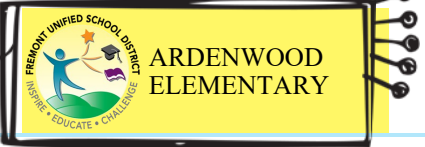




Your monthly guide to school news, information and events.



# DRAGON NEWS

**AUGUST | 2021**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**August 10**

School Office Opens to Public

**August 13**

Teacher Assignments Go Live for parents who did MAZE forms

**August 16**

TK/K Back to School Night

**August 17**

TK/K Meet & Greet

**August 18**

FIRST DAY of School  
Welcome Back!

Early Dismissal Day for Gr. 1-6:  
8:20 am — 12:30 pm

**August 19**

Grades 1-3: 8:20am—1:10pm  
Grades 4-6: 8:20am—3:00pm

**August 24**

Back to School Night (Gr. 1-6)  
Virtual Event  
6:30pm—8:00pm

Hello Ardenwood Dragons!

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. All of us here at Ardenwood Elementary are very excited to have students return to in-person learning this year and we wish you and your family a successful school year. Please be sure to routinely check our [school's website](#), the [district's website](#), and monitor your email for important school communications throughout the year.

I am sure that you have many questions regarding how the start of the school year will look for our Ardenwood Dragons. Safety of our students continues to be of the highest importance to us, and I encourage you to review the Fremont Unified School District's [COVID-19 Safety Plan \(CSP\)](#), as well as review [Ardenwood Elementary's site-specific Safety Protocols](#). These protocols will be updated as needed and any updates will be sent to the Dragon community.

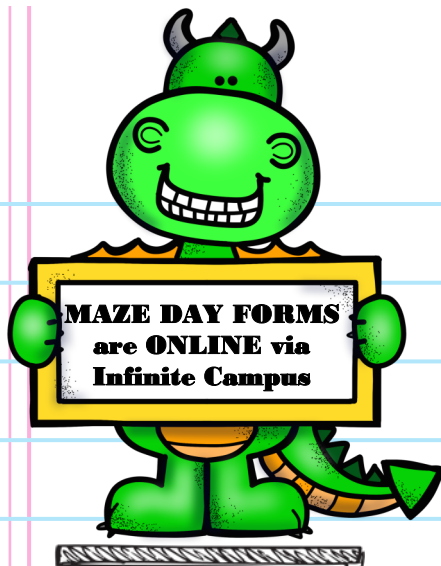
While this information is found in both the district's COVID-19 Safety Plan and our own site-specific Safety Protocols, I would like to call your attention to the requirement that all students will be required to wear a face mask while on campus (both inside and outside the classroom). Families are expected to provide their child with their own face mask, but Ardenwood does have a supply of replacement masks for students who damage, soil, or misplace their mask while on campus. Parents/Guardians are not allowed on campus at this time. We understand the need to assist your child during the first days of the school year in locating their classroom. Each day, prior to arriving at school, all families will need to review with their children the [Daily COVID-19 Health Screening Questionnaire](#) (no physical copy needs to be printed or brought to school).

It is my privilege to share the wonderful news that Ardenwood Elementary has been awarded the distinction of being a [National PTA School of Excellence](#). Only 351 schools across the nation were given this designation in recognition of their commitment to building an inclusive and welcoming school-community where all families contribute to enriching the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. I encourage all families to join our school's amazing Parent-Teacher-Association by visiting the [PTA's Membership Toolkit](#) website.

Elie Wasser, Principal



# **MAZE DAY INFORMATION**



- Your child’s FALL Class Assignment and teacher will be posted in your IC Parent Portal; currently projected to go live on August 13, 2021.
- Annual MAZE DAY Online information updates are necessary in order to confirm current emergency contact information and to complete required disclosures necessary for the 2021-2022 school year. Parents are encouraged to complete the online forms promptly so that when the student’s new schedule goes LIVE, they will be able to see their child’s teacher! If all your information is the same, just a few clicks and you’re all set!
- Click here to start your child’s MAZE Day forms:  
[Infinite Campus: Parent Portal](#)
- Click here for MAZE Day form Instructions:  
[Online MAZE DAY Instructions](#)
- Please continue to check the [Ardenwood](#) & [FUSD websites](#) for more information about the 2021-2022 School Year.
- If you have any questions, please contact our office at (510) 794-0392, or email our Secretary, Carla Leon ([cleon@fusdk12.net](mailto:cleon@fusdk12.net)).

## **Opening Day**

### **Absences**

Student must be in class the first day. If the student is not in class on the first day of school, the student may be transferred to another school effective the second day of school if classrooms at the school original enrollment are filled. (BP/AR 5113.1)



## **Ardenwood Campus COVID-19 Protocol**

### **⇒ Prior to Arriving at School**

Every morning, parents/guardians must review and complete a [Daily COVID-19 Health Screening questionnaire](#) for each of their children. If all questions on the questionnaire are responded to with a “No,” the child may physically come to school. To the extent possible, only one parent/caregiver should accompany the child to school and will not be permitted into areas reserved only for student and staff access. To the extent possible, if a student is being dropped off at one of the two vehicle loops, the driver should remain within the vehicle. All students on campus must arrive wearing a face covering and continue to wear their face covering while at school.

