



The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

December 5, 2018

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

Following are this week's [FIDS](#) updates, a day early as I will be out-of-the-office Thursday and Friday.

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

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| • Friday, November 30, 2018 | School Spirit Day—Wear your Sharks tee-shirts |
| • Wednesday, December 5, 2018 | 2 nd Quarter Interims Sent Home |
| • Friday, December 21, 2018 | Holiday Show, 11:00 a.m. Students will be dismissed from Vanderbilt Theater immediately after the holiday show. More details to follow. |
| • Monday, January 7, 2019 | School resumes for 2019 |

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 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.

Mollie Small. Unless Baby Small decides to arrive earlier than planned, Friday, December 7, 2018, will likely be Mollie's last day at FIDS until she returns from parental leave later this school year. I know that each of you joins me in wishing Mollie the best. Although Mollie will be on leave, she will remain connected to FIDS during her absence. Her daughter, Carly, will continue to attend school here, and Mollie will continue to be in charge of tasks that do not require her daily presence at FIDS. Best wishes to Mollie and family. I will keep you posted on Baby Small's arrival.

Save the Date—January 11, 2019 Luncheon. Ms. Jana Neff, Board President & Chair, is pleased to invite the Parent Association (PA) membership to a luncheon she is hosting on Friday, January 11, 2019. Following are the details:

- Date: Friday, January 11, 2019
- Time: 12:00 noon
- Place: Fisher Island Beach Club
- RSVP: [Ms. Mary Reiling](#) or 773-401-4901

As a member of our PA, please plan on attending. The luncheon will be in lieu of the regularly-scheduled January meeting. Beachside lunch will be served.

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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