



FALLS LENOX

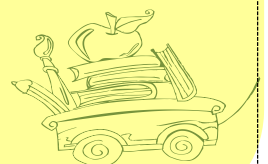
What's Happening in the Hallways:

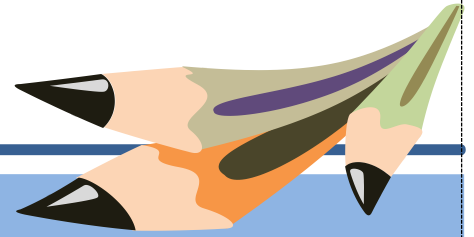
- **Lessons from the School Counselor:** Our school counselor has been meeting some of the social/emotional needs of our children by teaching self-regulation through the book *The Zones of Self-Regulation*. Students learn about different feelings and that problems come in various sizes. Ultimately, the goal is to increase control and problem solving abilities to work toward matching their reaction to the size of the problem!
- **Relaxation Recess:** The mats donated by PTA will be put to good use on Tuesdays during December, January and February for Relaxation Recess. Kids can opt to the Falls gym where they'll snag a mat for 25 minutes structured with guided stretching, breathing exercises, listening to books and quiet coloring.
- **Second Trimester:** As we head into the second trimester 1st Grade is starting opinion writing, and working on hands-on STEM projects learning about push and pull energy! 2nd graders will focus on the characters and identifying the beginning/middle/end of fiction stories and work on telling time and subtraction. Our 3rd graders will learn about cause and effect in stories and consider different points of view. They will move to multiplication in math and are revisiting sources of energy by designing robots using three forms of energy!

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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- **Dressing for the Weather:** Please remember unless it's raining, the kids go outside as long as the temperature (or windchill) is 32 degrees or above. It would be a big help if parents could practice putting on and taking off their winter things. Also, don't forget to label your winter items so your child doesn't come home with their friend's hat or glove!
- **Field Trip:** Our preschoolers made real-world connections recently on a field trip to Shaker's IGA for a behind-the-scenes tour and to see first-hand where some of their food comes from!
- **Giving Thanks:** One of our kindergarten hallways pooled all the classrooms together to share a Thanksgiving "feast" in the cafeteria and practice using the social skills they've been learning throughout the year and make new friends!
- **Namaste:** Kindergarteners have the opportunity to learn yoga from some of our teachers and start to understand that "peace belongs with me".





AROUND THE CORNER AT FALLS-LENOX:

- Dec. 5 Relaxation Recess
Kids Art
- Dec. 6 Bulldog Buddies
- Dec. 11 All-Pro Dad Pizza Night
- Dec. 12 2nd Grade Silver Linings
- Dec. 15 PTA Gingerbread House Making
- Dec. 19 Terrific Kids Meeting
Relaxation Recess
- Dec. 20 Winter break begins

AROUND THE CORNER AT ECC:

- Dec. 1 Helping Hands Holiday Party
- Dec. 7 Family Literacy Night
- Dec. 14 Altogether Book Club
- Dec. 15 Typical Preschool Applications Due
District Caroling
- Dec. 20 Winter break begins

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Food and Drink Donations: We need assistance primarily with set up for the Staff Breakfast the PTA hosts for our teachers, but will certainly accept food donations as well!

Gingerbread Making Night: We're asking for donations of appetizers, desserts and hot chocolate supplies for the Gingerbread house night. Please drop off anytime on Dec 15th. to Falls Lenox.

Publishing Company: Meets Tuesday mornings from 8:30a – 12p or from 12:00p – 2:15p on the FL stage in the south hallway.

If you have volunteered please log your hours!

A LITTLE OF THIS AND THAT:

Hat & Mitten Tree: Please help decorate our Christmas tree with winter accessories! Donations of new hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and warm socks will help local and urban families stay warm this winter. The annual Hat & Mitten Drive runs Dec. 4 – 15 and kids can decorate the tree with their donated items in the front lobby of their school! The items collected will benefit Olmsted Falls families through Christians In Action along with Cleveland families through the Applewood Center.

Terrific Kids: For their December project, students are putting together coloring books and crayons for the children at Joel's Place for Children. Their gifts will be shared with children receiving services for grief support.

Gingerbread House: Bring your Family on Friday Dec. 15 from 6:00-8:00p at Falls Lenox, Cafeteria to decorate a gingerbread house! For \$15 per family you'll get to make a gingerbread house (one per family) & decorate cookies. Some snacks and drinks will be provided too. Please RSVP on sign up genius and send payment to school in an envelope marked PTA GINGERBREAD.

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- Box Tops & Tyson Labels – eligible products will earn money for our schools, please send them in with your student!
- Giant Eagle Apples for the Students: Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card with Apples for the Students!