

**Club members, friends and District Officers are bcc'd this note.**

## **Farmington/Farmington Hills Sunnyside Newsletter**

### **Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club**

***"We provide hope and a positive vision, as we bring out the best in our youth, our communities, and ourselves."***

#### **FPS Principals Breakfast held Wednesday, Oct. 27th**

We had a good turnout for the breakfast. It started with social time, then the meeting and finally the Leo's breakfast food. Thanks to Cathy Neal and Jim Walker for arranging and getting the food. Attached is the slide presentation that was given to the principals. Attending: 12 from FPS, 20 Club members and one guest.

#### **Veterans Breakfast Weds., Nov. 10 at American Legion**

Here is your chance to invite Veteran friends to our special recognition breakfast. It starts at 7:30 am at the American Legion, 31775 Grand River Ave. in Farmington. (Use the back entrance.) It is important you contact Roxanne with reservations so we know how much food to order. Use the flyer attached.

#### **Cookie Dough Fund Raiser this Month**

Last year we ran this fund raiser and raised \$648 in sales and donations. Attached is information and flyer you can use to promote this with friends and relatives. We need orders with **checks into Roxanne Fitzpatrick by Monday, November 1.** The proceeds will help fund our youth programs. Cookies for the holidays!!

#### **New Member Orientation set for Nov, 10 @ 7:00pm**

Time to reach out to your friends and acquaintances to invite them to join our robust club. Please give Tom Neal your email address for potential new members so he can invite them. Thanks.

**Website:** [f2hoptimists.org](http://f2hoptimists.org)  
**Facebook:** Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

**Calendar** (All club meetings 7:30 am to 8:30 am at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church in Farmington Hills, they will also be available via zoom link as noted.)

November 3 Officers & Directors Board Meeting (Zoom)  
November 10 Veterans' Recognition Breakfast, American Legion  
November 10 New Member Orientation Zoom  
November 17 Club Business Meeting (Hybrid)

### **Birthdays**

NOVEMBER:

05 – Dave Clappison  
14 – Nicole Blackmon

DECEMBER:

11 – Joyce Hagen  
12 – Sara Bowman  
19 – James Etzin  
22 – Roxanne Fitzpatrick  
25 – Richard Lerner

