkers at the flagpole by the bike racks.

## **WALK-UPS**

Walk-ups are students whose parents walk up to the door in the 2nd grade hallway (middle outside door under the covered area) and meet them. If your child is dismissed as a walk-up, you must park in the lot by the tennis courts (not the one in front of the school) and walk up to get your child at the second grade hallway doors (set of double doors at the right side of the building near the side parking lot). You will need to show your identification in order to pick up your child. Teachers will be there to assist you and your child. Dismissal begins at 3:30

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## **STUDENT CHECK-OUT POLICY**

Students will only be released to their parents, legal guardians or someone designated in writing by the parent or legal guardian. Any parent or designated person wishing to check out a student must first come to the school office. Please be prepared to show photo identification. Students will not be called to the office for check out after 3:00 p.m.



# Parents at Farmington During the Day

## **CALLS, MESSAGES AND DELIVERIES**

You may contact the school office at 756-2320 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Flowers, balloons, or other deliveries brought to school for students will be held in the office until dismissal. These items cannot be transported on the school bus. Forgotten items that are brought to school (homework, books, backpacks) should be left in the office for the teachers to pick up as their schedules permit. Lunches should be taken to the cafeteria and placed on the front of the stage. Be sure all items are labeled with the student's and teacher's name. Please discuss transportation changes with your child before he or she leaves your home.

## **CONFERENCES**

Teachers and the administration are available for conferences as needed. Please send a note to the teacher or call the school office at 901.756.2320 to schedule an appointment. The appointment will be scheduled as soon as possible according to the teacher's and parent's schedules. In addition, there are two parent-teacher conference dates which will be announced during the school year.

## **EVENTS AND VISITATION**

Parents are always welcome at Farmington and we are proud to share the exciting things we do at school. In order to maintain safety for our students & staff, we require all guests to enter through the front door, sign in at the school office, and wear a guest's badge. All campus guests should be prepared to show a current state issued driver's license or ID. No guests should be in the hallways during school hours without a guest's badge. Guests should not go to the classrooms before or after school unless a conference has been scheduled with the teacher or this has been approved by the administration. Arrival and dismissal times are busy times for teachers. This is also an important time for our students, who deserve their teacher's full attention as they begin or end their school day. Please help us preserve the integrity of the instructional program by honoring these procedures.

## **HEALTH ROOM**

Parent volunteers staff Farmington's health room. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the PTO health room chair. If children become ill or injured at school the teacher will send them to the health room for assistance. If it is necessary for a student to go home, a parent, guardian, or emergency friend will be contacted. Please be sure phone numbers are accurate and changed as needed so we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.

## **SCHOOL NUTRITION AND LUNCH VISITS**

Breakfast is offered from 8:10 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. each school day. A hot lunch is offered each day. Federal and state nutritional guidelines are followed. Parents or guests eating with a student will be directed to our guests's table. Only the student with the guest should sit with his/her guest.



# Student Daily Life at Farmington

## **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL-PROGRAMS**

Farmington will offer remedial, enrichment, and extracurricular programs after school hours. Further information will be provided regarding these programs. With all extra-curricular groups, transportation is the responsibility of the parents/guardians. Students must be picked up on time in order to participate. Students may not walk home after these activities unless an adult accompanies them. Students participating in these programs are expected to conduct themselves appropriately. Any student who exhibits poor or disruptive behavior will lose the privilege of attending.

## **BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE**

Farmington Elementary School uses an assertive discipline model, which includes positive rewards and natural consequences developed by the teachers and students. Each teacher uses these expectations to improve learning. Every student is expected to comply with these expectations: respect for self, respect for others, and respect for property. If a student chooses not to meet these expectations, progressive consequences are used to improve bus and school conduct.

## **BIRTHDAY TREATS**

Any food items provided for classmates should be commercially produced with ingredients listed on the packaging. This is to protect our students that have life-threatening allergies. Treats should only be given to classmates of your child. Sharing with individuals in other classes leads to hurt feelings. Please do not send any item needing to be cut into servings.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

Our students take field trips to various places on school busses during the school day. Parents/Guardians are notified of the time, place, and cost before the trip. Parents/Guardians will be advised of opportunities to serve as chaperones on the trip. Siblings will not be able to accompany parents or guardians on field trips. All money and permission slips must be turned in on time in order for the student to participate in the field trip. A student's behavior must be appropriate in order to participate.



