



FES February 2026 School Board Update

Upcoming Professional Development Staff Time

Friday, February 13, will be an early dismissal day for students to allow teachers time to work in curriculum teams during the afternoon. Tuesday, February 17, is a scheduled professional development day for teachers and educational assistants. All staff will participate in a suicide prevention presentation led by Ellie Schindeldecker, one of our Lighthouse therapists. Teachers will also have time to collaborate within grade-level or department teams. Educational assistants will receive READ Act training facilitated by Kristie Rahm. In the afternoon, teachers will continue curriculum team work, and EAs will participate in additional READ Act training.

FES Music Concerts

Third-grade music concerts will be held on Thursday, February 5. Upcoming concerts include second grade on Thursday, March 12; first grade on April 15 and 16 (afternoons); and kindergarten on April 29 and 30 (afternoons). We extend our appreciation to FES music teachers Heidi Runyon and Grace Bergstrom for organizing and leading these events.

2025–2026 Student Placement

In the March FES newsletter, families will be invited to provide optional input regarding student placement for the 2026–2027 school year. Completed forms may be returned to the FES office through early April. Teacher teams will begin developing class lists in mid-April, using this input as one of several factors in the placement process.

Upcoming FES Events

Feb. 12 - 100th Day of School celebrations

Feb. 9 & 10 - PreK Grandparents Day

March 3 - PreK & Kindergarten Registration Night