



Mrs. Holly Lawrence and Mrs. Lisa Dixon created this beautiful rendition of Fort Lewis for the office.

The MANE Idea



August-September 2019

Welcome Back!

We are so happy to see new faces as well as familiar faces as we dive into a new school year! Our goal is to help your children be the best and most inspired students they can be! We do this by striving to make their learning experiences engaging and purposeful. By integrating C-Skills (communication, collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and citizenship), our focus goes beyond testing to the development of the whole child. Working together, we will make this year a success for each student!



Mrs. Cindy Day, our new first grade teacher, joins us from W.E. Cundiff Elementary School. With experience teaching students in both first grade and kindergarten, she is happy to be a FLES Lion! When Mrs. Day is not teaching, she enjoys painting!

Coming from Glenvar Middle School, **Mrs. Kathy Mallette** joins our preschool team. We know her special education

expertise and experience will serve our students well!



Mrs. Kate Elmore, a Roanoke College graduate, is teaching 5th grade math and science. She has experience teaching these subjects as a long-term substitute at both Mason's Cove and Penn Forest Elementary Schools. When Ms. Elmore is not teaching, she enjoys playing with her Chocolate Lab puppy, Charlie!

Mrs. Lisa Coleman, recently retired principal of Glenvar Elementary, will be with us one day each week this school year. Mrs. Coleman will be stepping in when I have to be out of the building. I know you will make her feel welcome!

Another helping hand will come from **Mrs. Nancy Myers**, retired assistant principal from Oak Grove Elementary, will be sharing her instructional expertise and providing administrative help!



A BIG THANKS to the many volunteers who are helping to get our school year off to a great start! PTA President and Treasurer, **Mrs. Heather Marks** and **Mrs. Gretchen Alexander**, have been working around the school to inspire our students with positive quotes. Our resident artists, **Mrs. Lisa Dixon** (office) and **Mrs. Holly Lawrence** (kindergarten) have been putting their creativity to work in their beautiful painting of Fort Lewis Elementary School. We know visitors will enjoy it for years to come!



THANKS to the members of the Fort Lewis Christian Church. They generously donated school supplies from their coffee house event this summer and provided summer food supplies to some of our families. Many members are also donating their time and energy coming to assist our students in the cafeteria.

We'd also like to thank **Stanley Steamer** and **Family Dollar** on West Main Street for their supplies donation to our students.

Thanks to **Officer Ayers** for bringing some donations from **Operation Homefront**.

For all of you who helped to **Load the Bus** at **Walmart**, we are grateful!

Safety

- **Drills:** We will be holding our first Lockdown drill on Wednesday, August 21st. The system has been updated to an automated system with a recorded voice. Please assure your children that these drills are nothing to fear and that their teachers are committed to keeping them safe. Our first fire drill will be either Thursday or Friday (depending on the weather).
- **Visitors:** Please remember to bring a photo ID when coming to visit or volunteer. Our LobbyGuard system checks all visitors against the national registry for sex offenders. Student safety is our first priority. We appreciate your understanding and patience with school security measures.



Students enjoy the first Friday Dance Party of the school year! 😊

Want to show your Fort Lewis Lion Pride?



<https://www.customink.com/g/ghr0-00bx-tez0>

Copy the link above in your browser and you can order your very own PRIDE T-shirt until **Friday, September 6th!** The link can also be found on Facebook (our official Fort Lewis Elementary page and the Fort Lewis PTA page) Orders will be delivered in time for the FUN RUN!



Want a FLES Magnet for your car? Magnets can be purchased for \$5 in the main office *or detach the order form from the newsletter*. Please make checks out to FLES PTA

EVERYBODY HAS A BUDDY!

We are teaming up school-wide to be sure that "Everybody has a Buddy!" Our older students will be big buddies to our younger students as we partner up for engaging learning experiences. Our first schoolwide Buddy Event will take place on Friday, September 13th (2 hour early dismissal and STEM Day). Students will explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math together as they collaborate for hands-on fun!



PTA

Thanks to our PTA for a wonderful staff brunch during the staff work week. We appreciate all you do to help our school a special place. Did you know that our PTA funds special programs, gives teachers money to spend on classroom needs, and provides additional resources for our school? Look for opportunities to volunteer and **PLEASE JOIN PTA TODAY!!!!**

UPCOMING DATES-EVENTS

- **Friday, August 23rd PICTURE DAY!!!!**
- **Monday, Sept. 2nd Labor Day (no school)**
- **9-6-19 PTA Last Day to order PRIDE T-shirts!**
- **10-09-18 PTA Board meeting 6pm**
- **9-13-19 2 Hour Early Dismissal (Buddy STEM Day)**
- **9-18-19 Interims sent home for some students**
- **9-27-19 PTA sponsored FUN RUN!**

FLES has Pride!

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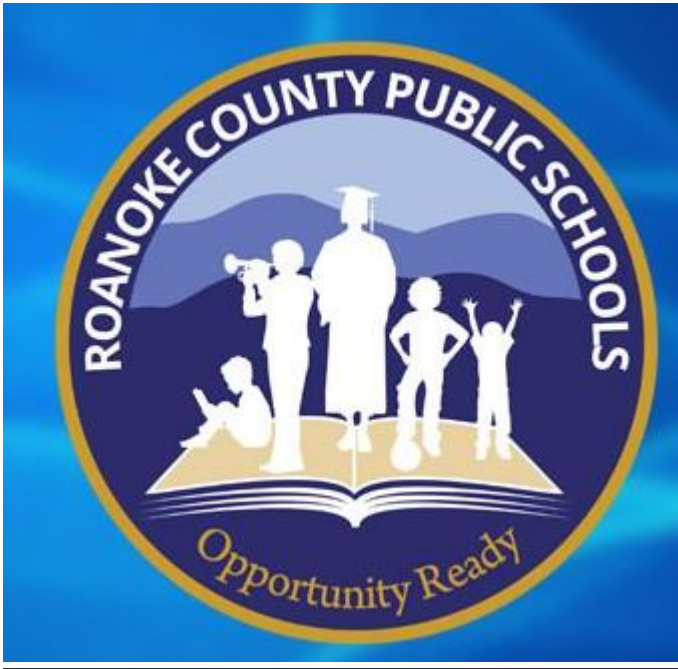
Respect

Innovative

Determined

Empathetic

With our new campaign of EXPECT Respect, we are off to a great start! Daily, we reinforce practices and skills that promote self-advocacy, problem-solving and kindness!!



Roanoke County Public Schools has a new logo! With **Deeper Learning** at the center of all we do, we are working to make our students well-rounded and OPPORTUNITY READY!

Fort Lewis Lion Pride Magnet ORDER FORM

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Homeroom Teacher _____



Please write checks out to FLES PTA. Magnets will be sent home with the within 2 business days. If sending cash, please send the exact amount. Checks are preferred. (Kids lose money!)