### **⇒ Departure from School**

The same supervised locations/gates used for student arrival will be used for student dismissal. Parents/guardians are encouraged to pick up their child in the same place they were dropped off to avoid confusion. While picking up their child from school, all adults must wear a face covering. Loading zones are marked with social distancing floor markings. Drivers should remain in their vehicle to the extent possible when using the two available drive through loops. Families that elect to walk their children home may meet their child at the pick-up curb but may not congregate or wait for them at that location.



# Parent Communication and Involvement

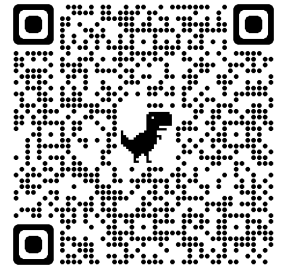


- ⇒ Until further notice, we sadly will not be welcoming parent/community volunteers on campus. However, we are recruiting for Noon Supervisors to help us monitor the safety of the students. If interested, please visit the [EdJoin website](#) to apply.
- ⇒ Become a member of FUSD's [Curriculum & Instruction Advisory Committee](#) and help oversee every child's instructional curriculum. All applications are due by 4:00pm. September 8, 2021 to Kim Kelly ([kkelly@fusdk12.net](mailto:kkelly@fusdk12.net))



*There are three parent/guardian vacancies needing to be filled on Ardenwood's School Site Council.*

*Nominations will close on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 3:00pm. [Scan the QR Code to Nominate!](#)*



## PTA Announcement



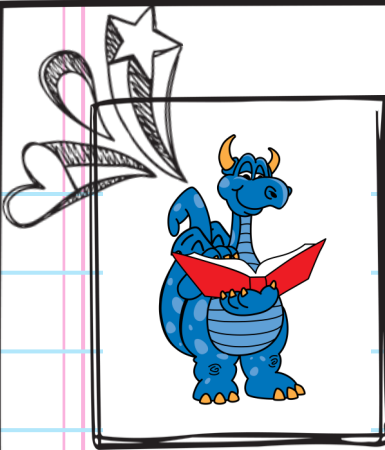
**SCHOOL OF  
EXCELLENCE**

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! This school year has a certain amount of uncertainty to it, but PTA has been hard at work making sure we are thinking of contingency plans and ways to have fun in a safe manner in the coming months. We are so excited to see you all again after a year of being virtual! We look forward to hitting the ground running with our involved and active PTA members. To read more about the exciting events and plans we have for this year, click here: [https://special-fusd-ca.schoolloop.com/pf4/cms2/view\\_page?d=x&group\\_id=1543479738384&vdid=i28f218dbp33g](https://special-fusd-ca.schoolloop.com/pf4/cms2/view_page?d=x&group_id=1543479738384&vdid=i28f218dbp33g).

**Join our  
Nationally  
acclaimed  
PTA today!**

PTA membership and dues support your child by funding essential educational and curriculum needs; advocating on behalf of children and educators at the local, state and national levels; and building an inclusive school community for all families. I invite you to join PTA for your child because increasing membership, even by one, makes it possible to provide important educational resources, speak up on important issues and create a stronger school community. There is no wrong or right way to be involved. Anything you can give, whether it's time or money, will support your child's potential. We can do so much more together than we can apart! Visit <http://ardenwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com/>

# Students of Character Plan



Upon their return to school this year, students will notice that throughout the inside and outside of our campus there are various new posters visible that contain information about our School-Wide Positive Behavior Expectations of being Safe, Respectful, and Responsible. These Positive Behavior Expectations along with our school's ongoing commitment to help develop our students' character with the 8 Great Traits are found within our [Students of Character Plan](#). I encourage all families to review this plan with their children as our staff will also be doing so during the start of the school year.

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Back to School Night for the 2021-2022 school year will be a virtual event with individual classroom teachers broadcasting livestreams from their class-

## Attendance Line

Dial **(510)794-0392**, then press **7**. Please include the child's Full Name, Teacher, Reason for Absence, and your relationship with the student.

## 21-22 Ardenwood Office Policy

Our office will remain open, but we ask that parents contact us via email or phone to address routine issues when possible.

For general school business, please email Carla Leon ([cleon@fusdk12.net](mailto:cleon@fusdk12.net)) or call our office at **(510)794-0392**.

## DIGITAL FLYER DELIVERY



As a reminder, Fremont Unified School District uses Peachjar to send school information and approved flyers from community organizations digitally. In addition to important school events and information, these flyers contain programs and events offered throughout your community that help your child succeed. After-school sports, local family events, free community programs, and college prep are just a handful of the resources found in our district's Peachjar emails. You can also find all school-approved digital flyers posted on Ardenwood's flyerboard by clicking the "Peachjar e flyers" button.

## More Back to School Information 2021

- ⇒ [Ardenwood Website](#)
- ⇒ [Back to School FAQ](#)
- ⇒ [Parent Student Handbook](#)
- ⇒ [COVID-19 Protocols](#)
- ⇒ [School Supplies List](#)
- ⇒ [Bell Schedule](#)
- ⇒ Donate to your child's classroom!



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