

# Weekly Memos – March 18, 2019

## FCPS 2019-20 Instructional Calendar

*Audience: All*

The FCPS 2019-20  
Instructional calendar  
has been released.

[Click here to  
download the  
calendar.](#)



## Fayette County Public Schools

Family – Optimism – Courage – Unity – Service

### 2019-20 Instructional Calendar

#### Before School Begins

July 22 – 23, 2019  
July 24, 2019  
July 29 & 30, 2019  
July 31, 2019  
August 1, 2019  
August 2, 2019  
August 5, 2019  
August 6 - 8, 2019  
August 9, 2019

Administrative Institute  
Registration/New Student  
New Teacher Induction  
Inservice Day  
Administrative Day  
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Inservice Days  
Administrative Day

#### First Semester

Date	Day	Event	Students	Teachers
August 12	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> Day for Students/1 <sup>st</sup> Day 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	In	In
September 2	Monday	Labor Day	Out	Out
September 12	Thursday	Parent Conferences (Early Schools: 3 PM - 6 PM; Late Schools: 4 PM - 7 PM)	In	In
October 11	Friday	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	In	In
October 14 – 18	Monday – Friday	Fall Break	Out	Out
October 21	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> Day 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	In	In
November 25 - 26	Monday – Tuesday	Staff Development - Inservice	Out	In (Flex)
November 27 - 29	Wednesday - Friday	Thanksgiving Break	Out	Out
December 20	Friday	Last Day 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter/Administrative Day -1/2	In (1/2 day)	In (Full Day)
December 23 – 31	Monday – Tuesday	Winter Break	Out	Out

#### Second Semester

Date	Day	Event	Students	Teachers
January 1	Wednesday	New Year's Day	Out	Out
January 2	Thursday	Staff Development - Inservice	Out	In (Flex)
January 3	Friday	Staff Development - Inservice	Out	In
January 6	Monday	Student's Return 1 <sup>st</sup> Day 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	In	In
January 20	Monday	Dr. MLK Jr. Day	Out	Out
February 13	Thursday	Parent Conference (Early Schools: 3 PM - 6 PM; Late Schools: 4 PM - 7 PM)	In	In
February 17	Monday	President's Day	Out	Out
March 3	Tuesday	Staff Development – Inservice	Out	In
March 13	Friday	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	In	In
March 16 – 20	Monday – Friday	Spring Break	Out	Out
March 23	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> Day 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	In	In
April 10	Friday	Good Friday	Out	Out
May 22	Friday	End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter/Administrative Day – 1/2	In (1/2 day)	In (Full Day)

#### Instructional Days

Q1 = 44 days  
Q2 = 40 days  
S1 = 84 days  
Q3 = 47 days  
Q4 = 44 days  
S2 = 91 days

175 days

#### Inservice

July 31 (1)  
August 2 (1)  
August 6 (1)  
August 7 (1)  
August 8 (1)

5 days

#### Inservice Stockpile

November 25 (1)  
November 26 (1)  
January 2 (1)  
January 3 (1)  
March 3 (1)

5 days

#### Admin

August 1 (1)  
August 5 (1)  
August 9 (1)  
December 20 (.5)  
May 22 (.5)

4 days

#### Conference

September 12 (.5)  
February 13 (.5)

1 day

#### Vacation

September 2 (1)  
December 27-28 (2)  
December 24 - 26 (3)  
January 1 (1)  
January 20 (1)  
February 12 (1)  
April 10 (1)

10 days

#### Reporting Periods

1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks 8/12 – 10/11  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks 10/21 – 12/20  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks 1/6 – 3/13  
4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks 3/23 – 5/22

#### Interims

9/10  
11/19  
2/11  
4/28

#### Report Cards

10/24  
1/9  
3/26  
5/22



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## Educator Survey

*Audience: Chiefs, Certificated Staff*

The annual Tennessee Educator Survey has opened. All educators are encouraged to complete the survey to report their perceptions and expertise on education issues affecting their classrooms and school buildings. All teachers, administrators and certified staff should have received a personalized invitation to participate in the survey. If you did not receive a personalized invitation, please visit <https://www.tn.gov/education/data/educator-survey.html> for information on how to obtain a personalized invitation. The survey will close on April 19, 2019.



