

DRAGON NEWS

ARDENWOOD ELEMENTARY

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OCTOBER 2019

As we enter into the Fall season and wrap up our first full month of the school year, I want to thank each of you for working to sustain a strong school-to-home relationship. Again we had a wonderful turn out for our Back to School Night earlier in September. Families continue to provide needed volunteer services at school. And Ardenwood was recently placed on the Alameda County Public Health Department's Community Honor Roll for our families' deep commitment to having up to date immunizations!

October will be a month packed with great learning and extension activities. Our 6th graders will venture into the woods at Science Camp. The Dragon Readers kick-off will announce this year's Paralympics theme and goal of reading 77,000 books this year. Families will have the chance to stay healthy together at the Fremont Education Foundation's Run 4 Education on October 27th. Last but not least, students will begin to redeem their Dragon Dollars they have earned for being Safe, Respectful, and Responsible.

Please plan on joining us for an evening of fun at this year's Harvest Festival, organized by our fantastic PTA. The festival will take place on Saturday, October 19th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm here at Ardenwood. All families are also invited to watch our wonderful students march around the blacktop during our morning Costume Parade on Thursday, October 31st at 8:40 am. **Please note that October 31st is a minimum day for Kindergarten and a regular day for Grades 1-6.** Look for a parade route and seating chart to be given out in your child's Friday Folder later this month.

Go Dragons,



Elie Wasser
Principal

CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION

If you change your phone number or email address during the school year, please inform the office. In a case we need to reach you quickly, especially if it were an emergency, we want to ensure that our information is correct. We would appreciate and thank you for your quick response to this request.

VOLUNTEERS

If you plan to volunteer in a classroom, please make sure you have planned in advance with the teacher. There are many activities going on during the day that should not be interrupted. If you have made arrangements, please report to the office, sign-in and receive your volunteer/visitor sticker. No parents should be on school campus without a volunteer/visitor sticker.

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 district.

NEW POLICY REGARDING CHECKS

Effective with the 2019-2020 school year, all checks made out to school sites (e.g., for donations, lost or damaged books, etc.) should be made payable to "Fremont Unified School District/Ardenwood." You may also use "FUSD/Ardenwood." Deposits for checks made payable to Ardenwood or Ardenwood Elementary School will no longer be honored by the bank.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Save the date and join us for an evening of FAMILY FUN on Saturday, October 19th for our annual Harvest Festival. This year's harvest festival is bringing Pumpkin Decoration Contest (which does not involve any carving), exciting raffles, and unlimited games and craft activities. There will also be a food truck, a video game truck and much more! Please look for a flyer from our PTA for more information about this year's Harvest Festival.



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Open Mon - Fri
7:45 am - 3:45 pm

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LICE

In the last several years, there has been an increase in the number of cases of pediculosis (head lice) found in Alameda County. Many of the schools in Fremont have had scattered cases. Children with head lice will be sent home from school as soon as possible to start treatment. Parents will be contacted when head lice are found and instructions for treatment are given to the parents. Students with nits only will not be excluded from school. **The responsibility for the treatment of head lice rests within the home.**

Students may return to school upon satisfactory treatment and after there is no visible lice upon re-examination. The goals of treatment are to contain the infection, to prevent overexposure to potentially hazardous chemicals, to minimize school absence, and to maximize the opportunity for student academic achievement.

How does someone get lice?

Head lice is usually transmitted through close, personal contact with another infested individual; through use of shared combs, brushes, and other grooming aids; through sharing hats, caps, wigs, coats; or through co-mingling of these items at the homes of friends, at school, at church or other public places.

Many people are under the impression that lice become established on persons who are unclean. In the case of head lice, this is **not true**. Frequent bathing or shampooing will neither prevent lice nor eliminate an infestation once it has become established.

What to look for:

Head lice are elongated insects about this (---) long and are grayish white with dark margins when inspected very closely. Lice do not have wings and therefore, **cannot** fly. This makes them difficult to find in a person's hair.

Since the insects are so difficult to see, the diagnosis of head lice infestation is frequently made on the basis of finding nits. A "nit" is a louse egg. Nits are teardrop in shape—smaller than this (0) size, and vary in color from yellowish-brown to white. The female louse attaches each nit to the hair shaft with a waterproof, cement-like substance. Thus, nits cannot be washed or brushed out the hair like dandruff or other debris that sometimes looks like lice to the naked eye. Nits can appear as very small specks, almost as if the middle of the hair shaft has a "split end." Clusters of nits may be found in any section of hair, particularly behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. In mild infestations, a careful examination of the entire scalp may be necessary to detect them.

For information about treatment please contact the Ardenwood School office.

DONATIONS SURVEY

FUSD families are invited to take a short survey related to gift and donations practices in the district. We appreciate your input to help us explore this topic further and present the findings to the Board of Trustees - <http://bit.ly/2mMY6IA>.

FUSD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FUSD is seeking volunteers to serve on its Local Control and Accountability Advisory Committee for a 2-year term beginning August 2019 and ending June 2021.

As a requirement of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), the District must form a LCAP District Advisory Committee. As stakeholders, the Advisory Committee's responsibility is to advise and give input into the District's Local Control and Accountability Plan regarding priorities and resources from the Local Control Funding Formula.



