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Flat Rock Elementary School

General Information

The months of *O*ctober, *N*ovember and *D*ecember were filled with harvest fun, gratitude, and giving that this time of the year brings. In addition, students were afforded various opportunities to be engaged in cultural arts events as well as festive winter holiday lessons. Students, their families and staff were generous in donating to the Powhatan Christmas Mother this year.



- Amanda Johnson (SPED coach), Jacqui Mawyer (Math coach) and Sarah Moore (Reading Coach) were treated to lunch at a local restaurant on National Coaches Day.

- Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Ellis prepared a spaghetti dinner for teachers and their families during Virtual Family Night.

- On the fiftieth day of school, students and staff dressed in 1950's attire. This special day was enjoyed by all who participated.

- The first nine weeks ended on October 15th. Reports cards were issued on October 23rd.
- FRES teachers, staff and their families participated in a Trunk or Trea on October 29th. Families enjoyed a fun-filled evening of food, games and treats.
- November 2nd was a student holiday and teacher/staff work day.
- We held our Veterans Day assembly (over the intercom) on November 11th. To honor veterans and demonstrate our American pride, teachers, staff and students wore red, white and blue.
- In addition to students (preschool – 5th grade) being recognized for demonstrating the Warrior Way (being respectful, responsible and safe), students





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have the opportunity to obtain a free book. Each Friday, students' names from each grade level are drawn and announced during morning announcements. As students come to the office they are given a gold coin. The students use the gold coin to select a book from the book vending machine. The book vending machine sponsored by our fabulous FRES PTO. We are so grateful that our PTO and librarian collaborated on this wonderful way of getting books in the hands of our students.



- Students, teachers and staff alike were delighted to welcome Eagle Feather back to FRES during Native American Heritage Month. The dynamic husband and wife duo, Ray and Brenda Silva, shared their Native American heritage through story telling/flute, music and dancing. Students were invited to share in the celebration through song and circle dancing, during the performance which was held outdoors.

- Teachers, staff, and their children participated in our annual tree decorating prior to the Thanksgiving holiday break.

Thank you to Mrs. Kunka for providing the hot chocolate and graham crackers.

- Prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, staff enjoyed a delicious luncheon with fried turkey, scrumptious fixings and delicious desserts. Our teachers and staff gave our hubbies, Marshall Nelson and Josh Ellis, rave reviews for preparing the Cajun- fried turkeys.
- Students and staff alike enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday from November 24 – 26.
- Our kindergarten students participated in festive winter holidays around the world during the first week in December. The students took great pride in sharing and showing what they had learned from the various holiday traditions from around the world.





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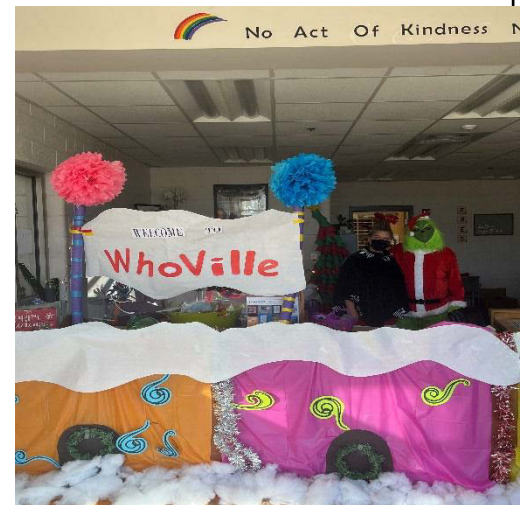


Watch Dog joining the FRES spirit week festivities and reads with his grand-daughter.

- We excitedly welcomed our dads to the Watch Dog Orientation Night on December 9th. The following week fathers of FRES students volunteered their time and spent an entire day at FRES.

- Teachers and staff were intentional about spreading cheer around our school as they decked the halls with festive lights and decorations for the second year. What started with a simple gesture of one burst into the pure merriment and wonder for many!

- Staff/teams accepted the challenge from their colleagues of selecting themes (snowflakes, ginger bread homes) and decorating their halls for the holiday season. The office staff joined the friendly, cheerful challenge by decorating the office with a "Whoville" theme.
- Teachers and their classes enjoyed the Tacky Lights Tour around the school on December 13th. Even though Mr. Grinch made his appear during the tacky light tour. But he could not steal the holiday joy from our students and staff. To make the day extra cheerful and bright, the speech department shared homemade cookies and treats. Teachers and staff happily indulged in the delicious treats.
- During the week of December 13th, our fabulous FRES PTO provided our staff with a Chocolate Bar and Holiday Luncheon. In addition, we were delighted to receive a hand-painted ornament.
- 'Tis the Season to be Jolly. . . Prior to winter break, teachers, students and staff enjoyed participating in the spirit- filled festivities during the week of December 13th!
- The second nine weeks ended on December 17th.





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- Students, teachers and staff enjoyed a wonderful 2-week winter break from December 20 – 31.

Student and Staff Recognition

- Congratulations to **Madelyn Lawson**, a fifth grade student, for being honored at the 2021 Area Youth Art Exhibit at Longwood University.
- Many thanks to **Annmarie Horne** for coordinating the Powhatan Christmas Mother Drive.
- Thank you to **Elizabeth Crane** for coordinating the **FRES Angel Tree** this year! Many families enjoyed a brighter holiday because of the generous donations from teachers, staff and their families!
- Thank you to **Katrishia Little** and **Kate Southward** on creating an interactive Celebrations Around the World bulletin board!
- Congratulations to **Ebony Fleming** on completing the VCU Clinical Faculty Program! We are so proud of her and her fine accomplishment!
- Congratulation to **Liz McCrory** and **Ali Moorehead** on be selected for the next cohort for the VCU Clinical Faculty Program. We wish you the very best!

Important Upcoming Events

1/4 - School resumes
1/14 – Report Cards Issued
1/17 – Dr. Martin L. King Holiday/School closed
1/24- Benchmark Testing begins

Respectfully submitted,
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