



FCS Pre-K-4 News

From the Principal

Happy New Year! I hope your family had a fun, relaxing Christmas break.

We will continue to emphasize the development of a growth mindset as we kick off 2017. A growth mindset encourages children to do their best and learn from their mistakes. How can you foster a growth mindset with your children at home?

Please remember to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Dr. Butler

Important Dates in January

January 5-17- i-Ready Winter Benchmarking

January 12- PTO Meeting 6:30 (media center)

January 16- No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 27- 2nd Quarter Awards Assembly (8:30)

January 27- 12:30 dismissal Pre-K-12

January 31- Kindergarten Picture Day

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Attendance

The most critical part of school success is attendance. Students can not learn if they are not in school. Even missing an hour out of the day can have a big impact on learning. Please do whatever possible to have your child in school, on time every day. Of course there are times a student must be absent, but it is important for every child to be in school!

Soaring Eagles Club is Growing!

Here is a list of our December 2016 inductees into the Soaring Eagles Club!

Kalen Beardsley

Connor Nendza

Gavin Bush

Ryleigh Goodliff

Craig Swift

Indigo Knapp

Braylon Hatch

John Payne

Kallie Pastorius

Cater Mills

Jared Boon

Trace Kazimer

Behavior Prize

Winners!

The following students names were pulled for the December Positive Behavior Program Prizes:

#1 Tara Payne

#2 Kyleigh Schery

#3 Julia Beardsley

#4 Evan Valentine

#5 Byron France

HOW YOU CAN HELP FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET AT HOME

1. **Pay attention** and verbally praise kids for skills that don't sound predetermined: hard work, persistence, rising to a challenge, learning from a mistake, etc., rather than being "smart", "brilliant" or "gifted".
2. **Be a growth mindset role model.** Be honest: how often do you say "I can't (cook/sing/balance my bank account)" or "I'm terrible at (sports/spelling/public speaking)" as if there's no hope for you? Make sure you're sending the right message - maybe even take on something new! Our students know that I expect them to finish any sentence about something they are currently unable to do with the word "yet"!
3. **Encourage your child to forget taking the easy route** (where little learning is done) and instead embrace challenges. A sheet full of questions he already knows the answers to won't "grow the brain" like one deeper problem to solve (even if he doesn't get the correct answer).
4. **Remember growth mindset isn't just academic;** it applies to many areas of life (athletic, musical, social). Having trouble getting the basketball into the net? Keep making mistakes on a guitar chord? Tried to initiate play with someone but it didn't go well? Discuss the next step for improvement.
5. **Discourage envy of peers,** and talk to your child about what he or she can learn from others who appear more successful. While skills may come more easily to some, most often there's a (possibly unseen) element of practice, persistence, and hard work which leads to achievement.

<https://www.oxfordlearning.com/growth-mindset-tips-for-parents/>

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Please remember to send a note or call the school **before 1:00 p.m.** if your child/ children will have a change for the end of the school day.



Important Reminders

Closings/ Delays

In the event of a school delay or closing, FCS will use Power Announcement to call families. However, please continue to listen to the radio or watch TV for announcements (in case there are any issues with Power Announcement). Also, please be sure to let the office know if you have a change in your phone number so we can keep our system up to date.