



ARDENWOOD
ELEMENTARY

Your monthly guide to school news, information and events.



DRAGON NEWS

APRIL/MAY | 2021

A message
from our
principal



Ardenwood
teaches the
8 Great Traits!

IMPORTANT DATES

April 20

Minimum Day (All Grades)

April 22

Earth Day

April 23

TreeRing orders are DUE

April 30

3rd Trimester Progress Reports

May

8 Great Trait: Integrity

May 3 to 7

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4

PTA Meeting
Star Wars Theme Spirit Day

Each school year, students in Grades 3 through 6 take both Math and ELA assessments in the spring called the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) exams. Ardenwood, along with all other FUSD schools, will instead this year use your child's recently taken i-Ready Diagnostic exams in lieu of proctoring a remote SBAC administration. Results from i-Ready exams should be available to parents through their Illuminate Parent Portal some time during the month of May.

Recently all FUSD families received Superintendent Cammack's newsletter indicating that schools are planning for a full return to in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. Our distance learning program will remain strong through the rest of this school year while we also look to expand our on-site learning hub and potential in-person co-curricular activities. A year of distance learning has generated a number of considerations for all of our students as we think about classroom composition for the next school year, and Ardenwood Elementary is committed to supporting the academic and social needs of all our students. Due in part to this year's remote learning program, we will not be soliciting feedback from parents regarding next year's classroom placement preference as has been done in past years.

April's character
trait of the
month is...

Responsibility



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

If your student will not be attending their mandatory online classes, please contact the school's absence line at **(510)794-0392**, then press **7**. Or email lpayne@fusdk12.net. Please be sure to provide the following:

- 1) Student's Full Name
- 2) Classroom Number
- 3) Reason for Absence
- 4) Your name & relationship with the student

Regular School Hours

AM K: 8:10am-11:30am
PM K/TK: 11:40am-3:00pm
Grades 1-3: 8:20am-2:50pm
Grades 4-6: 8:20am-3:00pm

Minimum Day Hours

AM/PM K/TK: 8:10am-11:30am
Grades 1-3: 8:20am-1:10pm
Grades 4-6: 8:20am-1:20pm



Just a friendly reminder...



- **2021 OPEN HOUSE Updated (Cancelled):** Due to the COVID-19 school closures resulting in distance learning opportunities for all FUSD students, a district-wide decision has been made to cancel this year's Open House events. Please be sure to stay in constant contact with your child's teacher and please be sure to read our school newsletters for updates.
- **The deadline to submit your residency documents and reserve your spot (including 6th graders) HAS PASSED.** If you did not submit your documents through the INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL you are NOT guaranteed a spot at Ardenwood (or FUSD) next year. Contact our Secretary, Carla Leon at cleon@fusdk12.net or leave her a voicemail at (510) 794-0392 ext. 51402, if you have any questions.
- **Moving?** If you have moved, FUSD School Board Policy states the family must inform the school within 5 days of your moving date and complete the required process for the new address. This will also give us time to ensure that your child's student records get sent to the next school of enrollment. Please email our Secretary, Carla Leon at cleon@fusdk12.net if you need assistance.

CHPSE LESSONS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 4 - 6:

The Fremont Unified School District Board of Education and our school faculty believe it is important for students to assume responsibility for their own health and well-being. They benefit from instruction that fosters the development of positive health behaviors and the prevention of negative unhealthy behaviors. FUSD's Comprehensive Health, Puberty, and Sexuality Education (CHPSE) curriculum focuses on information that is essential for students' well-being. This course of study conforms strictly to the guidelines provided by the [California State Education Code 51933](#) and the [California Healthy Youth Act](#).

These CHPSE lessons will be taught by school district staff at Ardenwood during the following time frames:

- Grade 4 lessons on June 3 and 4
- Grade 5 lessons on May 25, 27 and June 1, 3
- Grade 6 lessons starting May 25 (check with your individual teacher for class specific days)

State law allows parents to remove their student from part or all of the Comprehensive Health, Puberty, and Sexuality lessons. Students opting out of lessons will be provided an alternate curriculum under the supervision of the credentialed teacher. **If a parent does not want their student to participate in all or part of the Comprehensive Health, Puberty, and Sexuality education program, then the parent must provide, in writing (via email or on paper), a note stating this to their student's teacher. The note must be received by the student's teacher on or before the first day of lessons being taught. (Please see the above information regarding each grade level's date time frame.)**

Links to the curriculum, opt-out information, and parent resources, can be found at:

www.fremont.k12.ca.us/HealthResources





TreeRing Orders due April 23rd

- ⇒ **Make your child's yearbook a memorable one!** PTA is using TreeRing this year to create our yearbooks, and this gives every parent the ability to create Custom Pages in their yearbooks. Showcase your child's work to the entire Dragon Community!
- ⇒ To upload your photos: Go to www.treering.com/validate and enter the school's passcode: **1016016728814774**
- ⇒ Upload your photos in the shared folder and PLEASE tag them with your child's name, grade level, and teacher.

PTA Announcements and Message

Happy April everyone! The countdown is on to the end of the school year, and we are squeezing in a few last minute activities for our Dragons before the school year is through. We are having an **Earth Day Celebration** with our students virtually this year! They are encouraged to submit an artistic work of their choice to highlight what they have done or plan to do to make the Earth a better, healthier, greener place. Submissions are due until Wednesday, April 21. We will have raffle prize winners chosen from those who submit entries. *Raffle prizes were generously donated by Grove Collaborative.* We encourage all to participate! All submissions (with parent approval) will be shared in a semi-private YouTube slideshow presentation for the school as well as with the nonprofit organization we've been working with this year, **StopWaste**. All entries should be emailed to ptapresident@ardenwoodschool.org. Be on the lookout for news about Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3-7) and the Walk to the Moon Challenge (May 10-14), as well as a "Being My Brilliant Self" virtual workshop for grades 4-6 that will be running throughout May. If you haven't joined PTA yet, it's not too late! We saw a huge boost in membership over the past few months and would love to see that trend continue. Joining our PTA helps us fund activities for our students, help with staff expenses (i.e. curriculum, supplies, manipulatives), and much more! Sign-up today at: <https://ardenwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com>. We would like to congratulate our newly voted in officers for the 2021-22 school year: Ellen Tillman - President, Jyoti Singh - Vice President (Membership), Bala Krishnamurthy (Treasurer), Amar Chawla (Auditor), Deepika Damojipurapu (Parliamentarian). We are still looking for a Recording and Financial Secretary, as well as the following President-appointed committee chairs positions: Ardenwood Store, Health and Safety, Membership, Webmaster/Tech, Harvest Festival, Reflections Art Contest, and Dragon Readers. If you'd like more information about any of these positions or would like to volunteer, please email parliamentarian@ardenwoodschool.org. We'd love to have you on the PTA team!