



Back to School Night 2026-27 School Year

Greenbriar East Elementary School

Strategic Plan: Message from Dr. Reid



Student-Centered Goals

Goal 1: Strong Start, Pre-K–12

Goal 2: Safe, Supported, Included, and Empowered

Goal 3: Academic Growth and Excellence

Goal 4: Equitable Access and Opportunity

Goal 5: Leading for Tomorrow's Innovation

Four Pillars

The Four Pillars identify what FCPS must do well to be able to reach our goals for all students.

A

**Differentiated
& Culturally
Responsive
Learning
Environments**

B

**Vibrant Home,
School, &
Community
Partnerships**

C

**Diverse,
Adaptive, &
Supported
Workforce**

D

**Culture of
Equity,
Excellence, &
Accountability**

Family Handbook

The Family Handbook includes important information about school procedures, policies, expectations, and resources to help families navigate the school year. Please review it so you know where to find answers and how to stay connected with our school community. Topics include:

- Arrival and dismissal
- Attendance
- Birthdays and celebrations
- Communication
- Family involvement
- Health and illness
- School meals
- Who to contact for support



Family Engagement at GBE

Join our fantastic PTA!

<https://gbe.givebacks.com/shop?category=23624>



Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)

All male role models are encouraged to volunteer as a Watch D.O.G.!
Join us on October 1st at 7:00 pm for a kickoff event in the library to learn more!

Parent Cafe

Administration and Ms. Kwon are partnering to provide Parent Cafes to connect and support families. Join us on September 25th at 10:00 am for our first Parent Cafe of the school year!

Community Events

Excited to host our Fall Fest, STEAM Fest, and Spotlight on Learning. More information coming soon!

Ms. Kwon is our full-time family liaison. Reach out to her anytime!

Email: dhkwon@fcps.edu

Office: 703-633-6540

Cell: 571-536-9435

Save the Date! GBE Night

Thursday, November 19 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Join us during the day for Thanksgiving Lunch and come back in the evening to celebrate GBE Night with us! We want your family to come and share your favorite foods, hobbies, music, dance, and more with our GBE school community.

More information will be coming soon for families to sign up to contribute to the event.

All families are invited to experience our special GBE community. Please save the date!

Questions? Contact Katie Cho at kjcho@fcps.edu.

Limited Early Release Wednesdays

- October 21
- December 2
- February 10
- May 5

Early checkout ends at
12:30

No checkout between
12:30-1:30



House to Buddy Classrooms

- Homerooms are paired with another grade level
- Morning Meetings held each Early Release Wednesday to celebrate reaching shared goals
- Students will earn Roadies for demonstrating expectations in the hallways, cafeteria, bathrooms, playground, and busses
- Staff will begin recognizing positive behavior with Roadies on Tuesday, September 8th
- Buddy Classrooms will meet throughout the school year during Morning Meetings
- Be at school on time so your student doesn't miss out! :)



New Student IDs for 2026-27 School Year

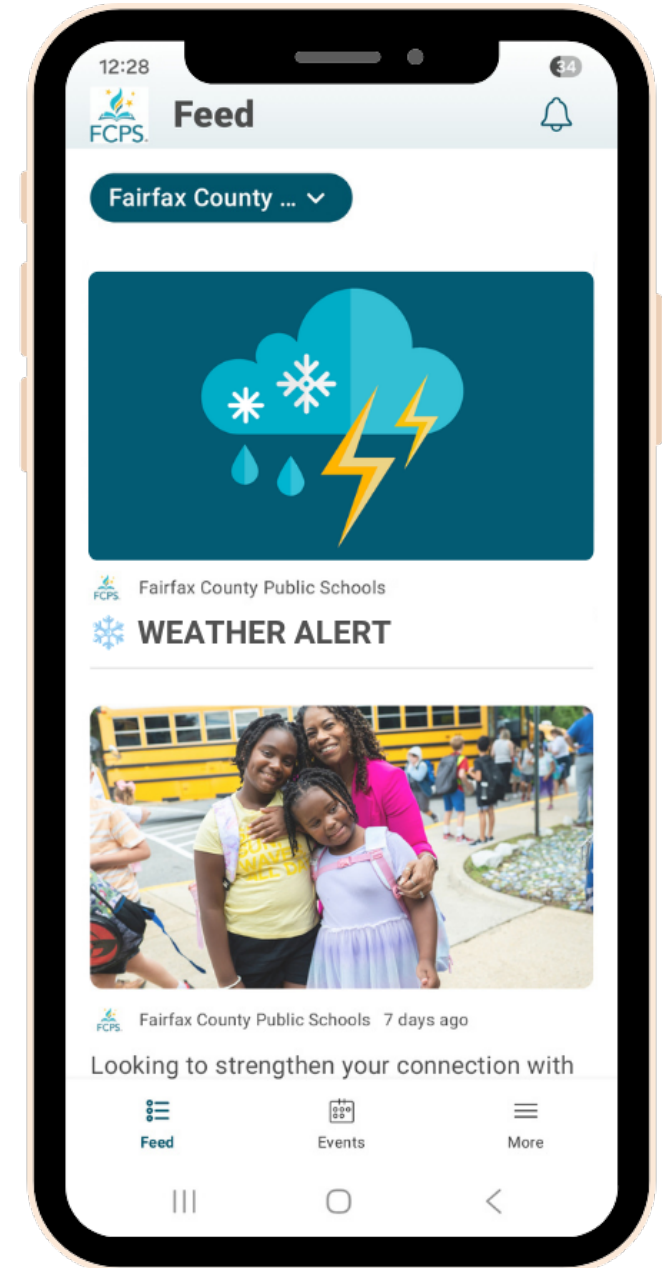
- Student ID cards will be **only** be provided to students who ride the bus or use FCPS transportation services.
- **Bus riders will TAP ON and TAP OFF the school bus every day.**
- The new bus navigation system will track when students board and exit the bus.
- **Students are not required to wear their ID cards during the school day.**
- Student ID cards are color coded by school and school type.



