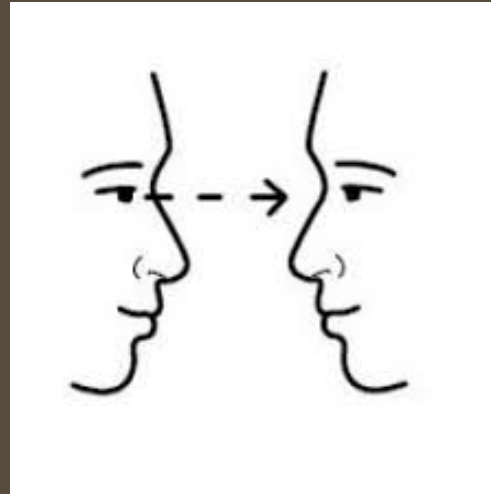




**WELCOME TO  
BACK TO SCHOOL  
NIGHT!**



LOOK TO THE LEFT, LOOK TO THE RIGHT  
LOOK IN FRONT, LOOK BEHIND





# PARENT PAL PROGRAM

## NEW FROM FHES STAFF & PTA

- ❖ Designed to welcome new families to Freedom Hill by matching them with a returning family who can be a great help
  - ❖ Parent to Parent connections help foster community
  - ❖ Having a point of reference of someone's who "been there"
  - ❖ We'll match families over email, then intro meeting/call
  - ❖ Key resources provided for returning families to review
- ❖ To sign up, fill out the form in the office or online at:  
[tinyurl.com/fhes-return](http://tinyurl.com/fhes-return)  
[tinyurl.com/fhes-newpal](http://tinyurl.com/fhes-newpal)  
More info on [www.freedomhillpta.org](http://www.freedomhillpta.org) under "Activities"



# SPECIAL GUEST

Fabio Zuluaga,  
Region 2 Assistant Superintendent



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Dalia Palchik , FCPS School Board  
Member, Providence District



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# MEET THE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT TEAM

Elizabeth Williams, Assistant  
Principal

Emily Angle, Math Specialist

Melissa Rossman, Reading  
Specialist

Tim Scesney, School Based  
Technology Specialist



# School Theme

**Positivity  
Starts Here!**





# School Vision Statement



# School Mission Statement



**SOAR**

**Collaborate & communicate**

**Love learning**

**Inquire**

**Motivate**

**Believe in yourself**

**Dream big**

**Realize the person you can be**

**Explore the world**

**Act as if success is inevitable**

**Maximize each moment**

**CLIMB**

**DREAM**

# THE FREEDOM HILL PTA!



Please welcome Sehar Javadi, PTA Board  
Member and Membership Secretary

# FHES PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

❖ Goal this year: Get involved & universal participation.

❖ PTA funds:

❖ Interactive Technology for students (Dreambox)

