



# The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

November 16, 2018

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

Following are this week's [FIDS](#) updates:

**Calendar at a Glance.** There is much going on at FIDS between now and the New Year. Stay tuned!

- Nov. 16-20, 2018      [Books & Books](#)© Fair
- Tue., Nov. 20, 2018      Grandparents' Day
- Nov. 21-25, 2018      Thanksgiving Recess
- Sun., Dec. 2, 2018      Jingle Run
- Fri., Dec. 21, 2018      Holiday Show

**Grandparents' Day.** This year, Grandparents' Day is on **Tuesday, November 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** We look forward to this special day, which includes student performances, classroom visits, the [Books & Books](#)© Book Fair, and a Thanksgiving lunch with all the trimmings. We are happy to include our students' grandparents as part of our Fisher Island Day School family. Please see directions below:

- Access to Grandparents' Day will be limited to those who submitted RSVPs in advance.
- On-island guests should arrive via golf cart and park in Vanderbilt Park to the north side of FIDS.
- Off-island guests will be transported by school bus, between 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., from the Mansur Parking Lot (adjacent to the mainland ferry terminal) to and from FIDS. We will have our middle-school students onboard to serve as ambassadors.
- Off-island decal holders may arrive in one vehicle, which may be parked in the FIDS parking lot.
- Due to limited parking and ferry capacity, we will not be clearing individual guests to drive-on/off the island for this event. Please plan accordingly.
- Please contact [Ms. Mary Reiling](#), Director of Admissions/Development, for additional information.

**Thanksgiving Recess.** FIDS will be closed for Thanksgiving from **Wednesday, November 21 – Sunday, November 25, 2018.** We wish our entire school community the best for the holidays. We all have much for which to be thankful. Due to the abbreviated week, there will be no *Fisher Flyer* issued next week.

**Jingle Run Update.** The Jingle Run—originally scheduled for Sunday, December 2, 2018—will not take place as originally planned. We are currently exploring alternative options—TBD. Refunds will be issued to anyone who had issued payment for the December 2<sup>nd</sup> event. Thank you for your understanding.



**STEM Home Challenge.** This year, we are limiting STEM Home Challenges to one for the entire year (excluding the STEM Fair project in April 2019). The 2018-2019 FIDS STEM Home Challenge poses the question:

**Can you design and build something that can carry a Ping-Pong ball from the top of a zip-line string to the bottom in four seconds or less?**

Here's how to participate:

- Participation is voluntary.
- Participating families may elect to submit a separate challenge per child or complete one "family" project. \*
- Design something that can carry a ping-pong ball on a zip line. You are free to choose your own materials, as long as you build it yourself! Cardboard, cups, straws, tape, and skewers might be a good start.
- Projects must be student-made creations; do not use zip-line construction kits!
- Projects must be STEM-related and incorporate one or more of the 4 STEM pillars: Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics. While you may want to give your design an artistic twist, **THIS IS NOT AN ARTS AND CRAFTS PROJECT!** Your zip line must be fully functioning!
- **Projects are due to your child's teacher by Tuesday, January 15, 2019.** Projects submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Selected projects, **based on merit**, will be recognized at Morning Meeting on Friday, January 18, 2019.
- The selection of projects to be shared will be based on a combination of FIDS's STEM Team assessment of the projects, the student's presentation of the project, and/or additional follow-up questions by staff adjudicators.
- Mrs. Rosa, our STEM Coordinator, is available to support students who may need guidance on getting started.
- Consult with your child's teacher for any specific class requirements.
- Early Learning, Pre-Kindergarten, and Jr. Kindergarten will complete the challenge as a class project.
- Use this challenge to be creative, have fun, and learn!



*\* Family projects will be shared once in one child's classroom, with all contributors included in the presentation.*

**Shout-Out to the Hay Family.** Thanks go to the Hay family for opening their home to host today's Parent Association (PA) Meeting. The lovely weather was a plus, but ran second to the hospitality of our hosts, Tamarra and Darren Hay.

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

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael Bell'.

[Michael Bell](#)  
Head of School

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