**Nicole says we are "SUCCEEDING WITH OPTIMISM"**

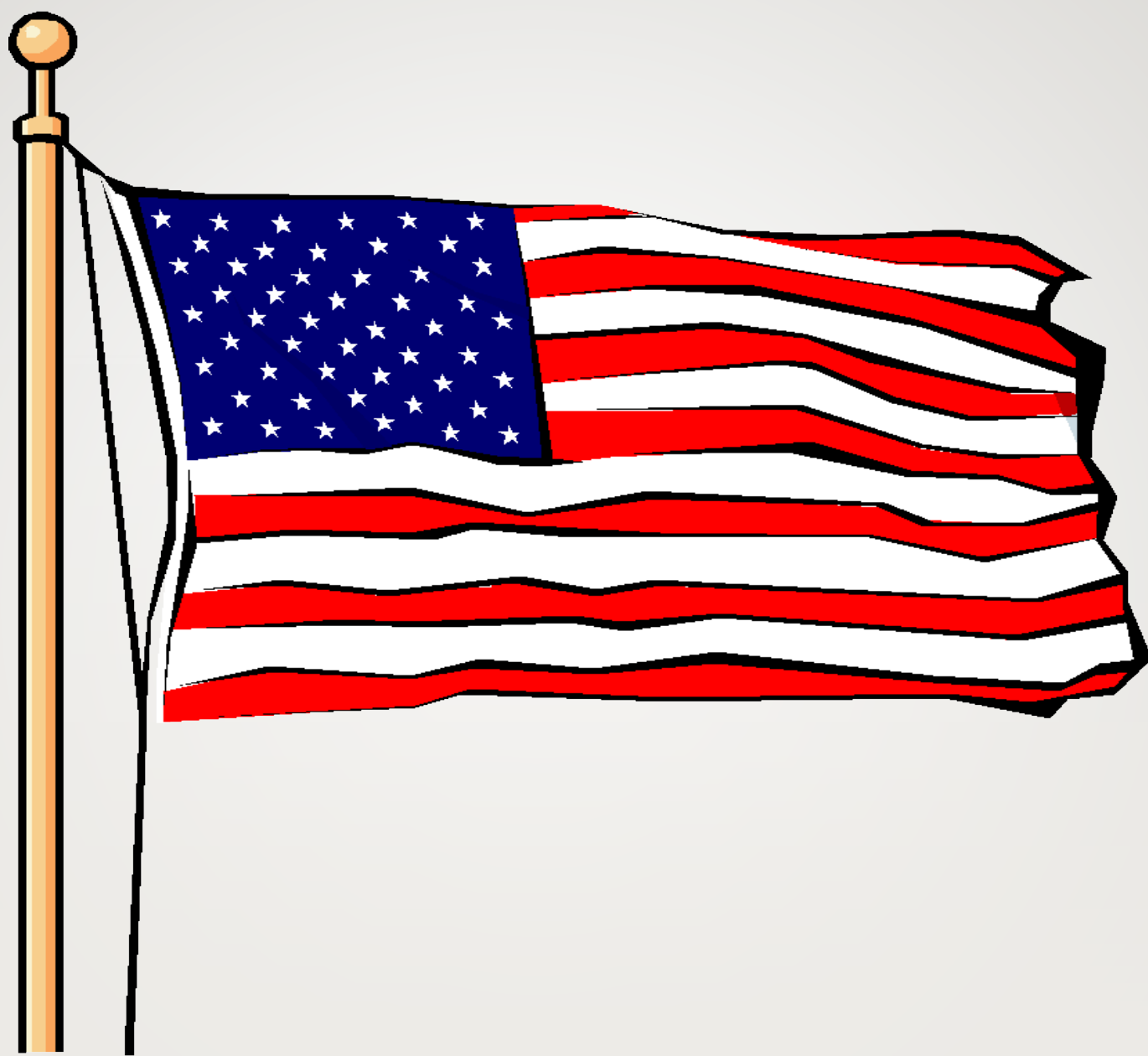
### **Attachments:**

Newsletter PDF  
Principals Breakfast PDF  
Cookie Dough 2021 PDF  
Veterans Breakfast 2021 PDF  
New Member Orientation Flyer PDF



**Welcome to**  
**Principals & Staff Appreciation Breakfast**

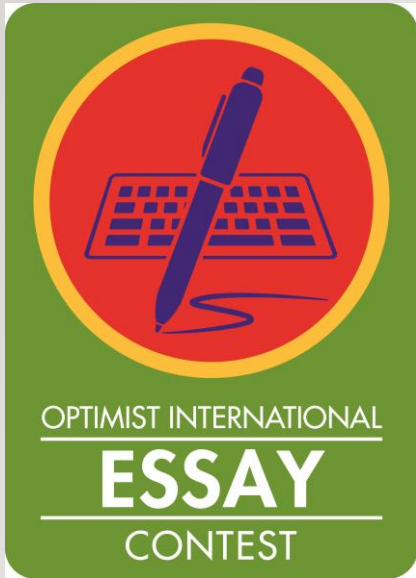
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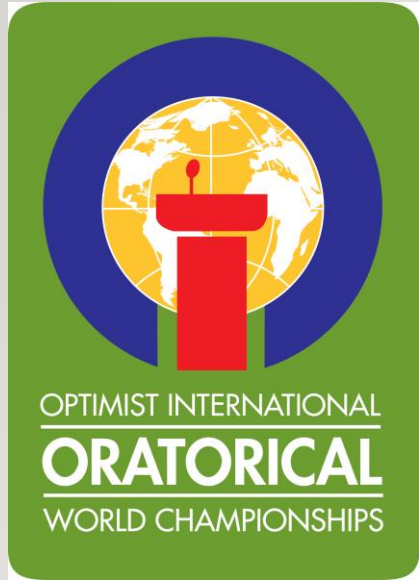
**What does the FFH Optimist Club  
do for students at FPS?**

## Students can enter essay contest



- Must write a 700-800 words essay on nationally selected topic
- Prize money for winners:  
1<sup>st</sup> - \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$150
- District (State) winner - \$2,500
- This year's topic:  
"How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?"

