

FALLS LAKE ACADEMY

Your Cheat Sheet

Yep...you will need it.

PBL or POL = Project Based Learning or Presentation of Learning – At FLA students learn by doing projects together. When they have completed the project, your child will then give a presentation with their group. You should receive emails about dates and times of this happening.

PAA = Personal Adult Advocate - They are like your homeroom teacher. This teacher is assigned to your child and will be contacting you thru out the year to discuss how they are doing and to see if you have any questions or concerns.

PAC = Parent Advisory Council – the PAC is made up of parents just like you who have volunteered to keep the lines of communication open between parents and the FLA administration. Each grade has their own PAC Representative. The FLA website has your PAC contact information.

SLC = Student Led Conference – SLCs happen twice a year, once every semester. Your child will create a SLC “notebook”, this can be a paper copy or an electronic copy. Your child will then go over each section in the notebook. This is a great way to see what they have been doing and listen to your child explain all areas of study in their words.

The Screamer = Monthly Newsletter

JupiterEd = Student\Parent website used for grades, attendance and communications - You will be hearing the word “Jupiter” a lot. Your child should be set up with Jupiter at the beginning of the year. With this website you can follow your child's grades, see behavior; bad and good; e-mail your child's teacher, and see homework assignments.

Non-Human Resources

<http://www.fallslakeacademy.com/> - <http://www.ptafallslakeacademy.com/> - <http://www.fallslakeacademyathletics.com/>

Each specific group also has a facebook page with need to know information – LIKE the page and stay connected.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to attend the PBL\POL – Yes, a family member must attend your child's PBL\POL presentation.

How is PBL\POL scheduling done – every 9 wks; the lead teacher for that 9 wks' PBL\POL will communicate the date\times via e-mail.

When and how will I hear from my child's PAA – the PAA must touch base with you once every month; they will contact you via phone or e-mail.

Are hot lunches available – Yes, you will need to order them on-line within the designated timeframe, look for the e-mails. Information is on the FLA website.

Does the drink machine work – Yes, but only during certain hrs of the day.

How many volunteer hrs do we need – it varies per grade; K, 1, 2 = 5 hrs; 3, 4, 5 = 7 hrs; 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 = 10 hrs. – this does not included hrs required by NJHS or NHS. Parent hrs are per family and should total 10. Parent volunteer house must be completed at school. Student hours can be at school or in the community.

Where do I record volunteer hrs – <http://www.ptafallslakeacademy.com/got-hrs.html>

How do I stay informed – pay close attention to your e-mail, like the right facebook page, check the PTA website

Do I need a background check – Yes, if you plan on working with students for your volunteer hrs, i.e chaperoning a field trip.

Is there afterschool care – Yes, FAST (Firebirds After School Time) – Mon thru Fri 3-6p or 12-6p on early release days.

I need to pick-up my child early – students cannot be picked up outside of carpool no later than 2:15p-elementary, 2:45p-middle and 3:45p-high school.

Is the grading system different – Yes, 90-100(M) 80-89(P) 70-79(NW) Below 70(NY) - Anything below 70 is Failing.

Carpool – where do we begin...it is different for elementary, middle and HS. Keep the hand-out. Make sure you have your carpool code for elementary and middle school.