



FARLEY FOX TRACKS

The official newsletter of the Farley Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

Upcoming Events

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Wednesday, Feb. 7 (4-8 pm)

Thursday, Feb. 8 (8 am -8 pm)

Valentine's Classroom Parties:

2:45 p.m., Wednesday,

February 14

PTO Meetings

Childcare provided. We meet in the library.

◆ 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15

◆ 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10

Early Release Days

(School dismisses 45 min. early)

Wednesday, February 28

Wednesday, March 14

No School Days

Thursday, Feb. 8-Monday, Feb.

12: Conferences & Staff Day

Friday, March 9: Staff Day

March 19-23: Spring Break

School Board Meetings

(at 53rd & Wanamaker office)

Monday, February 5, 6:30 pm

Monday, February 19, 6:30 pm

What's up with the PTO?

Hi Farley Families!

This school year has been moving so fast. We have been compiling a list from teachers of all the items they purchased from the end-of-year bonuses. We will be sharing these and the new playground plans and phases at the next PTO meeting which will be held February 15th @ 5:30 at the Farley Elementary Library. We hope to see you all there!

We have officially set the dates of our Read -a-Thon—March 2-16, 2018. We are using this fundraiser to get a head start on the funding that will be needed for our new all peer inclusive playground.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

-Ashley Smith & Bobbi Overbey

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Chick-fil-A Spirit Night fundraiser for Farley Elementary on Thursday, February 22nd from 4pm-7pm. Dine in or drive through, just mention Farley Elementary at checkout in order for a percentage of the sales to go back to Farley PTO!

6th Grade Parent Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 15, immediately following the PTO Meeting at 5:30. We will be planning the 6th grade Promotion and Bowling Party (both events in May). We also need to collect \$5 from each 6th grade student to help cover the cost. Please send money to school with your students as soon as you can and the teachers will make sure it gets to the PTO box in the front office. Questions? Contact Shannon Obodyke (shannonobodyke@yahoo.com), Jennifer Heim (jenheim@hotmail.com), or Carolyn Popkess (carolyn.ireland@sbcglobal.net).

Three easy ways to support Farley

Amazon Smiles-You shop on Amazon just like always, but Farley PTO earns a portion of your purchase! Go to: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-0747294> to select Farley as your Amazon Smile charity. Make sure you go to smile.amazon.com next time you fill up your cart.

Box Tops for Education-These are on lots of things you're already buying! Keep clipping them...we earn a dime for each one we submit. Exciting prizes for classes who turn in the most.

Dillons Community Rewards-A portion of what you purchase at Dillons with your Plus Card goes to the Farley PTO. Go to: www.dillons.com/communityrewards and use the Farley 5-digit code (12521) when you enroll. That's it!



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Library News

- ❖ Our school has wrapped up our **One School One Story** program. All the teachers read *The One and Only Ivan*, by Katherine Applegate to their classes. If your child enjoyed the story you may want to read her other books: *Wishtree* and *Crenshaw*.
- ❖ **March Book Madness:** Students will be given the opportunity to participate in March Book Madness. This is an online bracket competition of books that is held during March. Interested students are encouraged to read the books during the month of February in anticipation of voting in March. A list of the books can be found at <http://marchbookmadness.weebly.com/>
- ❖ **Battle of the Books:** Teams have been formed for Battle of the Books. Students in grades 3-6 who chose to participate met for lunch and decided which books they planned to read. Students and parents are highly encouraged to get the books from outside sources as well as the school library. Approximately 150 have signed up so the books are in high demand. A list of books, as well as directions to put the books on hold at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, can be picked up in the library.

-Mrs. Kufahl

Snow Days

Our school district builds three "bad weather" days into the school calendar each year. So far, we will not need to make up any of the days we missed in January. If we miss more than one more day, we would have school on Friday, March 30 (our designated Snow Make-up Day).

2017-2018 PTO Board

Please contact any of us with ideas, questions, or if you want to be involved!

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