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## Superintendent Roundtable

*Audience: All Staff*

Feedback is valuable and continues to help us improve and make better informed decisions. However, this year we will not be disrupting instructional time to conduct the Superintendent Roundtables. [If you would like to participate in a Roundtable discussion with Dr. King, please click here to sign up for an available date and time.](#)



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## Federal/Local Education Work Session

*Audience: Data Clerks, Elementary and Middle School Counselors, Dr. Watkins, Dr. Breeden, Ms. Breeden*

There will be a meeting at CAB on March 26th from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM on federal reports and protocol. Data clerks will continue to meet afterward for the remainder of the day around end of year items such as online registration with a concentration on transportation data entry.



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## 2019-20 Transferers

*Audience: All Staff*

If you would like to request a transfer to another location for the 2019-2020 school year, please click the attached link to submit your request. If you DO NOT wish to transfer, then you DO NOT have to take any action. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Redditt ([kathy.redditt@fcsk12.net](mailto:kathy.redditt@fcsk12.net)) at CAB at 901-465-5260. [Please click this link to submit your transfer request.](#)



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## Superintendent Socials

*Attention: All*

This semester Dr. King wanted to reward students who were proficient on the Benchmark 3 test in both English/Language Arts and Math. Results are in and the Superintendent Socials will begin this week. Third grade students will enjoy eating and playing games at Incredible Pizza while fourth grade through high school students will spend time at Putt-Putt Golf & Games. Schedule for Super Social is as follows: Thursday March 21 for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade from 8:30-1:30; Friday March 22 for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade from 8:30-1:30; Wednesday March 27 for 6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school from 8:30-1:30.



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## Dr. Candice McQueen Impressed by FCPS Practices

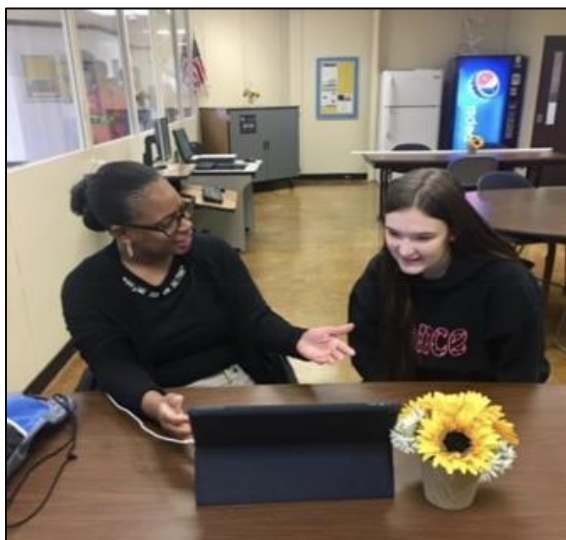
School and district leaders were given the opportunity to showcase best practices implemented in the district for the past three years. Former Commissioner of Education Dr. Candice McQueen and three other National Institute of Excellence in Teaching (NIET) staff members were blown away by the unique way Fayette County Public Schools administrators have implemented the Tennessee Educator Acceleration Model (TEAM) administrator rubric. Dr. McQueen shared how NIET could partner with Southwest consultant Tracy Riddle and other team members on future endeavors.



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## Preparing Students to Soar

The role of a school district is to prepare students for the future. At the secondary level, educators and stakeholders are collaborating to make students successful! School board member Sally Spencer has teamed up with REACH Academy to deliver a mock job interview training and professional etiquette class, while Fayette-Ware continues to deliver with one-on-one counseling with students on post-secondary planning and providing a Career Expo to explore future career choices.





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## Leading Is Achieving!

Each year, the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association and Chickasaw Electric Cooperative sponsor the Youth Leadership Summit. This year, Fayette-Ware senior Joseph Whitten was chosen to participate in the summit, which is designed to acquaint students with the role of cooperatives and give them an opportunity to visit the state capital and view the legislative process in action.