❖ STEM needs

❖ Teach wishlists for supplies

❖ Teacher Appreciation events

❖ Classroom libraries

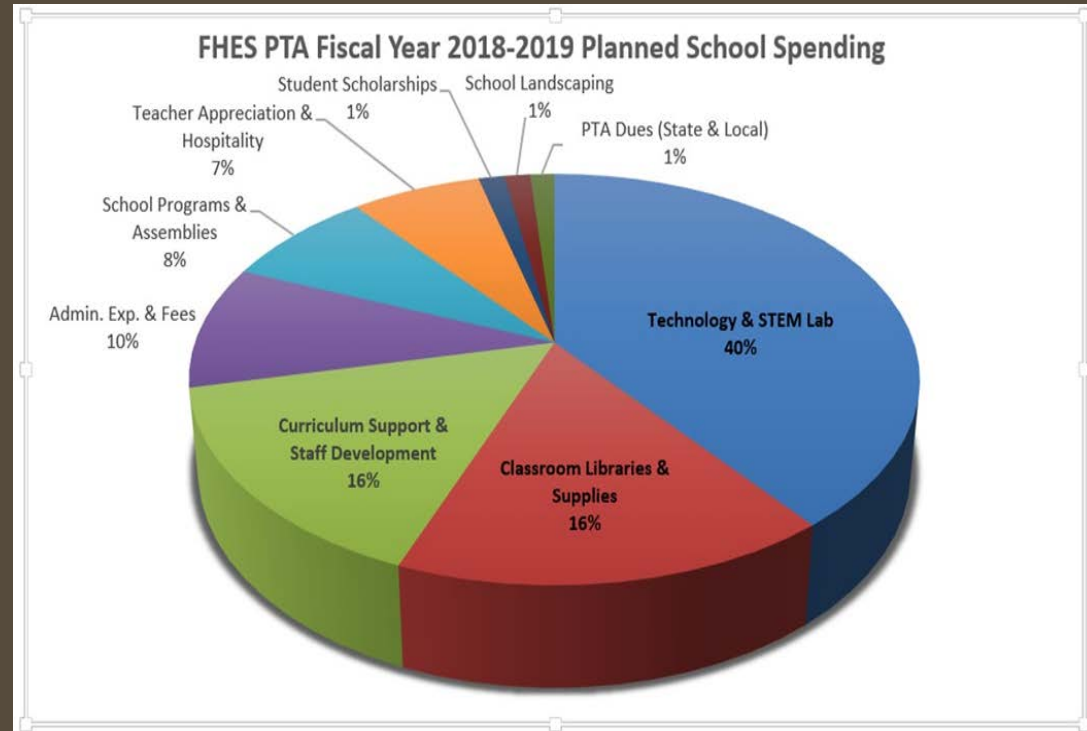
❖ Enrichment programs (chess, robotics, sports, etc.)

❖ Community events like: Halloween Fun Night, International Day,

❖ Spelling/Geography Bees, Bingo Night, Readathon, 5K Fun Run, Field Day, etc.

❖ Volunteer for a position – meet fun people

❖ Visit [www.freedomhillpta.org](http://www.freedomhillpta.org) and sign up for the newsletter!



# PARENT LIAISON

- ❖ Answer questions you have about school
- ❖ Assist you with completing school forms
- ❖ Explain school goals, policies, procedures and programs.
- ❖ Provide information to you about school and community resources and services.
- ❖ Arrange for language interpreters for you at school meetings



Ann Fiems, Parent Liaison

703-506-7824 & 703 916 2501

[asfiems@fcps.edu](mailto:asfiems@fcps.edu)

Hours at Freedom Hill ES

Monday 8:45PM – 11:45PM

Tuesday 8:45AM -2:45PM

Friday 8:45PM – 11:45PM

# PARENT LIAISON

## Organize Parent Coffees & Evenings Seminars

- Details will be communicated in the Tuesday Take Home Folder & Weekly E-mail Update
- Both in Spanish & English
- Child Care & Dinner provided
- Topics:
  - An overview of FCPS
  - College Access & Preparation Workshop
  - Strategies for Homework, Growth Mindset and Resources for Academic Development
  - Summer Camps Evening

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ❖ Modes of communication

- News You Choose — Principal weekly newsletters via email
- Twitter! @FreedomHillES #FHHighlights
- FHES website @ <http://www.fcps.edu/FreedomHillES/>
- FHES blog @ <http://hillhighlights.edublogs.org/>
- Pre-arranged conferences, email, phone
- Interim reports (optional, mid-quarter) & Progress Reports (quarterly)
- Classroom Blackboard / Google Classroom websites



## ❖ Parent Handbook coming soon on the FHES website and blog

- Hardcopies available upon request

## ❖ Student Rights & Responsibilities (SR&R) Handbook

- Please complete and return form to your teacher!

# TWITTER!



The image shows a screenshot of the Freedom Hill ES Twitter profile page. At the top, there is a header image of a brick school building with a rainbow in the sky. The profile picture is a circular logo featuring a cartoon duck character and the text "Freedom Hill Elementary School". To the right of the profile picture is a button that says "Edit profile". Below the profile picture, the name "Freedom Hill ES" is displayed in bold, followed by the handle "@FreedomHillES". The bio reads "School blog @ [hillhighlights.edublogs.org](http://hillhighlights.edublogs.org)". The location is listed as "Vienna, VA" with a link to "[fcps.edu/FreedomHillES/](http://fcps.edu/FreedomHillES/)". It also states "Joined August 2016". Below this, it shows "97 Following" and "321 Followers". There are four tabs: "Tweets", "Tweets & replies" (which is selected), "Media", and "Likes". The main content area shows a tweet from "Freedom Hill ES @FreedomHillES · 17h" with a dropdown arrow. The tweet text is "@PosProject launch complete with our P2 Leaders! What are your top character strengths? 🦵 ❤️ ✌️ #FHHighlights". Below the text are two images: the left one shows a whiteboard with the word "KINDNESS" written on it and several sticky notes; the right one shows a person standing in a room with a large screen displaying a presentation.