## **HOMEWORK AND HOMEWORK REQUESTS**

Students will receive homework assignments and are responsible for these as assigned. For students who have been absent for more than two days, parents/guardians may request makeup work. Requests made before 9:30 a.m. may be picked up that afternoon. When the student returns to school he/she will be given one day per day of absence to make up the work. Example: out two days-two days given upon return to school to make up the work. Missed class work or make-up tests may be done as determined by the teacher when the student returns to school. The teacher's web site, printed newsletter and/or agenda information is provided to give each student and parent the opportunity to check daily/weekly assignments.

## **LUNCH ACCOUNTS**

All students are assigned a lunch account number. Money for the lunch account may be sent at any time by check or cash, or accounts may be added to online on this website: [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com). Checks should be made payable to Farmington Elementary cafeteria. The funds placed in each student's account are used to purchase daily lunches and extras sold in the cafeteria. Please make certain that your child has enough lunch money in his/her account each day. State accounting procedures do not allow students to charge a lunch. Each lunch must be paid for at the time of purchase.

## **MEDICATIONS**

Parents/Guardians must bring medications to the school office and complete a form for the administration of all prescription or nonprescription drugs. Students should never transport medications, other than an inhaler. All medicine must be in the original container. No medications may be kept in the classroom, except inhalers. (The doctor must sign an inhaler form.)

## **MEDICAL CONDITIONS/ALLERGIES**

Please be aware of medical conditions or food allergies that exist at Farmington or in your child's classroom before sending any food items to school. Describe your child's medical conditions or allergies on the student enrollment data sheet at registration and send written information to your child's teacher. Also, no animals should be brought into the classroom without prior approval by the principal due to allergy concerns.

## **SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS**

Farmington will have two school-wide celebrations this year: Winter Celebration and a Field Day Celebration in May (following Field Day events). The teacher is responsible for decisions regarding refreshments and activities at parties, with the room parent's assistance. The teachers will give names of adults assisting with the celebrations to the office. Adults assisting with the party activities should not bring siblings of the student. Our celebrations are a special time for the students. Your help in creating that atmosphere is appreciated. Any written communication with students' families regarding classroom activities should be approved by the teacher and an administrator before being sent home with students.



# STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are the Farmington Elementary School's standardized dress code. These guidelines only address the style and color of clothing to be worn. The standardized dress code for Farmington Elementary shall be tan (khaki), navy blue or black pants, capris, skirt, skort, jumper, dress or shorts with any solid colored collared shirt, turtleneck or mock turtleneck. Jumpers and dresses can be any color as long as they are a solid color. Shirts should not have any trim or decoration. Lightweight jackets, vests, sweaters, sweat shirts and cardigans worn over the standardized dress top during the instructional day shall be any solid color. Belts may be any color or style. Shoes may not have heels higher than one and one-half (1.5) inches. Shoes with rollers/wheels are prohibited. Athletic shoes, sandals with straps on the heel, and boots are permitted. Athletic shoes must be worn on the days that students have PE.

1. Denim material may not be worn as standardized dress.
2. All standardized dress clothing must be plain. Any manufacturer's logos, brand names, pictures, or insignias visible on the clothing must be smaller than a pocket.
3. Heavy coats, heavy jackets and raincoats are not covered by these guidelines and are not to be worn during the school day unless permitted by the principal for special circumstances.
4. Shirts or other clothing with the Farmington Elementary School logo or Falcon mascot may be worn on school spirit days.

## EXEMPTIONS

- School sponsored activities that require clothing other than that specified in the standardized dress code will automatically be exempted. Examples of these activities include but are not limited to grade-level special dress days, Red Ribbon Week, American Education Week or School Spirit Days. Students not participating in those school sponsored activities need to wear the clothing required in the standardized dress code.
- Students may wear the uniforms of nationally recognized student organizations on days specified by the organization (e.g., Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts) with permission from the principal.
- Parents/Guardians who do not wish for their students to wear the standardized dress because of physical limitations or disability must submit their reasons in writing to the school principal.
- Students who wear the traditional dress of their religion shall not be required to wear the school's standardized dress. Parents/Guardians who do not wish for their children to wear the standardized dress because of their or their children's religious beliefs must submit their reasons in writing to the school principal.

## PERSONAL ITEMS

Lost and Found items are kept in the area near the ramp. Toys, radios, electronic devices, trading cards and related items, or other valuable items should not be brought to school. Lost and found items not claimed will be boxed and sent to Goodwill at the end of each semester.



## LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER/LIBRARY SERVICES

The Farmington library services all grades, including Pre-K. All classes are on an A/B week schedule (i.e., every two weeks). Pre-K classes last 30 minutes, and K-5 classes last 45 minutes. Grades 1-5 are able to check out books all year (Currently, they may check out two books at a time for a two-week period). Kindergarteners start checking out books during the Spring semester. Open circulation is every morning from 8:15 to 8:40 (first - fifth grades).

In the Fall, there is “Read for the Record” and a big book fair with a favorite book character dress-up day. In the Spring (around Dr. Seuss’ birthday), there is Read Across America Week events, including Community Readers’ Day and Dr. Seuss day.

Farmington also has a Battle of the Books team. It practices from October through April, and the competition is in May. Battle of the Books is a tournament, similar to the Knowledge Bowl, in which students’ teams, representing area schools, earn points by answering questions about the assigned books.

The library takes donations of “like-new” books that are appropriate for students K-6. Volunteer with the PTO to work in the library and/or help with the book fair and other events!



# Academic Testing at Farmington

## **APEX**

APEX stands for **Academic Program Evaluation and eXploration**. At Farmington, it is for grades 2-5. Students come to school with different levels of academic readiness and instructional needs. Whether the goal is to provide courses for original credit or credit recovery, or offer targeted intervention and remediation, APEX Learning digital curriculum ensures students are meeting the expectations of the standards.

## **AR**

AR stands for **Accelerated Reader**. At Farmington, it is for grades 1-5. It is a progress monitoring software assessment for keeping track of the practice of reading. Teachers set goals for their students, and the students read eligible books and are tested on them. There are over 140,000 eligible books for the AR test. To check if a book has an AR test, visit the AR BookFind ([www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com)). For more information on how your particular class uses AR, ask your teacher.

Additionally, parents can monitor their student's progress with AR HomeConnect. You will need your child's username and password. Most students will know their username and password, but if not, please contact your child's teacher for information.

## **TNReady**

TNReady is the state's test for English language arts and math in grades 3-11. It provides Farmington with information about our students' progress. These tests are designed to assess true student understanding and not just basic memorization and test-taking skills. TNReady measures student understanding of our current state standards in English language arts and math, not the previous SPIs. To learn more about TNReady, visit their website at [www.tennessee.gov/education/topic/tnready](http://www.tennessee.gov/education/topic/tnready).





# Fall Events at Farmington

## **GAMES WITH GRANDPARENTS - Tuesday, September 12 (6:00 p.m.)**

All grandparents and other loved ones are encouraged to come to this evening of fun and excitement! Come and enjoy time with your grandparents as you play card games, board games and more! There will be refreshments for sale as well as a place to take a picture with your grandparents! This will take place mainly in the cafeteria and gym, though a few classrooms and hallways are used for extra activities!

## **FATHER/SON CAR SHOW - Sunday, October 1**

Drive over to check out classic, custom, and unusual cars! Fathers will be asked to participate by either bringing a car for the show or to simply come and enjoy the exciting array of cars! Germantown's firetruck, police car, and SWAT team vehicle will also be there to tour. Enjoy refreshments and vote for your favorite car!

## **BOOK FAIR/OPEN HOUSE/GENERAL PTO MEETING - Thursday, October 5**

Everyone is encouraged to come! Shop for now and for the holiday! Book prices will be available in a flyer sent home the week preceding the book fair. Even more books are available on our online book fair. We need several volunteers for: Decorating, Accelerated Reader, All for Books (Chunk Your Change), Book Cover Contest, Cashiering, Setup/Breaking down, and helping shoppers. We need many volunteers to make this exciting event happen, so be on the lookout to learn how you can help!

## **RED RIBBON WEEK - October 23-27**

Red Ribbon Week is a week-long emphasis on teaching our students the importance of staying drug-free. Each day that week, students will be invited to dress in a way that reflects this drug-free emphasis. During the preceding week, parents will receive a flyer which will say more about this event-themed dress code. Volunteers are needed to help students sign the drug-free banner. Refer to your Falcon Flash for a link to sign up to help out!

## **FALCON FEST - Sunday, November 5 (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)**

Everybody is welcome! Come to the annual Falcon Fest where there is fun for everyone! There will be many free and ticketed activities such as games, inflatables, silly string the staff, bake sale, cupcake walk... and so much more! There will also be a silent auction, and all proceeds go to enhance the education and experience of our Farmington Falcons. Food concessions are \$2-\$10. We need many volunteers to make this exciting event happen, so be on the lookout to learn how you can help!