## Students can enter oratorical contest



- Must give a 4-5 minute speech on nationally selected topic
- Separate contest for high schoolers and middle schoolers
- Prize money for winners in each contest:  
1st - \$250, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$150
- District (State) high school winner - \$2,500
- National high school winner - \$22,500

Topic: “Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times”



## Leadership Award Ceremony

- One high school Junior student with leadership potential is selected by each high school
- They are awarded at an Optimist breakfast a certificate and check for \$250. We encourage their family to attend the breakfast.
- They are asked to return in their Senior year and explain what they did with the award funds.





Junior Optimists gives young people the opportunity to serve their community.

- Each school is encouraged to host a club
- Parent/teacher leaders provide coaching
- Optimist advisors act as support to clubs
- Each club elects officers who then run the meetings and projects
- Clubs meet once a month
- Leadership opportunities available at District and National level

# Additional Opportunities for Kids

- December parade “Light up the Grand”
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Team Building JOI Event in winter
- July parade “Founders Festival”
- Kids Fishing Day



# Our ask of you...

- Please help us recruit parent/teacher leaders for JOI
- Make announcements about Jr. Optimist activities in your school
- Help promote Essay and Oratorical contests
- Provide us a table at orientations to promote Jr. Optimists

**Thanks for all you do  
to bring out the best in our youth and  
community.**

- Your leadership is key to the development and success of kids.**
- Let us know of ways we might support your school communities.**

**PROMISE YOURSELF...**

# THE OPTIMIST CREED

To be **so strong** that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk **health, happiness and prosperity** to every person you meet.

To make all your friends **feel that there is something in them.**

To look at the **sunny side** of everything and make your optimism come true.

To **think** only of the best, to **work** only for the best, and to **expect** only the best.

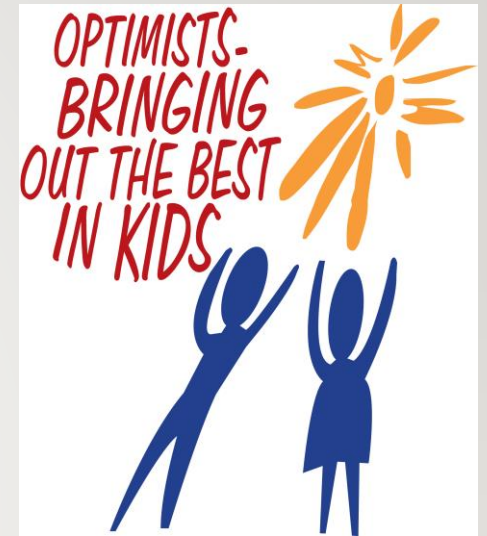
To be just as enthusiastic about the **success of others** as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the **greater achievements** of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance **at all times** and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have **no time to criticize others.**

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and **too happy** to permit the presence of trouble.





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## **INVITE A VETERAN TO BREAKFAST**

Wednesday November 10, 2021 7:30 - 8:30 am

American Legion, 31775 Grand River Avenue Farmington.

(West of Orchard Lake Road)



RSVP TO ROXANNE FITZPATRICK HOW MANY GUESTS YOU ARE BRINGING

248-470-3584 OR RFITZ@KW.COM BY NOVEMBER 6, 2021

## **New Member Orientation Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club**



### **You are invited to our orientation...**

When: **Tuesday Evening** 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
November 10, 2021

How: **Zoom call** hosted by Tom and Cathy Neal  
Send email to Tom to register: [ttneal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ttneal@sbcglobal.net)  
Here is link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85251647625>

Who: New members and potential new members plus spouses are invited to join the zoom session.

Purpose: To socialize and learn about optimism and our club's activities here in the cities. How can you help make this a better world?

Mission: "We provide **hope and a positive vision**, as we bring out the best in our youth, our communities, and ourselves. "

***Did you know that people who are optimistic live a longer and healthier life?***