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Viking Voice
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Fort Walton Beach High School
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Congratulations to FWBHS Band!!!
Contact Randy Folsom x2507

Congratulations to all members of the Viking Band for each performance at Solo and Ensemble held Friday at Gulf Breeze High School. You represented our school and district with pride!! There were 88 medals earned by our students!! Please congratulate them when you see them!!

Also, Congratulations to the Viking Band Winter Guard who finished second at Escambia High School Saturday evening. Way to go girls! Good luck at Choctawhatchee this weekend!!

In other Viking Band news, FWBHS will host the **East District Middle and High School MPA on March 4th and 5th**. Our Concert Band performs at 2:30 and the Symphonic Band performs at 5:45. Both perform on Friday, March 5th. Please come hear them if you are able. The students love to see their teachers in the audience. Each performance lasts approximately 20 minutes.

The Viking Band is hosting their **second Annual Golf Tournament March 20, 2010** at Shalimar Pointe. Please contact Brenda Mantooth (650-6577), Jim Busby (225-7241) or Ken Spicknall (685-4992) for registration information.

Leadership on the Move!
Contact: Barb Britt x1811

From Mrs. Couvillon:

Today (Sunday) at 12:45, I met Mrs. Britt and a group of Leadership Kids and their parents at a rundown, awful looking single wide trailer. They were so excited because

“their” family was moving into the trailer from the motel room today. Folks, to say this trailer looked awful is the biggest understatement of the year! I can’t imagine what it must have looked like before the kids took over, but judging from the outside, most of us wouldn’t have gone into the trailer. The kids put over 50 hours into cleaning, painting, and furnishing it. They scrubbed it down from floor to ceiling. When I went inside, I was amazed! It smelled so clean and fresh. The living room had a great looking sofa with end tables, a coffee table, and chair and a floor lamp. The kids had decorated the wall with pictures. The kids had gotten bunk beds for the two little boys. They had decorated the walls with ball stencils. The bathroom was sparkling and decorated with frogs. The parents’ bedroom had a brown comforter on the bed and looked very warm and comfortable. The table was set with four placemats and napkins. They had a huge basket filled with fruit on the counter and the refrigerator was stocked. One of the moms had made a delicious smelling meal for tonight.

Then the family arrived. The mom has advanced Huntington’s Disease. She can’t stand or walk without assistance. She has lost her ability to speak. She was overcome! Even though she couldn’t speak the words, you could see her gratitude in her eyes and her smile. The dad cried. The two little boys were so excited to have a yard and a bedroom. From a van to a motel room to a trailer (that most of us would think was unlivable) was so wonderful for this family. I just wanted you to know that we do have amazing kids. They were so happy to help this family. I needed to see this today. I have been dealing with parents and kids that are so dysfunctional; this reminded me of what amazing kids and teachers we have. I am truly blessed to be part of this school.

Teen Trendsetters Reading Mentors:

Our 4th, 6th, and 7th period leadership classes are still going over to read with Edwins/Mary Esther Elementary every Tuesday. They feel that all their second graders are making great headway.

S2S (Student 2 Student) On February 19th, at White Sands Bowling Alley, our Student 2 Student group held a bowling party for our new second semester students. Afterwards, they went out and had dinner. New students are still met by S2S students when they arrive at our school. Then they are introduced to all that are school has to offer and a place to eat lunch until they meet and make new friends. Each new student will receive a hand written letter introducing them to their mentor so that they have a point of contact with someone from this school.

County Leadership:

Last night a group of our students met with the other leadership groups in the county to organize a county wide leadership program. This program deals with issues that all of our students will encounter, and they are going to join together to promote programs that will enhance our entire county.

- County wide leadership Conference for Middle Schools
- County wide Community Outreach for Opportunity Place
- County wide Field Day for healthy competition between the schools to help raise money for our community outreach.
- Guest speakers will be brought in to deal with choices. These guest speakers will be chosen by our students so that they can reach the problems that our students feel affect them the most.

**College and Career Connection Center
Contact Julie Smith X 2151**

Students are invited to the Media Center /Cafeteria to meet with Representatives.

Thursday, March 4th

10:45-12:05 – University of South Alabama (Media Center)

Wednesday, March 17th

10:45-12:05 – Barbizon (Cafeteria)

**Boys Basketball is selling tickets to “The Track” Theme Park.
Contact: Coach Lavin lavinj@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us**

For a limited time a book of four will be on sale for \$30.00. This will not last long!!!

