



The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

September 6, 2018

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

New-Parent Reception/Back-to-School Open House/After-Hours Starry Nights. On **Wednesday evening, September 12, 2018**, we will host our New-Parent Reception and Back-to-School Open House. In addition, we are adding an After-Hours Starry Nights reception upon the conclusion of Open House. **These events are for parents only!**

- **6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. New-Parent Reception.** Parents new to Fisher Island Day School are invited for refreshments and a "meet and mingle" in the Neff Family Library, prior to the Open House.
- **6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Back-to-School Open House.** All parents are invited for opening remarks by our Board of Trustees' President, our Parent Association leadership, and the Head of School, followed by time in your child(ren)'s classroom(s). Teachers will provide an overview of the many exciting educational endeavors that will be taking place this coming year. Open House is not the time for individual parent-teacher conferences. Individual parent conferences will take place the week of September 24 – 28, 2018. Please see your child's teacher to schedule your conference.
- **7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. After-Hours Starry Nights Reception.** All parents are invited to return to the Neff Family Library for our inaugural Starry Nights reception, **hosted** by FIDS's Parent Association.



Parent Association Meeting. The September Parent Association (PA) Meeting will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.—immediately following morning meeting—in the Neff Family Library. Please plan on attending to support the valuable efforts of our PA, led by Co-Chairs, Ms. Tamarra Hay (Jesse and Summer) and Ms. Yvette Triana (Shae). Please be reminded that membership in our PA is a benefit you receive by virtue of having your child enrolled at FIDS. **Moms and dads** are invited to attend! At our inaugural PA Meeting of the 2018-2019 school year, the agenda will focus on organizational issues, the annual calendar, and room-parent assignments. Breakfast will be catered by Chef Richard.

Adjustments to Active Hours. Please note the following changes to Active Hours for the first quarter:

- Due to low enrollment, Baseball will be consolidated into just one session on Wednesdays, 3:05 p.m. – 4:05 p.m. We will offer a make-up session on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 to cover yesterday's canceled session.
- Due to a change of instructor, Dance Class will now take place on Fridays, 3:05 p.m. – 4:05 p.m. in the Third Grade Classroom. This change will commence tomorrow, Friday, September 6, 2018.
- The following classes have been canceled due to insufficient enrollment. Please consult the Active Hours directory for alternative options or you may request a refund.
 - ✓ Vocal Music Glee Club (Mondays)
 - ✓ Master Sang's Martial Arts (Wednesdays)

Rosh Hashanah. On behalf of the entire Fisher Island Day School community, I wish you a Happy Rosh Hashanah. FIDS will be open for school on Monday, September 10, 2018; however, we respect all in our community who observe this holiday.



Tuition Insurance. Fisher Island Day School's 2018-2019 tuition fees include the Tuition Refund Plan provided by [Dewar](#). This insurance plan protects your tuition commitment against unforeseen withdrawals or dismissals. For more information, please reference the brochure on the FIDS website by clicking [here](#). Any further questions can be directed to [Ms. Cheryl Camp](#), Bookkeeper, at 305-531-2350.

Study Hall. As a service to FIDS families, we are offering daily Study Hall. FIDS's Study Hall provides the opportunity for students to do their homework, study independently, or read silently. The goal of FIDS's Study Hall is to provide an environment that encourages learning and focuses on study skills during after-school hours. Important details:

- **Who:** FIDS students in Grades K-7
- **What:** Study Hall
- **When:** Mon. – Fri. afternoons
- **Where:** Neff Family Library
- **How:**
 - There will be a teacher supervising students from 3:00 p.m. to 4:05 p.m.
 - The teacher will be available to assist students with any questions; however, this is not a tutoring class. Students should be able to work independently and quietly.
 - This is a free service provided to all students at FIDS. Study Hall ends promptly at 4:05 p.m. Students who are picked up later will be charged a late fee to be paid to the FIDS Study Hall teacher.
 - Off-Island students may ride the 4:05 p.m. bus back to the mainland.
 - Students should use their time wisely in Study Hall. We feel rules and guidelines help students make the best use of their time.

Study Hall Rules and Guidelines:

- Students should enter the library quietly and be respectful to the teacher and other students.
- Students should choose one place to sit and work independently.
- Students should be respectful of all library books and materials.

RenWeb Access. Attached to this newsletter, please find instructions for accessing our online parent portal, RenWeb. Access to RenWeb is required for parents whose children are in Grades 2-7.

Thank you for your support in making every week at FIDS a wonderful learning experience for our children. Your partnership is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Michael Bell
Head of School

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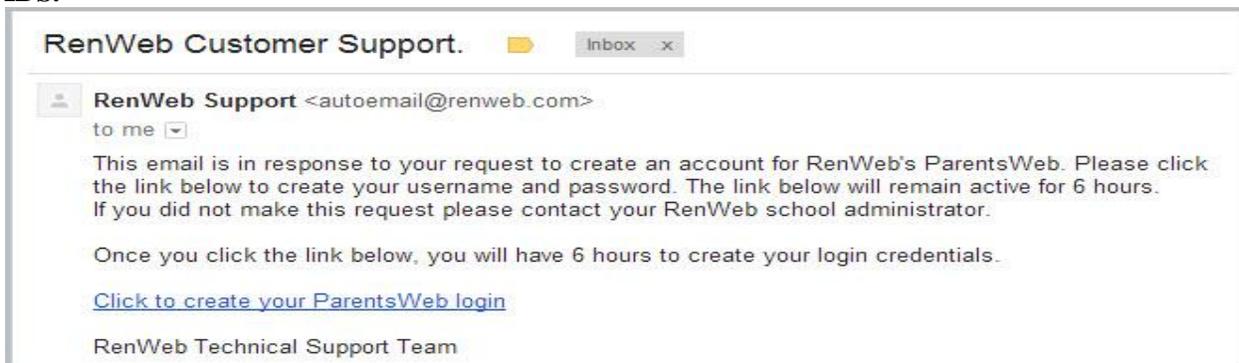
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Dear Families,

Beginning this school year, you will have access to your child's attendance record via RenWeb School Management Software. Parents of students in Grades 2 - 7 will also receive quarterly report cards via RenWeb. RenWeb's ParentsWeb is a private and secure portal for parents that will allow you to view academic information specific to your child(ren), while protecting their information from others.

Please take a few minutes to create your account by following the steps below:

- In Internet Explorer, Firefox, or Safari, go to www.renweb.com and click **Login**.
- Select Login.
- Select **ParentsWeb Login**.
- Type the school's District Code **FI-FL**.
- Click **Create New ParentsWeb Account**.
- Type your email address and click **Create Account**. An email will be sent which includes a link to create your ParentsWeb login. The link is active for 6 hours. **Please note: the email address must match that on file with FIDS.**



- Select the **Click to Create your ParentsWeb login** link.
- A web browser displays your **Name** and RenWeb **Person ID**.
- Type a **User Name**, **Password**, and **Confirm** the password.

Name	Person ID	User Name	Password	Confirm	
Callie Johnston	11519	<input type="text" value="cjohnston"/>	<input type="password" value="*****"/>	<input type="password" value="*****"/>	<input type="button" value="Save User Name and/or Password"/>

- Click **Save User Name and/or Password**.
- A message displays at the top of the browser: "User Name/Password successfully updated."

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- You may now log in to ParentsWeb using your new User Name and Password.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at msmall@fids.org with any questions you may have.

Best regards,
Mollie Small
Assistant Head of School