



September 2019 Principal Message

Dear Fales Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We are off to a great start and looking forward to a wonderful year of learning together. We would like to extend our thanks 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 new school year. We continue to be so grateful for your generosity and support! Below you will find some important dates and reminders.



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. In the month of September we will focus on **Self-Control** and what it looks like and sounds like across the school day.



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. Our first event this year will be **International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 2nd**. 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 15th in the Fales library from 8:00-8:30 a.m.** Children are also welcome to attend. Please see more information about the council in our Weekly News and Notes. We hope you will consider joining us.



September Book of the Month - Due 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 our Fales families. 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 **Be Kind**. The author is Pat Zietlow Miller and the illustrator is Jen Hill. I found this book at the bookstore this summer and knew it would make it on my list of books to share this year. I decided to have it become our first book of the month because I think the message is a perfect match to our Fales CARES Code of Character. I also loved the illustrations. I hope everyone enjoys reading, thinking about, and talking about this book! May it inspire all of us to Be Kind!

A few reminders...

- Please review your child's lunch choice with them each morning to be sure they know whether they need to order lunch and which lunch choice to order if they need to.
- 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.
- Consider an earlier bedtime to support your child's transition to the new school 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 future News and Notes.

A few important dates...

Sept. 2	School Closed - Labor Day
Sept. 11	Volunteer Training 6:15-7:00 p.m. - Fales Cafeteria
Sept. 11	Fales Parent Group Meeting - 7 p.m. - Fales Cafeteria
Sept. 16-20	Westborough Food Pantry Collection - More Details to Follow
Sept. 17	Fales Diversity Council Meeting - 8:00 a.m. - Fales Library- All are welcome to join us!
Sept. 18	Volunteer Training - 9:00 a.m. - Fales Cafeteria
Sept. 19	Open House - 6:30-7:30 p.m. - (Fales Families) - We hope to see you there!
Sept. 20	School Meeting - Students & Staff are welcome to wear their Fales spirit wear or the color blue.
Sept. 23	Fales School Council - 8:30-9:30 a.m. - Fales School Office
Sept. 30	School Closed - Rosh Hashanah

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