



# Paw Prints

## Fairview Elementary

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### September Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> - Miss Daniels - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

9<sup>th</sup> - Mr. Wikfors - AIG

15<sup>th</sup> - Mrs. Evans - Teacher Assistant



### Book Fair!

The Book Fair is coming! The Back-to-School Book Fair will be Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We invite you to visit the Scholastic Book Fair and explore the amazing selection of books. Mark your calendar for Family Night on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> where the whole family can join in the fun! You can contribute to your child's classroom by purchasing gift certificates for the teachers to help build their classroom libraries. The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading. See you there!

September 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 AM - 4 PM

September 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 AM - 4 PM

September 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 AM - 4 PM

September 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 AM - 8 PM (Family Night)

September 19<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 AM - 4 PM



### From the desk of Principal Thomas

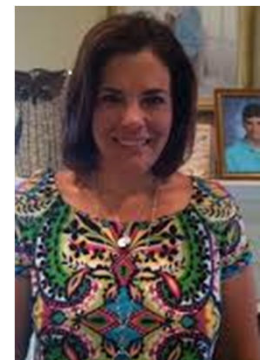
What a great start to the school year so far! It has been wonderful seeing all of the staff and students throughout the school. I am especially excited to see the students enjoying our new playground equipment at recess!

A few reminders for teachers, parents and students:

Kindergartners start attending school this week! Please be patient in the car rider line as our newest students become acclimated to drop off and pick up routines. Also, please allow ~6 weeks before coming to visit your Kindergartner during lunch. This will allow our littlest students to get used to being away from mom & dad and adjusting to their new routines.

Also, bus drivers are required to have visual contact with an adult before letting a Kindergartner or 1<sup>st</sup> grader off the bus each afternoon. Please make arrangements to be at the bus stop to eliminate any delays to the drivers' schedules.

Thanks to everyone for working together to allow another fantastic year!



## Spirit Rock!

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday or give a positive shout out, you may now reserve a spot through our Sign-up Genius link.

[Spirit Rock Guidelines and Helpful Tips](#)

[Spirit Rock Signup Link](#)



### Flip Flops Needed!

Once school begins, students will likely be wearing sandals/flip flops that occasionally break at school. It is easier to give them a pair of flip flops instead of calling a parent to bring a pair of shoes.

Please help the Wildcat Wardrobe closet by donating flip flops (especially adult sizes for the older students).

Thank you!!!



## Upcoming Events

9/8 - 9/12

PTO Membership Drive



9/9

Room Parent Meeting  
8am (in cafeteria)

9/12

Picture Day!



9/12

Movie Night

9/15 - 9/19

Book Fair

7:30am - 4pm

(open until 8pm on the 18<sup>th</sup>)

9/18

Curriculum Night & PTO meeting (school wide)  
6:30pm

10/4

Spirit Night!  
Corn Maze 6pm-8pm

## PTO Membership Drive

This year, the members of the PTO will receive a lunch bag, courtesy of Forrest and Forrest Dentistry. Memberships cost \$5 per family and \$3 per teacher. Information will be sent home with your student with additional information on how to sign up.



## Fairview Spirit Wear!

Spirit Wear will be available to order until September 19th. T-shirts are \$12 and hooded sweatshirts are \$20. Order forms have been sent home with your student. Please [email](#) PTO for more information.



## Morning Drop Off Reminder

Students can start being dropped off in the car rider line at 7:05am each morning. Also, please pull your car forward to the end of the sidewalk (teachers will be standing there to assist) so that morning drop off can be as efficient as possible. Students are tardy after 7:30am.



## Snacks and Water Bottles

If you are able to donate additional snacks to your classrooms, please send them in with your student. Sometimes students forget to bring a snack and it's helpful for teachers to have backup just in case.

Also, please be sure that students' water bottles aren't filled with anything besides water. Spills happen and it would be helpful to everyone to make clean up as easy as possible.





