Everybody Has a BUDDY!

Have you ever seen an entire school engaged in fun, authentic learning experiences? Well, that was the scene at Fort Lewis Elementary on September 12th, our first Buddy STEM Day! On October 10th, Buddies will reunite to meet a new challenge!

5th graders and their 2nd grade buddies will be collaborating to design and create bats that will fly down a zip line in five seconds. 4th graders and their 1st grade buddies will be teaming up to use coding to guide Dot and Dash robots on a mission! 3rd graders and their kinder-buddies will be designing and building bridges for the 3 Billy Goats Gruff!

We are looking forward to another day filled with collaboration, problem-solving, fun, and friendship. Learning is best when shared with a BUDDY!

Character Counts Shout Out to........

Each morning, our students pledge to show good character. So, how can we celebrate students who display the pillars of character? Character Counts Shout Outs!

During morning announcements, we recognize students who have gone above and beyond to help others and to make Fort Lewis a great place to learn!

¡Hola! ¡Gracias! ¡Adiós!

Have you heard about our morning Spanish lessons with Felix and Kimberly? These 5th graders have been teaching our students phrases on the morning announcements so we can greet each other in the hall in Spanish! Look for more languages to come as the year “grows on!”

Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Caring, Fairness
PTA NEWS

It’s time to buy your Fort Lewis spirit wear just in time for the Fun Run!!!
Info came in the Tuesday folder!
You can also use the link on the Fort Lewis PTA page to place your order. The link is ONLY live until 10/8!!!!
https://www.bsnteamsports.com/v3/shop/team_shop/Lewis181#/ 

If you haven't joined the PTA, it’s NOT too late! A BIG "Thank You!" to Melanie Graffeo! She went above and beyond to bring all of our students and staff a sweet treat from Island Ice to help bring our membership to 100%! The weather was sunny and warm and the treats were colorful and cool! Thanks, Mrs. Graffeo and our wonderful PTA!

Upcoming Dates-events

- 10-06 TheBridge Salem Church is “Serving Our City” by serving at Fort Lewis at 1:00 PM
- 10-09 PTA Board meeting 6pm
- 10-10 Early Dismissal-Buddy STEM Day
- 10-12 Report Cards Sent Home
- 10-13 Fifth Grade to Carvins Cove
- 10-15 SCHOOLS CLOSED (Teacher Work Day)
- 10/22-26 Red Ribbon Week
- 10-26-18 Fall Festival
- 10-29-2018 Buddy Field Trip: The Giant Dinosaur Musical (permission slip coming 10/9
- 10-31 FUN RUN!
- 11-8 Picture Retakes and Class Picture Day

Faculty News!

Besides learning to juggle at Faculty Meetings, our teachers are working hard to grow and learn just like our students. Ms. Decca Knight, an independent Facilitator of Love and Logic® Curricula, will be training our staff in Teaching with Love and Logic®. Check out other great services and Love and Logic® offerings at her website: www.blueridgeparenting.com

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Deede Clifford of 2nd grade. She was nominated by two of her former 5th grade student to be honored by Belk for being an outstanding educator. Belk awarded her $500 for making a difference for her students. We can’t hide that Lion Pride, Mrs. Clifford….We are PROUD OF YOU!

BOOKFAIR!

- Preview: November 2nd
  - (8-2:00PM)
- November 5th, 7th, 8th
  - (8-2:00 PM)
- 9th (8-1:30PM)

Art News!!

Just a reminder that sometimes the art room can be a little messy. Even washable paints may stain.
Encourage your child to always do their best, but please don’t have them wear their best!! Art class happens every six days...please check your child’s homeroom encore schedule to find out when they will have art.

Throughout the school year students will have the option to be part of a monthly art challenge. For the month of October encourage your child to be creative at home and participate in the Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest.

The theme this year is: Life is your journey, travel drug free. Students should illustrate the importance of being healthy! All entries are due to Mrs. Kyle by Friday, October 26th.