**FWBHS Academic Team, Way to Go!
Contact: Cyndi Stone x1248**

Academic Team continued its winning streak in the last two rounds of the Cox Cable County Matches and will be participating in the County Championship on March 4 at 4:00 PM. Friends and family are encouraged to come and watch at the NWFSC Science Building. For those of you that missed the showing of any previous round, you can catch the matches at Cox On Demand. Team members are as follows:

Michael Woods
Jordan Holley
Nick Empson
Warren Wilson
Katherine Stone
Zach Sternad
Lee Erickson

Congrats FWBHS Chorus!!!!

Contact: Mary Jeter x1533

Congratulations to all the chorus students who attended the Florida Vocal Association Solo and Ensemble Music Performance Assessments!! They ALL did a wonderful job and represented FWBHS with class and style. We had exceptional judges who really knew how to assess the different age groups and abilities. Their scores were very fair and they had a lot of nice things to say about our group. The students represented FWBHS as well behaved, disciplined young men and women. The score break down is posted below.

FWBHS Chorus District 1 Solo and Ensemble Results 2010

LARGE ENSEMBLES	
Valhalla Men's Ensemble	Superior
Viking Singers Womens Ensemble	Excellent
Valhalla Women's Ensemble	Excellent

SMALL ENSEMBLES	
Mixed Jazz Ensemble (Allie Upton, Joseph Imsand and Mimi Fridley-Young)	Superior
Small Mixed Ensemble (Justing Moore, Lisa Harriott, Will Allerheiligen and Abby Szklarski)	Excellent

DUETS	
Javonte Coleman/ Courtney Kerwood	Superior
Kathiel Waldrop/ Jessica Ellis	Excellent

SPEC CAT SOLO	
Jared Gibson	Superior

SOLO	
Jared Wilson	Superior
Courtney Kerwood	Superior
Erin Hunt	Superior
Jazmin Byron	Excellent
Matthew Boolos	Excellent
Morgan Wilkes	Excellent
Ashley Rogers	Excellent
Katlyn Rados	Excellent

Black History Arts Festival Contest Winners! **Kim Moran x1502**

Congratulations to these Vikings whose artwork placed at the Black History Arts Festival Contest sponsored by Cox Communication.

Cynthia Pierce won 1st place for her coiled clay vessel.
Keydi Ordonez-Giron won 2nd place for her coiled clay vase.
Joseph Robinson won 3rd place for his clay coral reef.

These students will be honored at the Cox Black History Art Festival awards and reception on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 4:15 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center.

FWBHS Cheerleaders **Contact: Natalie Schmidt x 1282**

The FWBHS Cheerleaders will be fundraising at **Tropical Smoothie** at the Destin Commons on February 27, 2010 from noon-4:00. Twenty-percent of all sales will be donated to help us make it to The International Championship in April. Please come out and support our cheerleaders!

The FWBHS Cheerleaders are hosting their **2nd Annual Golf Tournament on May 8, 2010** at Fort Walton Municipal Golf Course. Registration is \$260 per team and we are looking for Hole Sponsors as well. Please contact our Tournament Director, Lori Walls at (850) 598-6662 or dachiplady@aol.com (subject: Golf Tourney) for further information.

The Regional Science and Engineering Fair Awards Ceremony

This week at the Regional Science and Engineering Fair Awards Ceremony, FWBHS had four students who will be advancing on to State and International.

11th Anna Bethea - 1st
10th Katherine Stone - 1st
9th Camille Haeusler - 1st
9th Patrick Taylor - 1st

Katherine Stone was also one of four projects from the region chosen as an International Finalist and will be competing in San Jose, California at the INTEL ISEF

(largest International Science Fair in the world) and the only project chosen to compete in Houston, Texas, at ISWEEEP (International Sustainable World Energy, Engineering and Environmental Project Olympiad).

Placing third in the team division were Daniel Hughes and Brantley Willis.

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If you are interested in participating in a summer study program, see Mrs. Smith in the Media Center for information. Programs include:

Academic Treks	Broadreach
Cornell University	FSU
Sarah Lawrence College	University of Vermont
University of Colorado at Boulder	Carleton College
Washington University at St. Louis	Penn State
The George Washington University	The Sorbonne
United States Military Academy	Otis College of Art & Design

Congrats FWBHS Wrestlers!

FWBHS had two members of the wrestling team make it to the State tournament in Lakeland.

Way to go Gunner Lee and Dan Lengyel!!!

SAC Meeting Dates

Contact: Bobbie Bowen x 3313

2nd Tuesday of Every Month

5:30pm

Media Center, FWBHS

March 9, 2010

April 13, 2010

May 11, 2010

June 8, 2010

Also, be sure to check out our monthly newsletter.

It posts the first Friday of every month at

http://www.fwbvikings.com/monthly_newsletter.php