



September Principal Message

Dear Fales Friends,

Happy New School Year! We hope everyone enjoyed a happy and healthy summer! Thank you again to the Fales staff, the Fales Parent Group, and all of our Fales volunteers and families for the many ways you have helped to prepare us for the school year. We continue to be very grateful for your continuous generosity and support!

We are excited for the journey ahead of us this year. It will be a year filled with thinking, sharing, learning, growing, exploring, wondering, playing, celebrating, and more! We look forward to seeing everyone at Open House on Thursday, September 14th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



This year we will continue to focus on our **Fales Code of Character**. The character values in our Code of Character are: **Cooperation, Act with Kindness, Respect & Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-Control**. During the school year we will focus on the importance of these character values. As a learning community we will discuss and put these values into practice every day. Please note that the Fales Character Education Council has its first meeting of the year on **Wednesday, September 20th at 3:15-3:45 p.m. in the Fales office**. All are welcome to attend.



In 2013, the Fales Diversity Council was established. The focus of the council has been to promote opportunities for sharing and celebrating the diversity within our school community. We are pleased with the progress the council has made over the past four years. Our first event this year will be **International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 4th**. We will share more information about this event as we get closer to the date. We are seeking parent representatives to join our Diversity Council. Our first meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 19th in the Fales library from 8:00-8:30 a.m.** Children are also welcome to attend. We hope you will consider joining us.



September Book of the Month- Thanks to the generous support of the Fales Parent Group we are able to continue our school wide Book of the Month program again this year. Each month of the school year, I will select a picture book that will be read by the entire school community. At the start of each month, I will deliver a copy of the book along with an introductory letter about the book to each grade level classroom. Each classroom will then have the opportunity to enjoy reading, discussing, and possibly responding to the book. Throughout the school year we hope to display some student responses for everyone to enjoy. Each month I will also share an introduction of the Book of the Month with you. This will enable you to talk about and maybe even read the Book of the Month at home too! It is my hope that we will be united as a school community by sharing one common reading experience each month. I look forward to sharing many wonderful books with all of you this year!

I am excited to announce that our Book of the Month for September is ***Change the World Before Bedtime*** by Mark Kimball Moulton, Josh Chalmers, and Karen Good. I selected this book after it was shared with me by Fales friend, Connor Schoen. Connor graduated from Westborough High School this past spring. He is an exceptional young man who has worked with us at Fales over the past five years to spread the important messages of kindness, helping your community, and how to be the best person you can be. This book is a fun rhyming book that teaches the lesson that small acts such as being kind to someone can help make the world a better place. I hope everyone enjoys reading, thinking about, and talking about this book!

Just a few reminders...

- Please review your child's lunch choice with them each morning to be sure they know what they plan for the day and if they need to order lunch.
- Please send the blue change in dismissal notes sent home in the "First Day" packet into school on the mornings there will be a change in your child's dismissal. Be sure to review dismissal plans with your child. Phone calls for change in dismissal plans should only occur for emergency situations.
- We will continue to update the News and Notes section each week on the school website. An email will be sent out every Thursday to let you know the News and Notes are ready for viewing. Happy reading!
- Please label all clothing and belongings with your child's name. This will help us to return your belongings to you in the event they are lost.
- Early bedtimes can be such a benefit to students especially this time of year.
- Read, read, read with your child as much as you are able. When reading, talk about the story and ask, "What did they like about the story? Did they have a favorite part? Can they tell you who and what the story was about? Did they connect to the story in any way?" Share your thoughts about the story too! Enjoy this special time together!
- Parents will again be invited to join students for lunch on Wednesdays starting in October. Look for details about this in the News and Notes.

A few important dates...

Sept. 4th - Labor Day - School Closed
Sept. 6th - Volunteer Training - 9:15 a.m. - Fales Cafeteria
Sept. 10th - 300th Anniversary Grande Parade - 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 13th - Volunteer Training 6:30-7:00 p.m. - Fales Cafeteria
Sept. 13th - Fales Parent Group Meeting -7:00 p.m. - Fales Cafeteria - All are welcome to join us!
Sept. 14th - Open House - 6:30-7:30 p.m. - We hope to see you there!
Sept. 19th - Fales Diversity Council- 8:00 a.m. - Fales Library- All are welcome to join us!
Sept. 20th - Character Education Council - 3:15 - Fales Office - All are welcome to join us!!
Sept. 25th-29th -Westborough Food Pantry Collection More Details to Follow
Sept. 25th - Fales School Council - 8:30-9:30 p.m. - Fales School Office
Sept. 29th - School Meeting -Students & Staff are welcome to wear their Fales spirit wear or the color blue.
Sept. 29th - Half Day for Students - Dismissal will be at 11:55. Lunch will not be served.

We are excited for the year ahead! We look forward to working in partnership with you to provide the best possible learning experiences for your children. Please contact the school office with any questions. We wish you a spectacular September!!

Take good care,

Mrs. Stannard

Principal