

Forest Hills Friday News

Friends and Family of Forest Hills,

Years ago, a local newspaper would run a competition each week called the “Gold Brick.” This particular newspaper had a section in it that had tons of ads for local businesses. Within these ads, they would embed clues each week that were to lead you to a location somewhere in the town. If you were lucky enough to be the first person to find that location, you would find the infamous “Gold Brick.” (Actually, it was just a piece of wood spray painted gold) For the person to find it and call the phone number, they would win the \$500 prize. That prize motivated me each Friday morning to get out of bed SUPER early, head over to the newspaper office, and be there as soon as they released the weekly edition into the newsstand out front.

I teamed up with a couple of friends to do this. I still remember the first time we went brick hunting. We got the newspaper and spent time reading the clues. When we read the clues, they were a bit vague, but we had a general idea of where to go. Figuring that it would be a good starting point, we drove over to a local park that had a small river that ran through it. The town had just put in some running paths, and there were bridges that spanned the tiny river. We started hunting around the park, and I ran over to the bridge, thinking that the gold brick may be underneath it. I still remember my excitement when I saw it. I grabbed it as fast as I could and called the phone number that was painted on the backside. Sure enough, we won the \$500 prize!

This sure motivated us to do this again and again. It became a tradition for us to get up on Fridays and solve the mystery. Over the course of a year, my friends and I found the Gold Brick three times. Each time we found it, the excitement was the same. It never got old. Not even once. Sure, it was a lot of work, but the payoff was great!

What if I told you that you could have excitement that goes WAY beyond a Gold Brick, and it's excitement that you don't have to get up early on a Friday morning to receive? Psalm 19:10 talks about the laws and decrees of the Lord, and it tells us that they are more precious than gold! God's love – His mercy, His forgiveness, His righteousness are gifts that are given to you. You don't have to solve clues to find God's love. He pours it out freely on you each and every day.

The best part is that we don't have to do anything to earn God's love. It's a gift that is given to us at no cost. Just like winning the gold brick contest changed my life (I was a poor college student J), the gift of God's love changes our lives each and every day. Because of His love, we are free to go into the world, fully equipped to do works of service that God has prepared in advance for us to do. There are days where we feel like we can do no wrong, and we're on cloud 9. There are days where we feel like we've done nothing right and it's just miserable. The one certain thing is that God remains with us and His love safely brings us to the end of each new day.

Are you hunting for God and His love? Take heart – HE has found YOU! You haven't just won a \$500 prize. Through Jesus, you've won victory over the devil. You've won daily strength from Jesus in the world. You've won eternal life – all because of Jesus. He worked for the Gold Brick, and He has given it to you. What a blessing.

Walk confidently this day, knowing that the most amazing prize has been given to you. God's love is enough to sustain us through this world and into His arms for eternity. I can't think of anything that compares!

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal

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January 25th, 2019



- **Christmas Cards** The Kindergarten has a project coming up and is asking for donations of old Christmas Cards. If you have any, please drop off in the office – thank you!
- **Plumber needed!** Are you a plumber, have plumbing knowledge, or know of a plumber willing to help us out? Please email Kevin at: gerlachk@fhlds.org for details.
- **Kindergarten Enrollment** for 2019-2020 is now open! Check the website for or contact the office for more details
- **Auction Basket Competition** runs now thru Feb. 11th. Get your items in now to help earn your class a Movie Party!
- **Box Tops Competition** runs now thru Feb. 22nd. This is a school wide goal and you can see a running tally on the wall by the front office. Each class will be filling a pie tin with box tops and for each tin we fill, Mr. Schiemann will receive a pie in the face!
- **Check out the new Website!**

www.FHLCS.org

2019-2020 Enrollment

Timeline:

- **Jan. 30th:** CURRENT families' tuition agreement are due.
- **Feb. 2nd:** Enrollment opens to the public
- Questions? Please contact Angie at: reesea@fhlds.org

Open Enrollment

In Your Family Envelope:

- Information regarding the upcoming open house

Dates at a Glance:

Monday 1/28	Girls Bball at Home, 4pm Boys Bball at Home, 5:30pm Hot Lunch Orders Due
Wed 1/30	Chapel Host FHLCS, 8:20am
Thursday 1/31	Girls Bball at Home, 4pm Boys Bball at Home, 5:30pm
Friday 2/1	Happy Birthday Mr. Bauer! Jump Rope Club, 7:30am
Monday 2/4	Girls Bball at Gilkey, 4pm Boys Bball at Gilkey, 5:30pm
Wednesday 2/6	Happy Birthday Mrs. Keith!
Thursday 2/7	Girls Bball at TVA, 4pm Boys Bball at OES, 5:30pm
Friday 2/8	Happy Birthday Mrs. Brown! Jump Rope Club, 7:30am
Monday 2/11	Girls Bball at Home, 4pm Boys Bball at Home, 5:30pm LEST Spirit Day: Color Day

Guest WiFi: Find the full **school calendar** at:
Falcons! http://www.fhls.org/main_pages/google_cal.htm

Me & My Gal Event!

PTA is looking for someone to help coordinate the "Me & My Gal" (Mother/Son) event this spring. If interested, please contact PTA@FHLCS.org

