



Elie Wasser, Principal ~ Leanna Sutton, Asst. Principal ~ Pamela Fallon, Secretary ~ Nov. 30, 2018

From the Principal

Dear Ardenwood Families,

I would like to thank all families that were able to attend their Parent-Teacher conference the week before Thanksgiving Break. A special thank you should be given to families who had to reschedule their conference to after the break due to the Alameda County school closure on Friday, November 16th. Thinking of how we as a community can continue to share and support those less fortunate, please note that our canned food drive will continue to accept donations through Friday, December 14th.

In addition to the California Healthy Kids Survey to be administered annually to 5th grade students, this year all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students are being asked to participate in a school climate survey developed by the Office for Civil Rights in collaboration with the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD). The survey will be provided to students to assist District staff in understanding our students' experiences and to ensure that our students feel that school is a safe space for them. The survey will be administered during the school day sometime in December and will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. The survey is strictly voluntary and anonymous. All responses are confidential and will not be shared with any other students or staff. Students who participate in the survey do not have to answer any questions they do not want to answer, and may stop the survey at any time. Thank you in advance for your assistance and support in making Fremont Unified School District a safe place for our students. Physical copies of these surveys will be available for parental review in the Ardenwood front office.

Our scholar-athletes are practicing and preparing for their basketball games which will start in January. For information on the date and location of Dragon basketball games, and many other Ardenwood Elementary school events, please visit the Calendars & News section of our school's website. We look forward to seeing many families at our Winter Choir Performances, which will include songs directed by Ms. Pelican and by Mr. Gleason with his Honors Choir. Good luck to all students who will be representing their classrooms during our local Spelling Bee!

As winter approaches and it gets colder, please make sure you send your child to school in a warm coat. If they misplace their coat, remember to check the lost and found frequently to locate lost articles of clothing.

Sincerely,

Mr. Wasser

Elie Wasser
Principal

Mrs. Sutton

Leanna Sutton
Assistant Principal



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Reminder: It's Flu Season

The CDC recommends an emphasis on the importance of the basic foundations of flu prevention. Please remind your student of these and set a good example yourself. Stay home when sick. Wash hands frequently with soap and water when possible. Cover noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or a shirt sleeve or inside of elbow if no tissue is available). Any student with a 100.0 or higher temperature is not allowed at school. The student is allowed to return to school only when they have been fever free for **24 hours without the use of medication.**

GATE Information 2018-2019

Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) provides support for gifted and talented (GATE) students through differentiated instruction. We believe that differentiated instruction not only serves the needs of our exceptional students, but also enhances the entire educational program for all students. All 3rd grade students will have the opportunity to be tested for GATE. The process is automatic and does not require parents to initiate it. Any student whose parent does **not** want their child to participate in testing **must** submit a written request to the Assessment and Accountability Department, 4210 Technology Drive, Room 280, Fremont, California 94538, no later than **January 15, 2019**. The request may be in the form of email, letter, or the optional form available in the district office. Requests submitted after the deadline will **not** be accepted.

GATE testing for 3rd grade students will occur between February 4 – February 15, 2019.

Students in 4th or 5th grade who have not taken the GATE assessment at FUSD have the option to take the GATE assessment. These might be students who are new to the district or who were opted out of GATE testing in 3rd grade. If your 4th or 5th grade child is eligible for GATE testing this year and you would like them to be assessed, please submit a written request to the Assessment and Accountability Department **by January 15, 2019**. Fifth grade is the last opportunity for students to be assessed with the GATE test. 4th and 5th grade students will be tested between February 19-March 15, 2019.

Students in 5th or 6th grade who **were not identified** in an earlier grade may be considered for GATE identification through the professional judgment process. Teachers and/or parents may nominate students. A completed Nomination Form must be submitted to the Curriculum and Instruction Department, 4210 Technology Drive, Room 260, Fremont, California 94538 **between November 1, 2018 and January 15, 2019**. Additional information and forms are available in the student's school office and may also be downloaded from the Curriculum and Instruction Department website.

Canned Food Drive

Our students are participating in the annual canned food drive for Viola Blythe Center. You or your student may bring **non-perishable food items** such as canned goods, dried beans, rice, boxed items, etc. You can still provide for needy families in time for the Christmas holidays as Viola Blythe Center will pick up their food drive bins around 12/14/18.

Sibling Registration for 2019-2020 School Year

Parent/legal guardians can pick up the Enrollment Packets for TK-6 Grade siblings of current TK-5 Grade enrollees only. Packets will be available at all Elementary Schools. **Pick up packets at your home school.** These Sibling Registration packets are available for pick up between November 26 and December 19, 2018. Ardenwood is part of the American High School Attendance Area; so you will need to complete your packet and take any supporting documents along with you to Student Support Services at the District Office for Sibling Priority Enrollment on December 3, 4, or 5, 2018. Please note that you will need to wait your turn as they are not taking appointments and there are 6 elementary schools completing their Sibling Registrations in the December 3, 4, and 5 time frame for American Attendance Area (AAA). If you miss the above noted dates, you will need to wait to enroll December 19, 20, or 21, 2018 as these are the final make-up enrollment dates. The final deadline to submit your completed packet is by 4:30pm on Friday, December 21 2018; **no exceptions**.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues.	Dec. 4	Ardenwood Spelling Bee
Tues.	Dec. 4	PTA Meeting at 7 PM
Wed.,	Dec. 5	Minimum Day
Fri.,	Dec. 7	PTA Movie Night at 5:45 PM
Wed.,	Dec. 12	Minimum Day
Wed.,	Dec. 12	Kindergarten Winter Performance at 8:30 AM
Thurs.,	Dec. 13	Winter Choir Evening Performance 7 PM
Wed.,	Dec. 19	Minimum Day
Fri.,	Dec. 21	Minimum Day

Winter Break is December 24th 2018 – January 4th 2019 and students return to school on Monday, January 7th 2019.