## **SNOWFLAKE BALL - FRIDAY, December 1**

The Snowflake Ball is an annual, winter-themed daddy/daughter dance. The girls at Farmington are escorted to the dance by their daddies or "best guys" for an evening of dancing. Many volunteers are needed for this big event, so stay tuned for ways you can either give of your time or resources!



# Spring Events at Farmington

## **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - Friday, January 12**

Farmington families are invited to come together in the gym and watch a movie! Farmington students, parents and siblings are all invited! Bring a blanket to sit on, and come prepared to purchase refreshments as you sit and enjoy a family movie together!

## **MOTHER/DAUGHTER MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT - Friday, February 23**

For those of you who have never seen the television show “Minute-to-Win-It,” here’s what it’s all about: “Minute-to-Win-It” is an international game show franchise where contestants take part in a series of 60-second challenges that use objects that are commonly available around the house. And now our moms and daughters get to do it, too! It will be a fun event!

## **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - April 2-6**

This week will offer our parents and students alike many opportunities to show how much we love and appreciate all of the countless hours our teachers devote to the education of our children! Flyers will be sent home to show us all of the fun ways that our PTO has created to help us share the love!

## **MOTHER/SON OLYMPICS - Friday, April 6**

Calling all mothers (or stand-ins!) and sons! Come enjoy an afternoon with your son as you engage in outdoor olympics such as potato sack race, tug-of-war, three-legged race and more! It’s a fun way to see your child in action while helping him to compete! Everyone is a winner!

## **FINE ARTS NIGHT/SPRING GENERAL PTO MEETING- Tuesday, April 10**

Come enjoy the talents of our Falcons as we get to feast our eyes and ears on their creativity! The night will begin with our spring PTO meeting, and then we will dismiss so that our students can show us around the school to see all of the wonderful artwork they’ve created over the course of the year. We will also hear music from our various Farmington groups. It’s a great night!

## **FIELD DAY - May 16 (K-1<sup>st</sup> grade), May 17 (2<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>th</sup> grade), May 18 (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Field Day is spread out over three days, and the children play exciting outdoor games to fun music and cheering parents and teachers! Many volunteers are needed in order to make these days a success, so be thinking of how you may want to volunteer! It is a fun event for everyone, and it culminates with a class vs. class competition in the gym!

## **KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION - Tuesday, May 22**

This is a day when our kindergarteners will get to show us what they’ve been working on in secret with their teachers! Kindergarten families are invited to come and enjoy the fun as we see them perform for us! Then join us for a reception as we round out the school year!

## **5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CELEBRATION - Wednesday, May 23**

Our fifth graders have worked hard all year, and now they get to sit back and relax and celebrate the fruits of our labor! Fifth grade families are invited to enjoy a day of fun and celebration!



# Farmington Year-Round Events

## **GENERAL AND BOARD PTO MEETINGS**

General PTO meetings occur once in the fall and once in the spring. Each meeting is intended to be both fun and educational for the parents and students, and activities often accompany the meetings. They take place on a Tuesday evening, usually beginning at 6:00 p.m. Keep your eyes open for when the next PTO meeting will be!

Board PTO meetings are usually on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. All executive board members as well as committee chairs are required to attend. Each board meeting is open to all parents, so know that all are invited to come with questions, suggestions or just to observe!

## **SPIRIT DAYS**

Students may wear any FES spirit shirt and any GMSD-approved shorts/pants. The final Friday of each month is always a Spirit Day, and Spirit Day attire may also be worn on Walk-to-School Wednesdays. Additional Spirit Days will be scheduled. Watch our many forms of FES social media for additional dates (website, Facebook, your class newsletter or PTO newsletter).

## **SPIRIT FAMILY NIGHTS**

Spirit nights occur throughout the school year. Farmington families are invited to spend time together outside of school for local events such as ice cream parties at Baskin Robbins, pizza nights (Dominos take-out and at Mellow Mushroom), Firehous Subs, and other locations around Germantown. Keep your eyes open for flyers in your Tuesday folders and announcements on the Falcon Flash to see when the next Spirit Night will be!

## **WALK-TO-SCHOOL WEDNESDAYS**

Walk-to-School Wednesday is an FES event which celebrates student wellness and environmental friendliness. If you live too far, your child may walk from the park or down the street! All students who participate get to dress in Spirit Day attire. Walk-to-School Wednesday take place from October through May (with the exception of January).



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