

**FALL BRANCH SCHOOL**  
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## **CARDINAL NEWS**



FBS Families, another school year is upon us and we are thrilled to work with your child to help them succeed in their learning and in becoming productive citizens! In this effort, we have a lot going on in Cardinal Country. Keep up with all of it through monthly school-wide newsletters/ calendar and by using our school website that can be found at [www.wcde.org](http://www.wcde.org). Additionally, please sign up for Remind by texting @fallbranch to the number 81010 follow us on Twitter @fbcardinals, and visit the office to receive access to Parent Portal for your child's grades/attendance.

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**School Hours:**  
8:05 AM-3:05 PM

**YoDA**  
(Youth Development  
Association)  
Next Meeting is  
Tuesday, August  
6th  
at 6:30 PM

A **HUGE** thank you  
to all the organiza-  
tions and individuals  
who donated school  
supplies!

**Back to School  
Dance**

Friday, Aug. 50  
Grades K-4 3-5 PM  
Grades 5-8 6-8 PM

More info TBA...



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### **Reminders**

- \*Students are not to be dropped off and may not enter the building until 7:30 AM unless they are enrolled with Before School Care which begins at 6:30 AM
- \*All car riders and bus riders are to enter using the gym entrance. Students are to exit their cars only after they have come to a complete stop. This allows 3-4 cars to safely unload at a time. Please stay in line and do not pull around the car in front of you.
- \*You can receive a new or replacement car rider tag by going to the website and clicking the car rider tab or by visiting the school office.

### **Attendance**

- \*It is extremely important that students are present at school every day. Studies have shown that absenteeism leads to a decline in student academic performance.
- \*Students with Perfect Attendance all year will be eligible to participate in the End of Year activity.
- \*Excuses need to accompany students upon returning to school and turned in to the office first thing in the morning. Students who will be out for an extended period of time may have a parent/guardian bring in the excuse and request work. We request that students are absent a minimum of two days before requesting missed work through the office. Teachers will give students a fair amount of time to make up work due to excused absences.
- \*Students must be inside the building by 8:00 AM and are considered late if they arrive at 8:05 AM or later. Please remember that blocks of 5 unexcused tardies and/or early dismissals will result in students being assigned an extended school day session. This includes students who are signed out early.
- \*We ask that for the safety of the students that you please remain in the car line for dismissal. We want to dismiss as quickly and safely as possible. Thank you for help!

### **EPIC! (Encourage, Protect, Invest, Connect)**

- \*EPIC! is an initiative designed to bring all educational stakeholders (faculty, staff, students, family members, community) together as one. The goal is to lead to mutual respect and understanding and for children to develop a moral courage to withstand the pressure of intimidation and the threat of force.
- \*At the end of each nine weeks students who exhibit EPIC! qualities and are in compliance with behavioral expectations are able to participate in a celebration and/or field trip.

### **Discipline**

Please make sure to read/ sign your child's school-wide behavior policy as well as digitally sign the online district handbook found at [www.wcde.org](http://www.wcde.org).

### **Safety**

Safety is a top priority at Fall Branch School. Over the summer we completed a perimeter's fence upgrade and we are still using Raptor as our digital screener for all visitors in the building. Please be sure to bring a government issued ID when visiting our school.

### **Dates to Remember**

- Aug. 6- First Full Day
- Aug 30- Back to School Dance
- Sept. 2-No School/ Labor Day
- Sept. 3-6—EPIC! Week



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