# CAFETERIA UPDATES



Please welcome  
Thomas Mawson,  
Cafeteria  
Manager!

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ There is no supervision at school until 9:05 AM. Please do not drop off your child(ren) before 9:05 AM. Late bell at 9:20 AM — don't be late!
- ❖ Visitors must always report to the office and sign in for a pass to anywhere else in the building.
- ❖ Students, when needed, need to be signed in/out at the front office. Early pick up ends at 3:30 PM.
- ❖ Call the attendance line if your child is going to be absent at 703-506-7878 by 9:30AM and leave a detailed message (available 24/7). Do not call the front office.

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ If you need to relay a message to your child or give them something, see the front office for assistance. We need to protect the learning environment from disruptions.
- ❖ Any change in a student's normal dismissal routine must be reported to the office before 3:00PM, otherwise the change will not take place and the student will be dismissed their regular way.
- ❖ Food in school — having an awareness of healthy students and allergies

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ❖ Attendance!

### Excused Absences

#### Definition:

Students should attend school each school day. For students who are unable to attend school, parents should provide a satisfactory explanation for any absence or leave from class during the school day. Reasons for excused absences include student illness, death in the family, medical or dental appointment, personal religious obligations, or other reasons acceptable to the principal.

#### School Response:

**At 10 Excused Absences – Letter from Administration requiring a doctor's note for any future absences to be identified excused**

**At 18 Total Absences – Letter from Administration regarding notification of Chronic Absences**

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Unexcused Absences

### Definition:

An unexcused absence from school or from class is one for which the student does not have a legitimate reason. Absences from school due to family vacations are considered unexcused. For any unexcused absence, students are expected to complete any missed assignments. Teachers may assist in identifying missed work, but are not obligated to provide make-up assignments.

### School Response:

**At 5 Unexcused Absences – Letter from Administration regarding notification of absences**

**At 6 Unexcused Absences – Letter from Administration requesting a meeting to develop an Attendance Plan**

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Tardies

### Definition:

It is important for students to be in school on time. Timely arrival allows students to start off the school day in a positive way and ensures they do not miss any learning. Parents should call or email the school with a reason as to why their child will be late.

### School Response:

At 10 Tardies – Letter from Administration notifying parents of number of tardies

At 15 Tardies – Letter from Administration requesting conference with parents, to include the social worker, to make a plan to address the pattern of tardies

# PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY DURING SCHOOL HOURS

- ❖ Children are welcome to bring personal technology to school under Bring Your Own Device (grades 2-6)
- ❖ It is anticipated that technology will enhance the learning experience.
- ❖ Students are to use personal technology during the school day only with teacher permission and for learning purposes.
- ❖ Student use of technology should follow school rules and inappropriate use can be subject to consequences
- ❖ In order to maintain the learning environment, parents should contact their child through the main office rather than via their child's cell phones during the instructional day (even on vibrate, a cell phone can be distracting in the classroom)

# DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

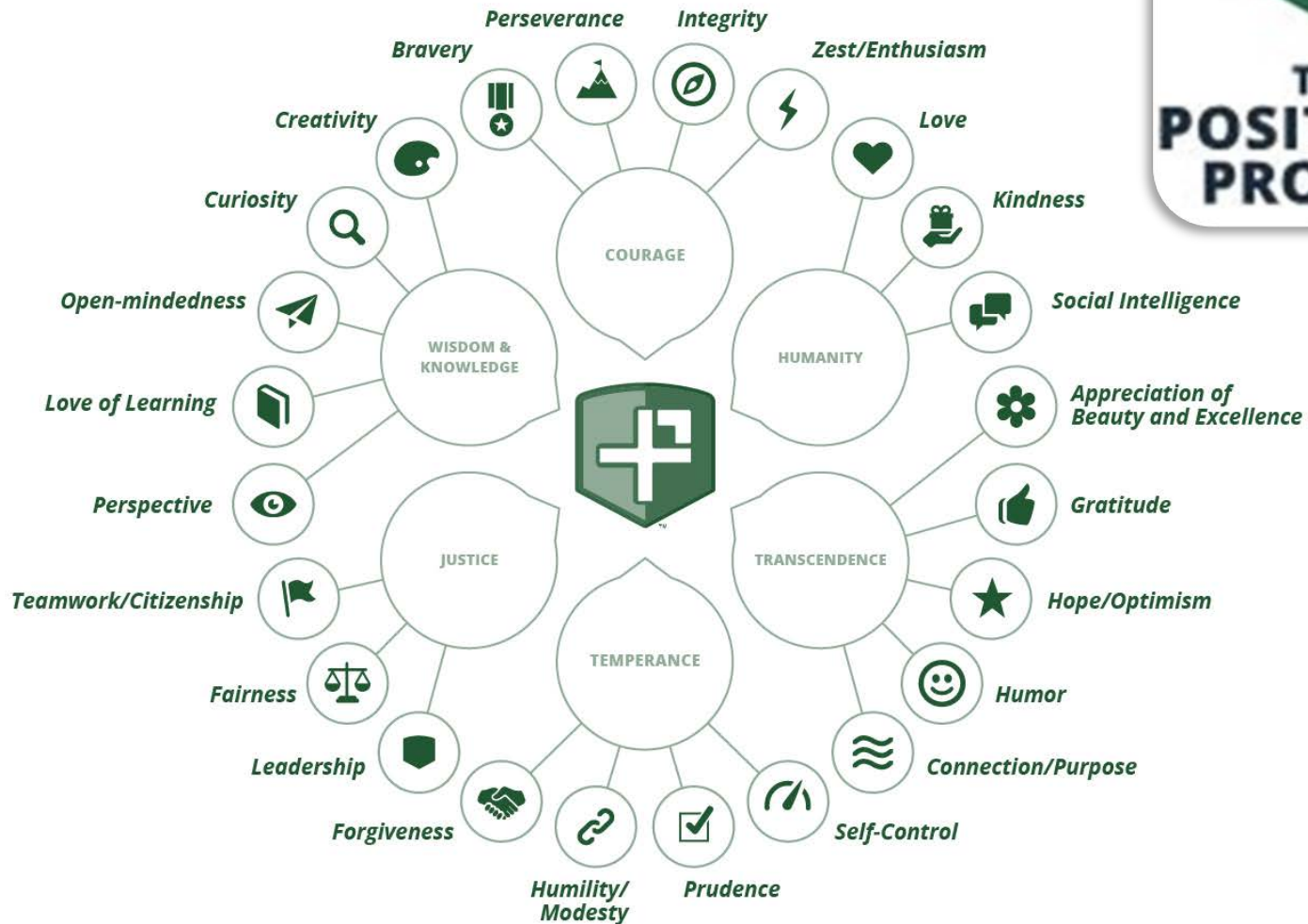
- ❖ Kindergarten - All kindergarten students who leave by kiss and ride or walk will be assigned a number. Numbers need to be visible to staff (dashboard). Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times.
- ❖ Parents walking with their child should report to the SACC door #8 at the end of the building near the parking lot and show their number to a staff member (just like last year). Older siblings will also get the same number.



# DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

- ❖ 1st — 6th grade - All car riders will all be assigned a number
- ❖ Please do not pick up your child in the front lobby as this impacts the dismissal of students
- ❖ There is no parking in the bus loop from 12:15-1:15 due our preschool transportation. There is also no parking in the bus loop from 8:45-9:30 due to arrival or starting at 3:45 due to dismissal.
- ❖ Order of dismissal starting at 4:05 PM
  1. Walkers
  2. Kiss and Ride
  3. Buses / SACC

# NEW FHES PRIORITIES



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***THIS YEAR,  
YOU WILL SEE YOUR  
CHILD DOING ...***

PBL is a method of instruction in which the synthesis, or final project, of the knowledge gained over the course of a learning unit, becomes the process through which students learn the information, rather than the “dessert” at the end of the unit.

