**FSMS FALCON eNews**

**October 6 – 11, 2014**

Upcoming Dates:

October 7 - Campus Based Leadership Team meeting 8:15 am

October 9 - Choir Fall Concert 7:00 pm

October 10 – 8th grade PEP RALLY

Fall Luau– 6th grade 4-6/ 7&8 grades 7 – 9pm – students MUST have signed contract to attend

 CHS Band Night at Mercer Stadium

Visit the FBISD Athletic Department Website to download all athletic event dates!

**What is eNews and why am I getting this?**

Results from our community survey last spring indicated that parents would like to know more about how to help their children in school. In an effort to continue to increase communication with our parents and community we want to introduce you to our own weekly FSMS electronic news (eNews) blast. We want to keep you up to date with the great things happening at Fort Settlement Middle School and other important events in our district.

This will be a regular weekly email sent out to YOU! We want to get the word out about our student activities, athletics, fine arts, club events, awards, accolades, special events, open house, Brown Bag lunches with the principal, nurse reminders, counselor information, teacher awards, etc….the list could keep going on and on since there are so many great things happening!

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**

Don’t forget—if you are picking up your student during the day for a medical appointment, please send a note to the attendance office that morning. This will help make your pickup much smoother and your child will be ready!!

**ORCHESTRA!!!!**

Monday, October 6, come hear the award winning orchestras from CHS, FSMS and FCMS give our annual Honors Concert. These great performances will begin at 7pm in the CHS auditorium. We hope to see you there!!

**GET YOUR YEARBOOK**

Parents, we have a limited amount of pages for 8th grade Ads. Purchase your 8th grade Ad Today at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) or contact Angela Miller for further information. Do it today so you don’t forget!

**COLLEGE NIGHT – IT’S NEVER TOO SOON TO BEGIN PLANNING!**

FSMS families are welcome to attend College Night: Monday, October 6th, from 6-8 p.m., at Austin High School and Thursday, October 9th, from 6-8 p.m., at Hightower High School. This would be a great time to be proactive in your college and career planning and be able to speak directly with college representatives about expectations for admission, majors offered, scholarship information, etc!

**ONLINE PROGRESS REPORTS**

Would you want to see your child’s progress report a few days before they are received at home? Now you can through Skyward’s family access. Here’s how:

1. Log on to Skyward

2. Click on the Portfolio button on the left hand side.

3. Click on the blue link that says 14-15 progress report

You can now see an exact copy of the progress report that is mailed home. By viewing the progress report online, you can see the progress report days earlier than the traditional mailed progress report. You will still receive a progress report in the mail.

Listed below are the dates that progress reports will be available for viewing:

September 16th, October 7th, October 21st, November 11th, December 9th, January 7th, January 27th, February 17th, March 24th, April 14th, May 5th, and June 9th.

If you would like to sign up for family access please visit the Fort Bend ISD website. <http://www.fortbendisd.com/family-access>

Parents, let’s talk about communication. Talk ***to*** (not at) your children each day! Be active in your communication. Don’t just talk about problems, which unfortunately the vast majority of us do because of the lack of time we have together. If all you ever talk about are problems, all you’ll ever have are problem relationships. Talk about little things – “How was your math class today?” “What did you learn in science?” “What was something funny that happened today?” “What was the BEST thing that happened today?” BE intentional about making a time investment with your children. They grow so fast! My husband and I are now empty nesters! We knew this time would come but didn’t realize how fast!

“If you don’t talk to your kids about the little stuff, they won’t talk to you about the big stuff.”

HAVE A GREAT WEEK! ~JD

**CHECK OUT OUR WEEBLY SITE!!!**

The FSMS website has up to date information, useful parent documents, important links, lunch menus, our school calendar, and much more!

Click on the link: [www.fsmsnest.weebly.com](http://www.fsmsnest.weebly.com)