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## Multiple Choices, Multiple Opportunities

With so many programs of study being offered at the high school level, middle school students recently took a tour at Fayette-Ware's College, Career, and Technical Education Academy to check out their options prior to becoming freshmen. As scholars traveled from one room to the next, instructors outlined the highlights of each program to allow students to make educated choices.



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## Finding Their Voice

ving out the core value courage, these fifth grade students at LaGrange-Moscow Elementary stood in front of their own peers and read original poems they wrote during Poetry Slam 2019. In its third year, the Poetry Slam allows students to find their voice and speak out words they had written that were inspired by Civil Rights or by African American poets.



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## Fayette County Jr High Soccer Falls at Kate Bond

Fayette County Jr High boys' soccer traveled to Kate Bond for their second match of the season and the last game before spring break. The first half looked very promising as Fayette Jr High went goal for goal with the much more experienced players of Kate Bond. At the half, the score was tied 3-3, all three of Fayette's goals being scored by Raphael Lopez. But in the second half, Kate Bond was able to take control and take shot after shot on goalkeeper Sam O'Brien. Kate Bond pulled away for the win and Fayette Jr High fell 3-7.



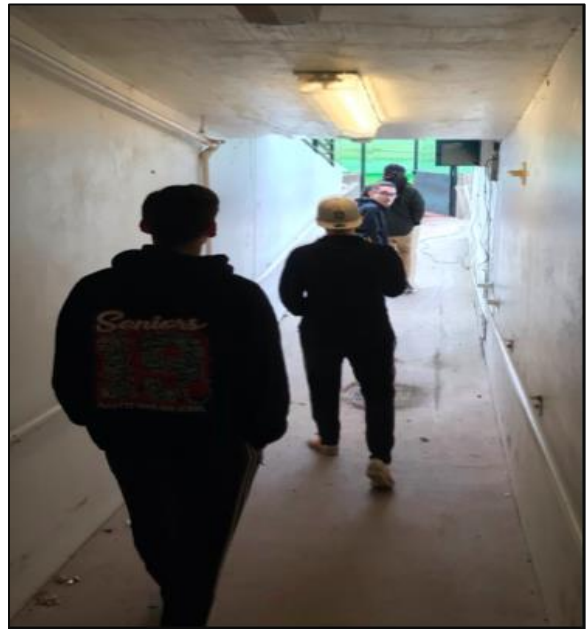


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## Wildcat Soccer Gets Behind Scenes Look at Memphis 901 FC

Coach John Duke of the Fayette Ware Soccer Wildcats took four of the Wildcat soccer players down to AutoZone Park for a tour of the Memphis professional soccer team 901 FC facilities on Thursday, March 7th. It was by invitation of the park that Coach Duke was allowed to take seniors Drew Duke, Hunter Morris, Darwin Hernandez and freshman Eric Garcia-Hernandez on the field trip. “It was exciting and a very interesting look at behind the scenes,” said Hunter Morris. Drew Duke added, “When else would students like us get to see underneath the stadium or walk the tunnel the pros walk?”

901 FC is the new professional USL soccer team of Memphis that now shares AutoZone Park with the Memphis Redbirds. 901 FC opened its inaugural season Saturday, March 9th to a sell-out crowd of over 8,000 fans, even though the Memphis Tigers were having senior night in the forum. “Just goes to show you that soccer is finally a sport to be reckoned with in the 901,” stated Coach Duke.



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## Wildcat Baseball Opens the Season with a Win!

Wildcat baseball kicked off their season Tuesday, March 12th, as they played KIPP Academy in the opening round of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Diamond Challenge. Xavier Anderson and Steven Whittemore pitched very well, and the Wildcats did an excellent job of being aggressive and stealing bases. Steven Whittemore even had a very rare triple play, that's right, TRIPLE play.

KIPP was no match for Fayette on this day, as the game was called in the bottom of the fourth for mercy rule. Wildcats win first game of the season 16-4. Great job, Wildcats!