FCPS Mobile App

Everything you need, in one place:

- School calendar
- Lunch and breakfast menus
- School contacts
- Weather alerts
- Links to Schoology, bus, ParentVUE, MySchoolBucks apps



Cafeteria Expectations for Visitors

Your cooperation helps us create a safe, respectful, and positive environment for all students.

- Dine exclusively with your student in designated visitor seating.
- Interact only with your child. If an issue arises, notify an FCPS staff member immediately, as staff are solely responsible for student intervention.
- Adhere to the County's "Bell-to-Bell" Policy by keeping cell phones stored away (visit the main office if phone use is required).
- Respect student privacy by refraining from taking photos or video recordings.
- Honor scheduled lunch times by arriving promptly and exiting when lunch concludes
- Model positive behavior and uphold school cafeteria expectations at all times.

**Students should bring a packed lunch or order from the cafeteria.*

If you drop off lunch in the front office, you are responsible for emailing the teacher to notify the student to pick up their lunch by using the QR located on top of the bookcase.

**Families can join us starting Tuesday, September 8th and eat in the visitor section.*

**Please review classroom newsletters each Friday for revised lunch schedules announcements!*

School Meals

Menus

View meals and allergen and nutrition information. Get notified when your child's favorite foods are served!



Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Complete the application each school year.



Food Allergies and Dietary Accommodations

Complete the Dietary Accommodation form and/or Milk Substitution form.



Advanced Academic Programs (AAP)



FCPS offers a continuum of AAP services to meet students' advanced learning needs.

- **Subject-Specific (K-6) and Part-Time AAP (3-6) Services**

Identification occurs at the local school; referrals may be submitted throughout the school year.

- **Full-Time AAP Services**

- Students in Grades 2-7 may be referred by **December 15**
- Students in Grades 3-7 who have enrolled in FCPS since January 1 may be referred by **October 15**

AAP Information Meetings:

- Tuesday, September 22nd from 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the GBE cafeteria- learn about the **continuum of advanced academic services, referral and identification process** for AAP services.

Contact

Stephanie Gardner, Advanced Academic Resource Teacher, at sngardner1@fcps.edu

Student Rights and Responsibilities (SR&R)

The SR&R explains expectations for student behavior and adult responses.

Please log on to your SIS ParentVUE account and sign to acknowledge review of this document.

New This Year:

- **Universal Grade Matrices (UGMs)**, which are at-a-glance charts that make it easier to see behavior expectations and school responses for grades K-3, 4-8, and 9-12.
- The updated “**Bell to Bell**” **Cellphone Policy** (see more on next slide).
- New **discipline responses for creating or sharing intimate images**.
- The SR&R clarifies that **students with disabilities have the same protections for both in-school and out-of-school suspensions**.
- More grade-aligned and culturally responsive **learning interventions**.



Cellphone Policy

For all grades and all smart devices: **off and away for the entire school day!**

- **Cellphones and smart devices** (earbuds, headsets, smart glasses, other items connected to the internet) **must be off and personally stored** (i.e., put away in backpacks) for the duration of the school day.
- **Watches that serve a dual purpose** (smart watches) are to be **off and personally stored** for the duration of the school day
- Students who require access to a cellphone, pursuant to an Individualized Education Plan, Section 504 Plan, individualized health care plan, or Limited English Proficiency plan will continue to have such access.
- **If you need to reach your student during the school day, please call our front office at 703-633-6400.**



Cellphone Policy: Why It Matters

The FCPS cellphone policy helps students learn better and connect more with each other in person.

Studies show that students who use their cellphones during the day:

- Are **more distracted** and have **trouble learning** and **focusing**.
- Have **less interaction** with their **classmates** and **teachers**.
- Have **fewer opportunities** to learn **problem-solving skills**.

How to Support Your Child

- Remind your child about the cellphone policy and tell them why you support it.
- **Contact our front office (not your child) if there is a family emergency.**
- Don't text/call or respond to non-urgent texts from your child until after school.



TalkingPoints: Teacher-Parent Communication

We use TalkingPoints to send and receive short messages with families in their preferred language.

Option 1: Text Message



Option 2: Mobile App



SIS ParentVUE

SIS ParentVUE is a secure portal to view and manage your child's attendance, grades, and student data.

Update your contact information in ParentVUE to make sure your child's teacher and school can share important information with you.

NEW THIS YEAR!

There is a new app with a more secure login. Download today!



Schoology

Schoology allows teachers to post assignments and other resources for their classes. Students can access Schoology from any computer or mobile device with Internet access.

Schoology Parent Accounts provide access to:

- View your child's:
 - courses
 - groups
 - assignments
 - calendar
- Check messages, adjust their notification settings, and access additional groups or courses if they are enrolled as members.



Volunteer With Us!

Volunteer FCPS provides a centralized platform to register as a volunteer and to find volunteer opportunities.

All school volunteers must register. This ensures everyone working in our schools has cleared necessary safety checks.

All volunteer names are checked against the Sex Offender Registry.

Volunteers who have one-on-one, unsupervised contact with students, or are not parents of current students must undergo an additional background check.

All visitors (including volunteers) must check in to the kiosk in the front office each time they visit the school.



Weather and Alerts from FCPS

Receive weather closings and other important updates from FCPS by text and email.

- Log in to SIS ParentVUE.
- Click “My Account” at the top of the page.
- Open the “Online Verification Update” to review and update contact information.