**PROJECT-BASED LEARNING**

**PBL incorporates  
Portrait of a Graduate  
standards  
heavily throughout the  
project.**



Communication



Collaboration



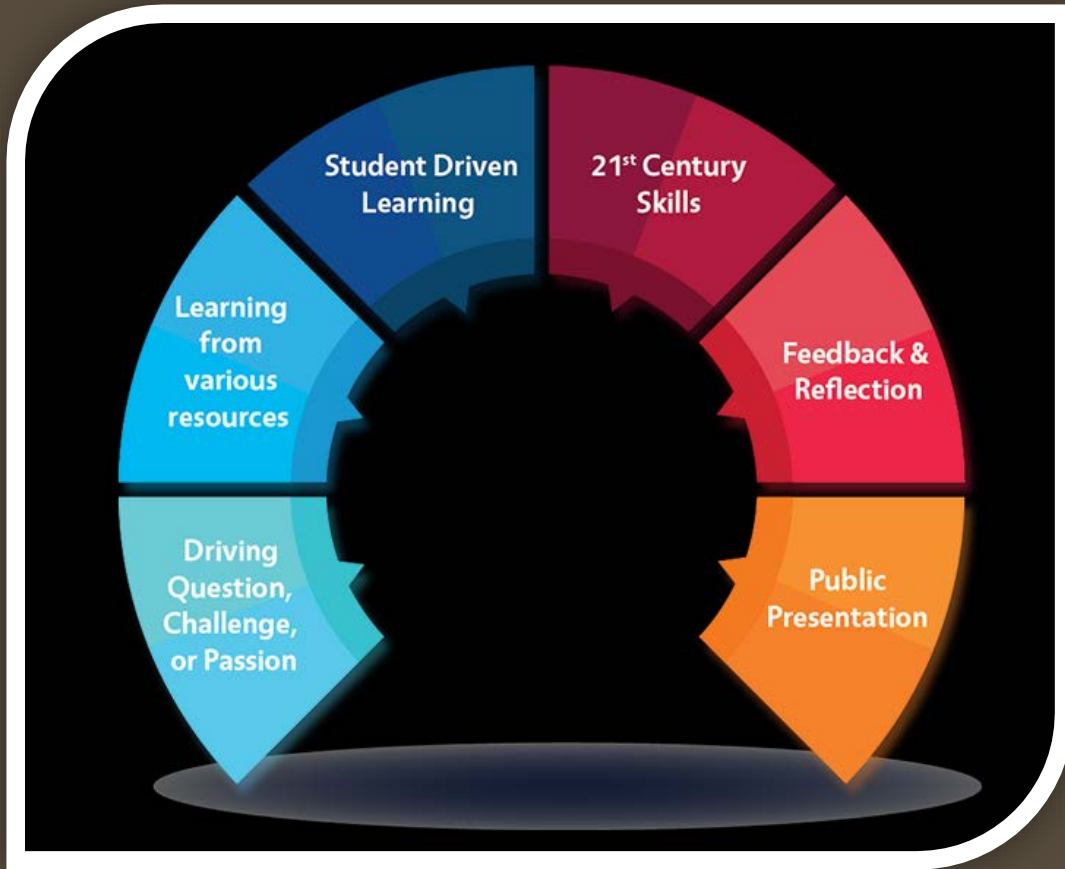
Ethical &  
Global  
Citizenship



Creative &  
Critical  
Thinking



Goal  
Directedness  
&  
Resilience



# NEW FHES PRIORITIES



# TRUST!



## trust

A firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability or strength of someone or something



# CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS

- ✓ Session 1 @ 6:30-6:55
- ✓ Session 2 @ 7:00-7:25
- ✓ An announcement will be made at 6:55 to move to another classroom
- ✓ We will conclude the evening at 7:30
- ✓ Tonight is for learning about your child's school day; such as the curricula, expectations, procedures, etc. Individual parent conferences should be scheduled at another time. We expect you have a face-to-face parent conference with your teacher by November 16th. November 5<sup>th</sup> is a parent conference day!
- ✓ Specialist are available to visit with and answer any questions you have.
- ✓ There are NO classrooms outside! 😊

# ENJOY YOUR EVENING!

