

Ferguson Friday Focus for 4/13/15

Thought for the Week:

“The mark of a motivated man is his ability to distinguish a setback from a defeat.” - Unknown

Upcoming Events/Reminders:

- April 20th - 5th grade Math STAAR
- April 21st- 3rd and 4th grade Math STAAR
- April 22nd- 3rd and 4th grade Reading STAAR and 5th grade Science STAAR
- May 1st- Ferguson International Fair- 8:30-11:00 a.m.
- May 4th- 4th grade Field Trip
- May 8th- 5th grade Picnic – Walter Hall Park- 9:00-1:00 p.m.
- June 2nd- 5th grade Awards Assembly- 8:30-10:00 a.m.
- June 3rd- 4th grade Awards Assembly- 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 13- Day 5

****Last day to turn in yearbook order forms!****

Tuesday, April 14 – Day 1

Wednesday, April 15– Day 2

-2nd grade Field Trip- 8:30-1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16- Day 3

-4th grade choir -3:15-4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 17- Day 4

- Last day to donate to Pennies for Patients!
- Chess Club- 7:30-8:00 a.m.
- Green Team- 7:35-8:05 a.m.
- STAAR pep rally- 2:00-2:45 p.m.

PTA NEWS:

-Click [here](#) to make a nomination for the PTA Lifetime Membership Award!

We **LOVE our volunteers! Interested in volunteering at Ferguson? [Click here](#) to sign up!**

Student Council Announcement:

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS 2015

Coming home with your student this week is information about Student Council's second annual Pennies for Patients program benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Last year, Ferguson Elementary raised over \$4,500!

This year Pennies for Patients will run from March 30th-April 17th. Each student is provided their own box to collect donations. Checks made out to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society can also be sent to school with your child.

You can also donate online with a credit card using this link:

<http://txq.sy.ilsevent.org/LloydRFergusonElementarySchool>

Thank you for your support!

FERGUSON ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL

Library News:

Birthday Books: Complete the form and return to Mrs. Glover in the library with your \$20 donation to have a special book dedicated to your child placed in the library. Your child will be thrilled to:

- Be the first person to check out the book
- Have a book plate placed in the book with his/her name on it
- Have his/her picture hanging on the Birthday Book wall.

Your donation helps purchase books for our library. Thank you for your support!

[Birthday Book Form](#)

Counselor's Corner

Teaching the lingo of problem-solving- Children learn so much about problem solving from watching the adults in their lives. Dr. Faye with Love and Logic states that “Children need to see their parents disagreeing, expressing their emotions in assertive ways, and tackling conflicts head on. It's healthy for kids to hear parents say things like, ‘It makes me mad when I try to use the car and it has no gas’ or ‘It's frustrating to me when it doesn't seem like you are listening to me.’”

Although it is important to discuss very sensitive topics (or those that are not age appropriate) away from children's listening ears, trying to keep all of disagreements a secret denies them opportunities to see how problems can be solved in a productive and respectful way.

For more on this check out the article [Teach Your Kids To Handle Lifes Conflicts](#).

Thanks for reading! – *Mrs. Laird*

Digital Citizenship Tip

Does your child love to watch videos on YouTube? Do you worry about inappropriate ads, or links that appear when a video is complete, directing your child to less appropriate content? Protect your child by using Viewpure! Instead of going to YouTube.com, bookmark [viewpure.com](#). You can search for and watch videos just like YouTube, but without the distracting ads and links. There is also a bookmarklet tool that you can use to “clean” videos on the go.