## Welcome New Staff!



Ashley Melton - Assistant Principal

Mindi Gerrard - Kindergarten

Betsy Wallace - 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Susan Smith - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Ashley Brooks - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Lauren Adams - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Leah Swanson - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Kelly Rayfield - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Jennifer Dockery - Nurse

Christy Hough - Afterschool Director

Sharon Sandifer - EC

Tammie Griffin - Teacher Assistant

**We're so happy to have all of you!!**



## Movie Night!

Join us for Fairview's Family Movie Night! The Lego Movie will begin showing at 7:30 near the playground.



Popcorn, water and candy will be sold for \$1. Glow-in-the-dark bracelets will be sold, 2 for \$1. Bring your chairs and blankets.

Admission is \$5 per family or with a donation of school supplies. Free admission for those that have already joined Fairview PTO.



## Spirit Night!

Our first Spirit Night of the year will be on October 4th at Country Days Corn Maze from 6pm-8pm.



Let's have some fun finding our way through the maze!

We have reserved the bonfire so feel free to bring hotdogs and marshmallows to roast.



Tickets will be \$6 per person and will go on sale the week of September 22nd.

# KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We are all so excited to have such a great group of Kindergartners this year. We will spend the first week getting know our friends, our new school, and the rules and procedures of our classrooms.

**Reading/Writing:** We will enjoy stories about "Pete the Cat" and other back to school books. We will also learn to read and sing all about our color words. We will do a fun unit of study on apples.

**Math:** We will concentrate on counting numbers 1-5. We will play a lot of number concepts games using dice.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE NEWS

We would like to express how excited we are to have our returning Fairview students and our new students this year! We are looking forward to a great year. Our new students seem to be getting comfortable with the new school and are quickly forming new friendships! We would like to thank all the parents that sent in items on our wish list. We go through these supplies very quickly, and we cannot thank you wonderful parents enough. Below is some information on what your child will be learning in school the next several weeks.

### **Reading:** Unit 1: *Building a Reading Life*

The students are learning skills and strategies that will enable them to practice the habits of a good reader as they explore a variety of literary genres. For example, readers choose "Just Right" books, readers read faster, stronger, and longer to build stamina, and readers make meaning from the text.

### **Writing:** Unit 1: *Launching the Writing Workshop and Narrative Writing*

The students will review expected procedures and routines of the writing workshop while reviewing the process of writing personal narrative pieces. They will generate ideas about people they care about, places they have been, or things that they love. They will publish a story that involves one particular moment and stretch the story by adding details. Additionally, they will learn the writing process of *prewriting, drafting, editing, revising, and publishing.*

### **Math:** Unit 1: *Place Value*

Our first six weeks, the students will learn place value, rounding whole numbers to the nearest 10 and 100, and fluently adding and subtracting within 1000. We would encourage parents to review these concepts with their child each night, as these are the building blocks for the units to come.

### **Social Studies:**

Students are learning the qualities of good citizenship by identifying people who make a difference in the community and other social environments.

### **Science:**

The students will be learning about the skin and the bones of the human body.







# Staff Spotlight for September

Mrs. Brooks - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Hometown: Weddington, NC

Name of your 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher: Mrs. Sailors

College: UNC-Charlotte

Years at Fairview: 4



Favorite cities to visit: Nashville, TN, Savannah, GA and St. Augustine, FL

Why you became a teacher: I love children! I love watching someone learn something new and the excitement in their eyes.

Favorite thing to do when not at school: Spending time with my baby boy, Colton.

Most rewarding part about teaching: The communication for years after the child leaves your room and knowing you made an impact. My students in the first class I taught are now in High School and I still hear from several of them. I love it!

Silliest fact about you: I am the biggest scaredy cat ever...I hate scary movies, being scared, everything! I still check under my bed sometimes!

Which staff member would you like to spotlight next month? Send your vote via [email](#)!





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