

# Ardenwood A California Distinguished School

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## From the Principal

Dear Ardenwood Families,

We have had an excellent start to the 2018-2019 school year. Thank you to all who had the opportunity to join us last month at Back to School Night. Maintaining a strong school-to-home partnership will continue to be a focus this year, and I encourage you to stay connected through email, attendance of special school events, following us on Twitter, and of course volunteering. Thank you to those families and businesses that have already donated to our school this year, and I encourage all families to join our PTA. Your financial and time support provides us with the resources to offer wonderful things like assemblies, field trips and much more.

Please note that on Thursday, October 11, 2018 is our annual English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) Parent Night at 6:30-7:30 in our MPR. If your child is an English Language learner and takes the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC), please join us that evening to learn more about supports for English Language learners.

October will be an exciting month! Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are getting ready for their Science Camp adventure. All students are encouraged to participate in the International Walk & Roll to School Day on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. The Fremont Education Foundation's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Run 4 Education is on Sunday, October 28, 2018 and we hope to see many families participate. The month of October begins our wonderful Dragon Readers program. This year's theme is "Help Ardie the Adventurer Travel the Wonders of the World." Students will be treated to a staff kick-off skit on Friday, October 5, 2018 and we encourage all students to help us reach our reading goal of 77,000 books read by May 2019!

I am excited to announce that Ardenwood Elementary will be transitioning from its use of "caught you being good" slips to Dragon Dollars! When students meet our behavior and character expectations, they can earn these reinforcements and redeem them at the Dragon Dollar store. If you are interested in supporting the Dragon Dollar store through either a volunteer opportunity or a donation of reward incentives, please contact the office.

Sincerely,

Mr. Wasser - Mrs. Sutton

Elie Wasser Leanna Sutton Principal Assistant Principal

# Parking Lot Safety—Picking Up Students- PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY!

We want to send children home safely each day, and get you on your way as quickly as possible. To keep children safe, please:

- Drivers, stay in your vehicle.
- Do not use your cell phone in the parking lot.
- Pull forward toward the Bus Loading sign. Follow the instructions of the Bus Monitor.
- If the bus is arriving, exit the loop and drive around again—buses get first priority!!!
- Be sure you have 1 seat belt per child. Fatal accidents can happen at very low speeds.
- Do not allow students to put backpacks in the trunk. Students should exit the vehicle on the curb/passenger side with backpacks in hand.

#### **Allergies At School**

Please help us to keep all of our students safe and healthy at school. Ardenwood has several students that are severely allergic to foods, especially nuts. When exposed to nuts, by eating them, by touching nuts or their oils, or breathing their fumes/particles, these students may break into hives, or even have their airways swell up and they could stop breathing! Talk to your child/ren about NOT sharing their food, lunches, etc. with other students. Please notify our school nurse and your child's teacher if your child has, or develops such allergies.

## **Toddlers and Siblings At School**

According to District Policy (BP 1240), siblings are not allowed to join FUSD students on field trips. In addition, siblings and toddlers are not allowed on campus while you are volunteering or at school events during the instructional day. This is a liability for the school district.

#### From the Department of Child Nutrition Services

Lunch is made available to all students, including Kindergarten students. Please check with your school's office for meal times. Kindergarten students are eligible to apply for the Free and Reduced Meal Program. Applications are available at your school's office, at the district office, and online at the Child Nutrition Services department page.

This is a reminder that the school lunch price is \$3.50 for elementary school lunch for the 2018-19 school year. If paying with a personal check you can make your check payable to CNS and put your child's name and room number on the memo line. You can also pay on-line using the district website.

### After School Band -- Attention All 4th, 5th, & 6th Graders - Join The Band!

Join the *After School Band* program this year and learn how to play a band instrument (Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion). No experience is necessary. Classes meet once a week after school right here on campus. Registration is online. Go to <a href="https://www.fremont-education.org">www.fremont-education.org</a> to register and for more information on the *After School Band* program. Ardenwood has been notified that the beginning band class is full already; but there is still space in intermediate band if your student already has band instrument experience.

#### Be Kind To Our Neighbors - Do Not Block Driveways

Please be respectful of the people who live near the school. Please observe all traffic signs and no parking zones in the surrounding neighborhood. In accordance with California Vehicle Code 22658, a vehicle parked on private property without permission can be towed at vehicle owners' expense. Your car will be towed if parked illegally. (Cost is approximately \$300.)

### FEF Foundation's 14th Annual Run 4 Education

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Run 4 Education benefiting FUSD schools is happening at Quarry Lakes Park on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 9:00 am. Register now and come join in the fun while raising money for our schools. This event has something for everyone, and is designed so the whole family can participate and raise money for our schools.

For the **Kids** there is a ½ mile run (4-6 year olds), or a ½ mile run (7-12 year olds). For **Teens** and **Adults** there is a timed 10K run, or a timed 5K walk/run. Walkers and chatters are very welcome at this event! For **All FEF Supporters** there is "Virtual Run" – no activity required, so you can stay in bed and still support the cause. To **Register** use the link at the end of this article. All funds raised from this fun event go directly to the Fremont Education Foundation Guy Emanuele Sports Fund.

#### **Elementary School Challenge**

Ardenwood School will receive \$2 back from **EACH** registration when you designate our school on the registration page! **Anyone** can register on behalf of our school, so get your uncles, aunts, grandparents, neighbors, etc. to register today! (Virtual runners count!)

#### REGISTRATION LINK

https://raceroster.com/events/2018/18227/2018-fremont-run-4-education

### **From Child Nutrition Services**

Can you guess the weight of the **pumpkin** that is in the cafeteria at lunchtime? There is a contest going on for all students in trying to guess the correct weight of the pumpkin. The contest has already started and runs through October  $22^{nd}$ . The winner will be announced on October  $26^{th}$ ; and the winner gets the pumpkin!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tues., Oct. 9-12	Science Camp Group 1
Wed., Oct. 10	Minimum Day & National Walk & Roll to School Day
Thurs., Oct. 11	ELAC Parent Information Night at 6:30pm in MPR
Tues., Oct.16-19	Science Camp Group 2
Wed., Oct. 17	Minimum Day
Thurs. Oct. 18	The Great Shake Out
Fri., Oct. 19	Ardenwood School Night at The Ghost House
Tues., Oct. 23	School Site Council Meeting at 6:30pm
Wed., Oct. 24	Minimum Day
Sun., Oct. 28	FEF Foundation's 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Run 4 Education
Wed., Oct. 31	Minimum Day



PTA will be announcing their Harvest Festival at Ardenwood School near the end of October; date TBD.