

The Fox Den Academy Newsletter

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Building Updates

We are ready for landscaping!

Last week the crews completed all electrical, HVAC, and plumbing rough-ins. The gasline is in. The Dumpster pad is complete (and bricked!). The roof system is complete. Many storefront doors and windows are in. This week, insulation will be installed and sheet rocking will begin (and continue for 9 days). The brick knee wall is being built. Irrigation lines are being run. The tile backer board will be installed in the bathrooms. Finally grading and backfill will occur this week!

Day 1 of school is 70 days away!



**"Educating the mind without educating
the heart is no education at all." -
Aristotle**

Did you know?

The Fox Den observes 9 holidays each year (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve).

We ARE open for all other holidays as well as Fall Break, Winter Break, and Spring Break for Monroe County Schools.

Did you know that your K-5 child CAN attend The Fox Den during the days that Monroe County Schools are out of session? Simply let us know the week prior, and we will save a space for K-5 scholars!

Our K-5 friends are provided a separate learning area and unique playground time to ensure that all students are safe.

Happy Memorial Day

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO TEACH YOUR LITTLE ONES THE TRUE MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY, TO HONOR OUR FALLEN MEMBERS OF THE US ARMED FORCES. HERE ARE SOME CRAFT ACTIVITIES THAT YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR CHILD TO CELEBRATE...

MAKE POPICLES...

MATERIALS: POPSICLE STICKS, GLUE, RED AND BLUE PAINT, CONSTRUCTION PAPER

TIE-DYE A PATRIOTIC T-SHIRT

MATERIALS: TIE-DYE KIT, WHITE 100% COTTON T-SHIRT, PLASTIC TABLE COVER, 4-5" WIDE DISPOSABLE PAINTBRUSH, WATER BOWL, WASHER/DRYER

DIRECTIONS: WASH T-SHIRT AND LEAVE DAMP. LAY FLAT ON PLASTIC TABLE COVER. APPLY BLUE DYE TO NECK AND SHOULDERS OF T-SHIRT. USE WIDE PAINTBRUSH DIPPED IN WATER BOWL TO BLEND DYE DOWNWARD, MOVING COLOR FROM DARK AT THE TOP OF THE SHIRT TO LIGHT AT THE BOTTOM. LEAVE SOME WHITE AREA. REPEAT THE PROCESS WITH THE RED DYE, BUT START AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SHIRT. LET SHIRT SIT OVERNIGHT. RINSE SHIRT UNDER COOL RUNNING WATER TO REMOVE EXCESS DYE. WASH AND DRY SHIRT.

MAKE A PATRIOTIC SUN CATCHER.

MATERIALS: HOLE PUNCH, CONSTRUCTION PAPER (RED, WHITE, BLUE), TISSUE PAPER (RED, WHITE, BLUE), PENCIL, SCISSORS, RIBBON, CONTACT PAPER

DIRECTIONS: USE THE PENCIL TO DRAW A STAR SHAPE ON CONSTRUCTION PAPER. LEAVE A 2" BORDER ALL THE WAY AROUND THE STAR. LAY ANOTHER PIECE OF CONSTRUCTION PAPER UNDER THE FIRST. CUT OUT THE INSIDE OF THE STAR. LAY 1 CONTACT PAPER PIECE STICKY SIDE UP ON A THE TABLE AND CAREFULLY PUT ONE OF THE CUTOUT STAR PAPERS ON TOP AND PRESS DOWN. TEAR THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE TISSUE PAPER INTO TINY PIECES AND PRESS ONTO THE CONTACT PAPER. WHEN THE TISSUE PAPER DESIGN IS COMPLETE, LAY SECOND CONSTRUCTION PAPER STAR OVER THE FIRST ONE. NOW, LAY THE SECOND PIECE OF CONTACT PAPER (STICKY SIDE DOWN) OVER THAT. CUT OUT THE STAR FOLLOWING ITS SHAPE, LEAVING ABOUT AN INCH BORDER. USE THE HOLE PUNCH TO MAKE A SINGLE HOLE ON THE STARS BOTTOM TWO POINTS. RUN A RIBBON THROUGH THE HOLES AND TIE. ADD SOME ROLLED CLEAR TAPE TO 1 SIDE AND AFFIX TO A WINDOW.

SAY "HI!" TO A VET. TODAY IS A GREAT DAY TO GIVE BACK TO THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE SERVED THIS COUNTRY. CONSIDER VISITING A LOCAL VETERAN'S HOSPITAL OR VISIT A VETERAN THAT LIVES ON YOUR BLOCK. LISTEN TO THE STORIES OF THEIR PAST.

SEND A LETTER TO A SOLDIER OVERSEAS. CREATE A CARD OR THANK YOU LETTER TO SHOW APPRECIATION FOR THE BRAVE PEOPLE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY. CHECK OUT OPERATION USO CARE PACKAGE, OR ANY SOLDIER, OR A MILLION THANKS FOR ADDRESSES THESE CAN BE SENT TO.

Hiring update:

Michelle continues to interview to find the best of the best! We currently have 11 amazing folks that have signed their contracts to work at The Fox Den in the fall! We still have more positions to fill. Know of a strong teacher or assistant teacher? Send them our way so that we may interview them and potentially hire them for the Fall!

Welcome to our new Office Managers!

Brandy Oglesby:

I have been married to my husband Jason for 20 years. We have two sons, Avery 19 and Logan 16. I am coming to The Fox Den Academy from Lamar County Rec Department where I have been the Assistant Rec Director for a little over a year. Before that, I was the Programs Manager for five years. Before working for the Rec. I was a paraprofessional for five years at Lamar County Elementary School. I look forward to working at The Fox Den, and I believe I can use my skills to help the Academy to grow.

Ahkeiyana Smith:

My name is Ahkeiyana Smith I am 27 years old from Stone Mountain, Georgia. I am a mother of 3. I love to read, journal, and spend time with my babies. My favorite color is blue, and I love Chipotle! I am so honored to be a part of this wonderful community / family that we are building here at the Fox Den

Laugh Corner for Summer

- What did the pig say on a hot summer day? I'm bacon.
- How can you tell if the ocean is friendly? It waves.
- Why do fish swim in salt water? Because pepper water would make them sneeze.
- Where do sheep go on vacation? To the Baa-hamas.
- Why did the dolphin cross the beach? To get to the other tide.
- What happens when you throw a green rock into the Red Sea? It gets wet
- Where do sharks go on vacation? Finland
- Why didn't the sun go to college? He already had a million degrees



What are we celebrating today?

May 22: National Buy a Musical Instrument Day

May 23: National Taffy Day

May 24: National Road Trip Day

May 25: National Tap Dance Day

May 26: National Family Fun Day

May 27: Memorial Day

May 28: National Hamburger Day

May 29: National Flip Flop Day

May 31: National Talk like Yoda Day

Paperwork Party

Jonah's Pizza, drinks, and cookies will be available to The Fox Den family on June 7 from 4-6 PM. Come visit with us at our site (185 Thornton Road) to tour the building. Meet other students and parents that have registered. If you have not yet turned in your paperwork, this is a great time to leave your folder with us! Bring another family to hear more about The Fox Den and our offerings for the 24-25 school year! We will have arm bands for a participants!

Favorite Sports....

Josh: UGA...Go-o-o-o-o Dawgs!



Michelle: Macon Mayhem

