

Weekly Memos – July 30, 2018



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Superintendent

Only In Fayette County ...

How often do you hear the phrase “Only In Fayette County” from people within and around our community? I’ve been a part of this community for a while, and I have always scratched my head in wonder about the phrase - Only In Fayette County. Of course, the statement always supported a negative context or incident. My family and I have always talked about Fayette County and our love for this community even when we resided in other areas. There is just something special about this place to us. Well, it is time for us to change that negative connotation around “Only In Fayette County” to a positive.

What school system continues to give teachers raises and not request any new funding from the governing body (i.e. county commission)? What school system continues to make historic upgrades by improving schools and buildings without requesting for additional funds? What school system has three or maybe four private schools and a homeschool presence in its community and continues to increase enrollment?

Most recently, the Tennessee Commissioner of Education Candice McQueen announced the 2018 TNReady student assessment results. Statewide, Tennessee students improved in only two out of ten areas; there was a decline in seven out of ten areas statewide. At the district level, all but six districts increased proficiency areas in at least one content area or grade band, but only 20% of districts improved in a majority of subjects and grades. In contrast, Fayette County Public Schools’ students made gains in achievement growth above what occurred statewide.

- FCPS students improved in six out of ten areas and maintained proficiency levels in one additional area.
- FCPS was one of the few “20% districts” that improved in a majority of subjects and grades.
- FCPS ranked in the top 10 districts in achievement growth in grades 3-5 science and grades 6-8 science, ranking 9th in 3-5 science and 4th in 6-8 science.

In a district comparative analysis, FCPS achievement gains surpassed many districts within the Southwest region. Of the nine comparable districts within the region, FCPS ranked 3rd in 3-5 (reading) with McNairy County and Henderson County leading. FCPS achievement gains ranked 1st in 3-5 (math and science) amongst the nine districts. These nine districts are as follows: Decatur, Chester, Fayette, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Jackson-Madison, McNairy, Lexington, and Tipton. With ACT scores improving, grad rate increasing, new advanced programs being implemented, and unwavering commitment to improving fine arts programs, we strongly believe that we are creating a positive space for people to continue saying - Only In Fayette County.

Lastly, what school system creates a new central office space by using one of its existing schools where they had to maintain upkeep but had no occupants? Now, the school system has centralized its central offices to promote efficiency in addition to saving an estimated \$800,000 or more. Yes, tell your friends, tell your neighbors, tell your family, and others surrounding us - this can only happen in Fayette County. Let’s be proud of our unified school board, county commission, state/local elected officials, teachers/staff and families for supporting the progress that’s happening in our community. I conclude, the best is yet to come, Only In Fayette County! #chooseFayetteSchools



School Start and End Times 2018-19

Start Time	End Time	Schools
7:15 AM	2:15 PM	Fayette Ware High School, REACH Academy at Jefferson, Alternative Learning Center, and Freshman Prep Academy
8:15 AM	3:15 PM	East Jr. High School and West Jr. High School
8:15 AM	3:15 PM	Buckley-Carpenter Elementary School, LaGrange-Moscow Elementary School, Oakland Elementary School, and Southwest Elementary School



FCPS School Supply List 2018-19

2018-2019 FCPS School Supply List: Grades PK-12

<p>GRADES 9-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook Paper <input type="checkbox"/> pens (blue or black ink) <input type="checkbox"/> #2 lead pencils <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 ring 2 inch binders <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Composition Notebook <input type="checkbox"/> Flash Drive <input type="checkbox"/> TI-84 Graphing Calculator (highly recommended, but not required) 	<p>GRADES 4-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Crayons / Colored Pencils (Crayola Preferred) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 inch Binder with dividers <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils <input type="checkbox"/> Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors (blunt) <input type="checkbox"/> Zipper supply pouch or Art Box 	<p>GRADES K-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Crayons/Colored Pencils / Markers (Crayola Preferred) <input type="checkbox"/> Glue sticks <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils <input type="checkbox"/> Primary tablets (PK-1) <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors (blunt) <input type="checkbox"/> Zipper supply pouch or Art Box
<p>GRADES 6-8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook Paper <input type="checkbox"/> 6 packages loose-leaf notebook paper (no spiral notebooks) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 packages 24-count pencils <input type="checkbox"/> 2 binders, 1" - 2" binders <input type="checkbox"/> 4 composition books <input type="checkbox"/> 1 package dividers 	<p>GRADES 2-3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Crayons / Colored Pencils (Crayola Preferred) <input type="checkbox"/> Glue sticks <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils <input type="checkbox"/> Wide Ruled Notebook Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors (blunt) <input type="checkbox"/> Zipper supply pouch or Art Box 	<p>PRE-K</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Crayons / Colored Pencils / Markers (Crayola Preferred) <input type="checkbox"/> Glue sticks <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils <input type="checkbox"/> Primary tablets (PK-1) <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors (blunt) <input type="checkbox"/> Zipper supply pouch or Art Box <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes (full set w / 2 pairs of underwear) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Bath towels (for nap time)



2018 PIPELINE Professional Learning Institute

Audience: All

The PIPELINE Professional Learning Institute has returned! PIPELINE 2018 will take place on Wednesday, August 8th at First Baptist Somerville, with sessions starting at 8:30 AM. Chiefs, chancellor and/or reporting manager will notify personnel with more specifics regarding time and location of training. Training for some employees will take place at alternate sites.



