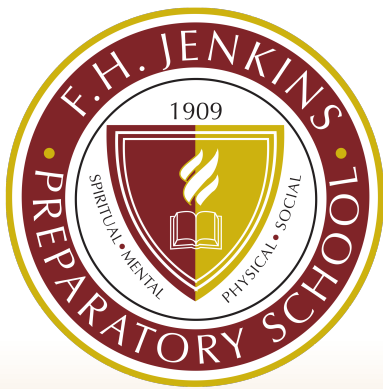


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F. H. Jenkins Selected for Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant

In the Spring of 2015, F. H. Jenkins Preparatory School applied for Dollar General Literacy Foundation's Youth Literacy Grant. A grant in the amount of \$3,993 was awarded to F. H. Jenkins, in September, for the purpose of providing differentiated instruction in the area of reading. The grant funds will be used to purchase a leveled library system that will be used for small group literacy instruction. Teachers will be able to select texts from this leveled library that directly correlate with a scholar's reading level.

This leveled library system is one in which our teachers are VERY excited about. This affords them the opportunity to really meet students on their level and challenge students to further excel. It provides an intimate context in which teacher and students are sharing and engaging around the same text. Each level has a variety of books from which the teachers and students can choose.

For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation visit the Dollar General website and click on Dollar General Literacy Foundation at the bottom of the page.



Save the Date!

Make A Difference Day

October 24

All constituent churches coming together to serve our community!

Week of Prayer

October 26-30

Special guests speak with our students about the goodness of Jesus!



Fruit Program is here!
October – January

F. H. J. Prep Athletics are On Fire

By Carlin Alford

This past June F. H. Jenkins Prep unveiled its Summer/Fall sports program. The F. H. Jenkins "Steelers" played in the Nashville Prime Time Flag Football league and represented the school very well against some of the top youth football players in the city. Based on our team's performance, we've been asked to return to the league next year.

Our middle school girls' volleyball team entered another season in the Middle TN Athletic Conference (MTAC). The Lady Flames have had some impressive wins against Currey Ingram Academy and Madison Campus Elementary. Next up is the MTAC post-season tournament, October 13-16. Expectations are high, so stay tuned.

F. H. Jenkins was invited by Sumner Academy to participate in their 3rd Annual Cross Country Invitational. In FHJ's first ever cross country meet, the Flame Runners posted impressive times and two top 20 finishes among hundreds of runners. In subsequent races, our middle school boys' team, Pax Fordham, Saadiq Johnson, Price Fordham and Camren Bean, placed 6th out of 15 teams. Pax Fordham (8th) finished 11th out of 100+ runners in the grade 5-8 division. Our lower division runners (3rd & 4th), Jade Cook and Amare Pritchett, along with K-2 runner Daylin Alford all qualified for the MTAC championships on October 13th and 19th. What started as a "test" season might end up in all-conference Gold!



Honoring Grandparents

What a blessing it is to be promoted to grandparent! This was F. H. Jenkins Preparatory School's theme for the annual Grandparents' Day program, and what an exciting program it was. The program started with a procession of each grandparent—escorted by F. H. Jenkins' middle school students. The audience was warmly welcomed by the Student Government President, Pax Fordham and Vice President, McKinlee Jeffries, with the reminder that often our grandparents are underappreciated, but this moment was for them.

The morning was filled with student led tributes and serenades, followed by a wonderful breakfast that was provided by local church members.



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Nashville Church Community Responds

By Furman Fordham

We knew that this year—the 2015-2016 school year—was going to mark a major transitional period in the history of F. H. Jenkins.

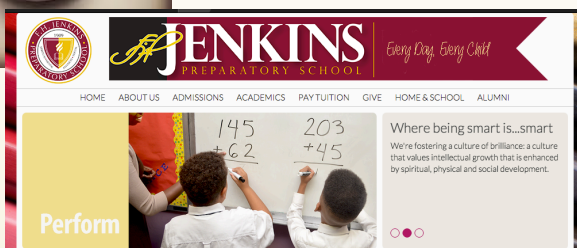
Those who have been in our Nashville community for twenty years or more remember the glory days when F. H. Jenkins had 150 students! However, our school has been experiencing a consistent enrollment decline since that time. Over the past few years the dilemma has been that our reduced enrollment necessitates a significant reduction in our teaching staff. But a reduction in teachers would result in our needing to have three grades per classroom, which would probably result in an even greater enrollment loss. Nevertheless, when the number of students hit 43 last year, we knew that the long delayed teacher reduction was inevitable—and it did result in less students. We began this school year with 23 students.

Interestingly, although our enrollment has never been this low, I have never seen our Nashville community's energy, enthusiasm, and overall support for its school this high! When the word went out that unless we were able to overcome the \$80,000 budget deficit created by the low enrollment, we might be seriously looking at the end of F. H. Jenkins' one-hundred plus year's existence, our Nashville community overwhelmingly said, "NO! We must have African-American Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education

in our community, so we will not let our beloved F.H. Jenkins die."

Through the efforts of pastors in our community who committed to volunteering as teacher's aides and aftercare support—including our own conference president who committed to overseeing aftercare 1 day per month—the school was able to reduce its deficit by \$20,000. Shortly after that, three new students enrolled which added another \$15,000 to the bottom line. Then the Riverside church, who had been asked to give an additional \$25,000 this year, decided to give \$33,500 instead! In addition, Hillcrest, who had already been giving above its requested amount for the past two years, added another \$5,000! South Nashville's pastoral leadership pledged \$1,500, even though their congregation is technically not even a constituent church, and New Life has committed to making an additional contribution at the beginning of the year.

We are not out of the water yet, but with this kind of community support its clear that only better and brighter days are ahead!



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www.fhjenkins.net

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Classroom Highlights

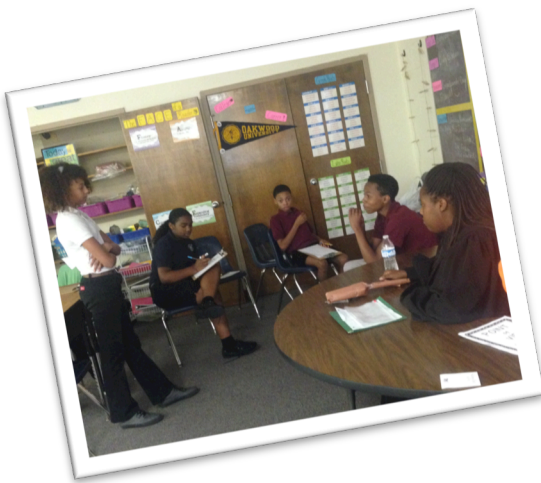
Mrs. Pelote's Class

Love "Bear"eth All!! This is the theme for Mrs. Pelote's K-2nd grade classroom. Throughout the year students are learning to build their independent reading stamina, and what better place to do it than in the bear cave! Students daily spend time reading in this cozy spot. Xavier Grant-Martinez (2nd Grade) says, "I like that you get to read in it, and you get to read with Teddy!"



Ms. Tapp's Class

The scholar's at F. H. J. Prep have been busy sharpening tools in their literacy toolkits! They've been working hard in centers, small groups, and individually on skills and strategies ranging from finding the main idea by using text evidence, to developing claims for argumentative essays. There have been opportunities to apply many of these skills to interactive individual and group projects. The middle school scholars enjoyed diving into their first mock trial this month!



Ms. Washington's Class

We have started the school year with a bang! All students in grades 3-8 have spent time in our new science lab. On a daily basis, students are challenged on their individual levels. Our students are growing closer to Christ through Bible lessons focused on making Christ their individual Savior.



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