

Newsletter

April 25, 2024

WHAT'S IN THIS NEWSLETTER?

- **Updates** - Happy Hour Fundraiser, Spring Sports,
- **Sign-ups** - Carnival Volunteers, Board Nominations, Lunch Volunteers, Summer Camps
- **Profile of the Week** - Keelin Hurley, Special Education Teacher



NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, April 26

We will not have school on Friday, April 26. MCA testing is now done, and we hope our FIT families enjoy the day off of school! Our staff and faculty will use this day for staff development.



CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS

On Wednesday, May 15, we will elect 3 new members to our FIT Academy Governing Board, and we need your nominations! This Board governs and oversees the school.

We need nominations for...

1. A teacher seat to replace Shannon Baker who with her new role in leadership cannot serve as a teacher representative
2. A community member to replace Jan Markison whose term is up
3. A parent seat to replace Tiffany Taylor

Wednesday, May 1 is the deadline for submitting nominations. You can nominate yourself or someone else. Please send nominations to ahalama@fitacademymn.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 26 - NO SCHOOL
May 4 - HS Prom (9-12 Grade)
May 9 - Parent Meeting (6 pm, Room 113)
May 10 - Spring Fling Dance Party (4-8 Grades)
May 17 - Spring Carnival
May 27 - Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)
May 30 - Happy Hour FIT Fundraiser
May 31 - Senior Kayak Trip
June 4 - FIT Graduation, 5pm

K-8 MAY LUNCH
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9-12 MAY LUNCH
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HAPPY HOUR FIT FUNDRAISER

Everyone is invited to join us on **Thursday, May 30th** at Cowboy Jacks in Apple Valley for our

PRE-
REGISTER
FOR EVENT



Happy Hour FIT Fundraiser! We will have live music, appetizers, and some fun competition!

- **4:30 pm** - Happy Hour & silent auction begin
- **6:00 pm** - Live auction & raffle begin
- Live music performed throughout the evening by FIT Academy staff.
- \$15 to preregister, \$20 at the door

REQUEST
CHILDCARE

DONATE
NOW!

Childcare will be provide at FIT Academy for \$15 per family from 4:15-6:45 pm.

Please invite friends and family to join us for this fun event as we work to raise money for our wonderful school!



PARENT MEETING - MAY 9

Please join us for an important planning meeting on Thursday, May 9 at 6pm in Room 113! We will discuss the following:

- Spring Carnival
- Summer FIT Events
- Homecoming 2024
- Fall 2024 Events.

We would love for parents to join us for this planning session!



FALL SPORTS CO-OP *at Randolph High School*

If your child is interested in HS Tackle Football, HS Volleyball, Cross Country, and MS Tackle Football, we will begin registration and orientation soon. Randolph is located 30 minutes away, and FIT Academy will transport all athletes to Randolph for practices.

Please email Mr. Cassidy at ecassidy@fitacademymn.org for more information or to confirm your interest.



SPRING CARNIVAL

It is Carnival time!!! Please consider helping us make it a success for our students and families by signing up to volunteer. Shifts are about an hour long.

As we prepare for the Spring Carnival on May 17, we have prepared an Amazon Wishlist of things we need for the event. Click below to see the list. Donations can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you!

SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER!

AMAZON WISHLIST OF SUPPLIES
NEEDED

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Tigers Basketball Camp

June 17-20 (Grades 3 & 4), 9:00-10:30am

REGISTER
FOR



June 24-27 (Grades 5 & 6), 9:00-10:30am

Tigers Volleyball Camp

July 18-21 (Grades 7-12), 8-9:30am

July 18-21 (Grades 5 & 6), 9:45-11:15am

**BASKETBALL
CAMP**

**REGISTER
FOR
VOLLEYBALL
CAMP**



SWEATSHIRT REPLACEMENT & UNIFORM REMINDER

We have noticed that the new sweatshirt logos are rapidly fading.

Schoolbelles has agreed to replace these. If your student's sweatshirt is new as of this year and fading, please let Jen know at

jiten@fitacademymn.org. She will facilitate getting you a new one!

Please remind your students that they are expected to be in uniform at all times. Many students cover up their uniforms with other sweatshirts during and between classes. These non-school-approved sweatshirts will be confiscated moving forward.



PROFILE OF THE WEEK

Keelin Hurley, Special Education Teacher

Ms. Keelin Hurley joined the FIT Academy faculty in the fall of 2018, and she currently teaches secondary language arts special education. But her roots have not always been planted in Minnesota!

She grew up in Melbourne, Florida, along Florida's Space Coast so, she says, "I am a misplaced beach bum who misses all the launches I could see from my home." She graduated from Florida State with a Bachelor's in Political Science as well as a Master's in Secondary Social Science Education. As a result, she is a huge college football fan, and she loves her Florida State Seminoles!

After teaching for several years, she received a scholarship to attend Mitchell-Hamline School of Law. After graduating from law school, she worked as a staff attorney for the judicial branch and then worked in private practice in criminal and family law. Ms. Hurley says, "I also served on the Minnesota Children's Justice Initiative Board and created systems in which children engaged in the justice system are properly protected and, if necessary, rehabilitated."

In 2015, she returned to the classroom in order to have a more flexible schedule for her family, especially her two children. She says, "My role as a special education teacher is to support students where they are--academically and socially--and to give them instruction that will help them get to grade level." She loves to challenge her students with novels they read in class. The phrase "I can't do this" is not to be spoken in her class! She says, "Over the years, I have watched my students grow and learn that reading can be fun and that it is the fundamental key to success across the board in school."

She is ridiculously proud of her two children. Her son is finishing his freshman year at Saint John's University, and her daughter will graduate from Eagan High School this June. She describes herself as an "exercise nut!" "I do lots of yoga and kickboxing--both are excellent for physical and mental health." In addition to exercise, she loves playing piano, violin, and guitar.

Thank you, Ms. Hurley, for your investment in the students at FIT Academy. We appreciate your work!



SPRING SEASON INFO

Middle School Volleyball: Our volleyball team remains undefeated! We invite everyone to join us for their final game of the season against Nova Academy on Wednesday, May 1 at 4:30 pm! Game is at **Nova**.

Flag Football: Come cheer for our team during their first game against Achieve Academy today, Thursday, April 25 at 5:30 pm! The game is at FIT on the field across the street.

[April Football Schedule](#)

[May Football Schedule](#)



LUNCH VOLUNTEERS!

We would love for you to volunteer in our lunch room! It's a fun way to connect with your kids and other students. You will help students open milk and lunch items as well as clean the tables after each lunch period. Click to sign up!

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER](#)



HEALTH REMINDER

We want to remind parents to keep your children home from school when they are ill. As a refresher, **school policy requires students to stay at home if they have had a fever or vomitted in the last 24 hours.**



AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

We offer after-school care again this year from 2:45 pm to 5:00 pm. Open to students in grades K-5. You must enroll by Wednesday, if you plan to use after school care the following week. If you have questions, please email Jen Iten at jiten@fitacademymn.org.

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Would you considered leaving our school a review? Your perspective could be helpful in leading other families to our school. Just click above!



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Facebook groups!

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[FIT Academy Families](#)

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