Families Gather Resources at Back to School Fest

Families from across the district participated in the annual Community Advisory Board Back to School Fest hosted by Fayette County Public Schools Coordinated School Health. The goal was to prepare students for heading back to school by providing parents with the opportunity to connect with community resources. The involvement of students, parents, community representatives, health specialists, and volunteers in schools provides an integrated approach for enhancing the health and well-being of students both at school and in the community.





First Day of School

Summer is almost over! We just wanted to remind parents and students that the first day of school will be Monday, August 13. We are looking forward to a great year! #chooseFayetteSchools



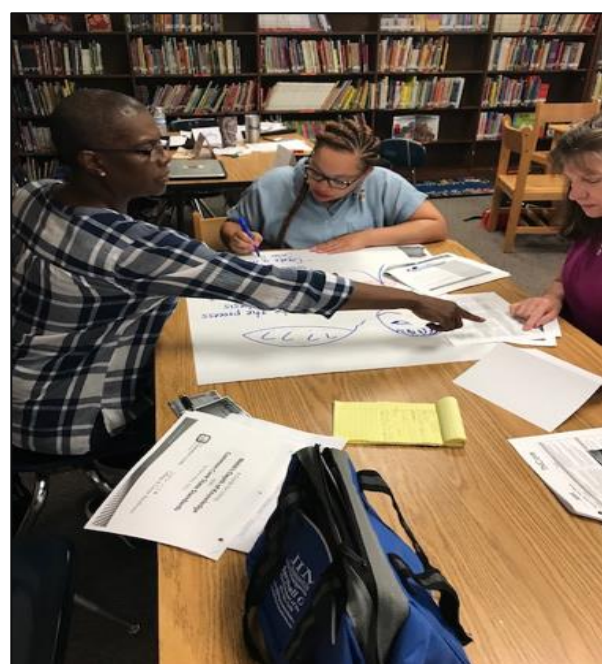
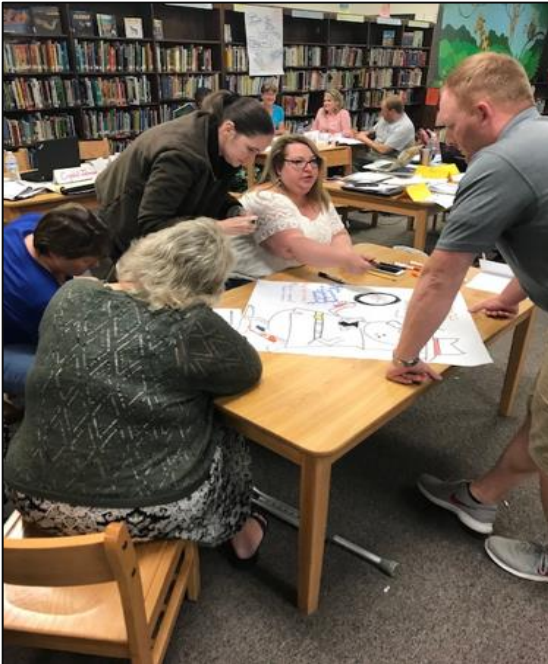
Wildcats Preparing for Upcoming Season

The athletes of Fayette-Ware are preparing for the upcoming season! Under the direction of new Head Coach Michael Hodum, the Wildcats are looking to add a different dimension to their play while building off the existing program foundation. The season opener will be at home on August 17th at 7:00 PM against MASE. Are you ready for some football??



Teachers as Active Learners

Teachers know the importance of creating a rich environment where all students can learn at a high level. Teachers across the district participated in trainings that would allow them to structure high level tasks to challenge their students. Our teachers never stop being active learners!





2018 State-of-the-Schools Convocation

Audience: All Employees

The 2018 State-of-the-Schools Convocation will be held again this year at Fayette Baptist. All employees will attend this district wide event. Breakfast will start at 7:30 AM with Convocation beginning at 8:30 AM. Please take advantage of the shuttle service graciously provided by FBC Hickory-Withe and House of Faith, as parking is limited. Shuttles times are listed below.

Oakland Elementary: Pick up at 7:15 AM and 7:50 AM

Buckley-Carpenter Elementary: Pick up at 7:15 AM and 7:50 AM



FCPS Online Registration

FCPS Online Registration is open through August 6 for current students in grades 1-12. Parents should have received letters in the mail with instructions, login ID, and password to access online registration. Pre-K, Kindergarten, and new students to FCPS will register in person on August 1 from 10AM-6PM at all schools. Please contact 901-465-5260 with any questions. Visit <https://bit.ly/2r0l8d2> for more details.

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for Returning Students
in Grades 1-12
June 11th - August 6th
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