More information about this opportunity and an application can be seen at:

<https://tinyurl.com/FUSDLCAC2019>

INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACTS

A short term voluntary Independent Study Contract may extend for not less than five (5) and not more than ten (10) consecutive school days. Only one (1) Independent Study per school year in grades K to 12. The student/parent must notify the school administrator of intentions to go on a trip or to be absent for other than non-medical reasons at least ten (10) school days prior to the absence (30 days preferred). Students whose achievement is below grade level standards, based on multiple measures, in Language Arts or Math, may not be eligible for short term Independent Study. Students may not be on short-term Independent Study more than three (3) times while in grades K-12. Students who have previously been granted an Independent Study Contract and have not successfully completed a previous Independent Study Contract, are not eligible for any subsequent short-term Independent contracts. There are no Independent Study Contracts issued the first twenty (20) school days of the year. **No Independent Study Contracts will be given for any of the last twenty (20) days of the school year or during State Testing.**

Every day in school, for every child, in any grade is important. Please help Ardenwood Elementary School reduce its Chronic Absenteeism rate by bringing your child to school and by scheduling vacations and travel during established Fremont Unified School District non-school days.

RAINY MORNINGS

As we head into the rainy season, please be extra careful during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Watch for pedestrian and vehicle traffic at all crosswalks and loading zones.

For mornings when it is raining, please know that the MPR will be open for students starting at 8:10 am so they can stay dry and out of the rain.

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues.,	Oct. 8-11	Science Camp Group 1
Wed.,	Oct. 9	Minimum Day
Fri.,	Oct. 11	Dragon Dollar Store Opens for Students
Tues.,	Oct.15-18	Science Camp Group 2
Tues.,	Oct. 15	School Site Council Meeting 6:30 - 7:30pm
Wed.,	Oct. 16	Minimum Day
Thurs.	Oct. 17	The Great Shake Out Emergency Drill
Sat.	Oct. 19	PTA Sponsored Harvest Festival 5:30 - 7:30pm
Wed.,	Oct. 23	Minimum Day
Sat.,	Oct. 26	Ardenwood Night at the Candle Lighters Ghost House Fremont Hub from 2:00 - 6:00 pm
Sun.,	Oct. 27	FEF Foundation's 15 th Annual Run 4 Education
Wed.,	Oct. 30	Minimum Day
Thurs.	Oct. 31	Costume Parade on the Blacktop 8:40 am
Fri.,	Nov. 1	Life Touch Picture Make Up Day



STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR GOOGLE CALENDAR

Our school website, ardenwood.fremont.k12.ca.us, has an updated events calendar that families can access year-round.

Please visit our website for more information about school and Fremont Unified School District events.

The screenshot shows the Ardenwood Elementary School website. The navigation menu includes: HOME, ABOUT & DEPARTMENTS, TEACHERS & STUDENTS, CALENDAR & NEWS, and CONTACTS & RESOURCES. The 'CALENDAR & NEWS' menu is expanded, showing 'Ardenwood Calendar' (circled in red), 'Bell Schedules for Ardenwood', and 'Newsletters'. Below the menu is the 'Ardenwood Calendar' section, which includes a Google Calendar view for October 2019. The calendar shows various events such as '6am Observances', 'RESPECT (October's 8 Great)', 'International Walk & Roll to', 'Dragon Readers Kick-Off', 'Study Trip: Science Camp (Group 1)', 'Columbus Day (regional holiday)', 'California Great ShakeOut', 'Reflections Deadline', 'Red Ribbon Week', 'Halloween', and 'CITIZENSHIP (November's 8)'. The footer indicates 'Events shown in time zone: Pacific Time - Los Angeles' and includes a 'GoogleCalendar' logo.

ARDENWOOD PTA PRESENTS
**ANNUAL HARVEST
FESTIVAL**



SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2019
5:30 PM - 7:30PM
ARDENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pre sale tickets: \$10.00 per family

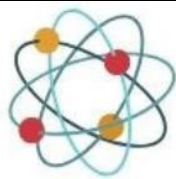
At door tickets: \$12.00 per family

(Includes games and activities, crafts, face painting, trick or treat and one raffle ticket) **TICKETS FOR FOOD AND GAME TRUCK WILL BE SOLD AT THE EVENT**

LEAF YOUR WORRIES BEHIND AND JOIN US
FOR AN EVENING FILLED WITH FOOD,
GAMES, AND FUN!



Trick or Treat, Games and
Crafts, Face painting,
GAME TRUCK, Pumpkin
decoration contest, Raffles
and Prizes, Music, **FOOD
TRUCK** and more...



**BAY AREA
SCIENCE
FESTIVAL**

2019



CAL STATE
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Bay Area
SCIENCE
FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 26th
11:00am-4:00pm

Location: Cal State East Bay,
Hayward Campus
North Science, South Science, & the Valley
Business and Technology Center

**FREE ADMISSION &
PARKING**

Discovery Day at Cal State East Bay helps kickoff the two week long, Bay Area Science Festival. This event is for all ages K-12. Students, family, friends, and science enthusiasts are welcomed! Watch, participate, and learn from over 60 activities and exhibits

- Demonstrations
- Hands On Activities
- Exhibits
- Experiments
- Games
- Lectures

For more information call (510) 885-3441
or visit www.csueastbay.edu/science-festival

