



Your monthly guide to school news, information and events.



DRAGON NEWS

MARCH | 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 28—Mar 4

Read Across America Week

- 1: Silly Clothes Day
- 2: Super Hero Day
- 3: Hat Day
- 4: Pajama Day
- 5: Spirit Wear Day

Feb 28—March 11

Golden Sneaker Contest

March 13

Daylight Saving Time starts



March 14

Pi Day



March 17

St. Patrick's Day
2nd Trimester Report Cards

March 18

Staff Development Day
NO SCHOOL

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

A message from our principal



Hello Dragons,

Effective 3/1/22, parent-guardian volunteers are permitted on campus under specific conditions and with limitations. To inquire about any volunteering needs, please speak with your child's teacher or keep an eye out for specific school-wide requests. Volunteers will be admitted onto campus by invitation only and must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination. Please contact School Librarian Lu at vlu@fusdk12.net if you are interested in ongoing volunteer opportunities in the school's library.

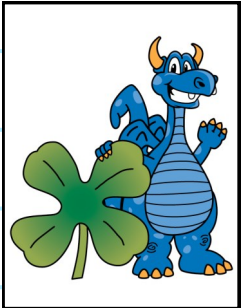
I encourage all families to speak to their young Dragon scholar about meeting the positive behavior expectations of being Safe, Respectful, and Responsible specifically during recess/lunch. Some of our Dragons would benefit from extra reminders about how to be responsible with their lunch and making sure all their waste is sorted and placed in the correct bins. All Dragons need to be Safe and Respectful during recess/lunch by using kind language, avoiding rough play, sharing play equipment, and following adult directions.

Go Dragons! —Principal Wasser

Ardenwood teaches the 8 Great Traits!

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

Problem Solving



Check out our Student Body Council's e-newspaper created by our very own 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students!

[Dragon Tales](#)

If your student will not be attending school, please contact the school's absence line at **(510)794-0392**, then press **7** or email bmuir@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





PTA Events and Information

- 1) National PTA Healthy Lifestyles Pilot Program:** Ardenwood PTA was recently selected to become one of six pilot sites across the country for National PTA's "Healthy Lifestyles" program!
 - As part of our "Healthy Lifestyles" pilot program with National PTA, we've been asked to get as many of our community members as possible to please fill out the following short [survey](#).
 - We are looking to find families interested in joining their "Family Cohort" group to provide feedback to National PTA on the materials they have created. This would include filling out a survey now, attend a 60 minute "Healthy Lifestyles" presentation via Zoom this spring and filling out a final survey towards the end of the school year. the total time commitment would be 2-3 hours total. Ardenwood PTA can accommodate 30-50 families to participate, but ALL will be welcome to attend the presentation and receive any materials given by National PTA. Email ptapresident@ardenwoodschool.org if you're interested in helping us provide feedback for this great new program!
 - While you're at it, we are really encouraging families to "Share the Love" this February and [join Ardenwood PTA today](#) to support all the work we are doing here at Ardenwood. One of the metrics that are evaluated (as I'm learning) in determining future options for piloting programs, receiving grants, etc. is membership numbers. Basically, it's how they judge community support. That being said, we'd love to have the support and love we feel from our community members reflected in our actual membership numbers. Please consider signing up today! Signing up is NOT a commitment to volunteer - it's simply a show of support for all the volunteer hours put in to ensure we have the best school around!
- 2) National PTA STEM & Families Math Night Grant:** Ardenwood PTA's Math Night with Mathnasium will be held on Friday, May 6. We will have stations for grades TK-2 and another set for grades 3-6. Mark your calendars for this exciting event. There will be great STEM-based games, raffles for attendees, prizes for students who complete all activities at the event, and more!
- 3) National PTA School of Excellence:** We are thrilled to announce that this year we will be celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month in May as a way of addressing Healthy Lifestyle choices for students and their families. You can look forward to activities, at-home challenges, contests and prizes, information, and much more to celebrate all throughout the month of May! If you'd like to get a head start on the mental health focus, you can the City of Fremont's Mental Health Awareness Virtual Art Contest. The theme for this year is "My Courage & Strength." More information on how two enter can be found at: <https://www.fremont.gov/2275/Events>.
- 4) Ardenwood PTA Facebook Page:** [PTA's new Facebook page is live!](#) If you have suggestions on what you would like to see on our Facebook page, email communications@ardenwoodschool.org.
- 5) Cultural Day:** Cultural Day is moving forward for 2022. We'll plan on it being virtual for now, but if updated guidance from FUSD allows for in-person, then we'll switch to in-person as well. Thank you to all who signed up to participate! Our Cultural Day Chair, Shilpa, will be in touch with additional follow up to those groups. For everyone else, look forward to more information about how to access the Cultural Day performances later this Spring!
- 6) Yearbook:** This is a friendly reminder to please send pictures from the school year to yearbook@ardenwoodschool.org. Our yearbook chair, Mansi, is working hard on yearbook but currently has a low stock of photos to work with. Thank you in advance! If you need to order a yearbook, there's still time! You can still order yearbooks through April 4th! Please email yearbook@ardenwoodschool.org for more information on how to get yours today or go to www.treering.com/validate and enter the activation code: **1016016728814774**





PTA Events and Information Cont...

- 7) **Ardenwood PTA Officer Elections for 2022-23:** The time has come to start our process for nominating folks to take over new positions at Ardenwood PTA. Among several open positions, we really need a new PTA President! My two year term is coming to a close and must pass on my responsibilities to someone new. I can give all the support and encouragement and advice to the new President but it cannot be me. So, if you know ANYONE interested in joining our PTA Executive Board for the 2022-23 school year, please email Deepika Damojipurapu at parliamentarian@ardenwoodschool.org or me. We would hate to see all the good we've accomplished the past several years stunted by being unable to find a new president. No experience necessary - we can train and let you know everything you need to know. We have presidents across Fremont that are working full-time, part-time, and stay-at home parents. We can work with all schedules. We are seeking volunteers for several positions, including President and Vice President of Communication as well as interest from community members in heading up committees or volunteering to help out in general.
- 8) **Golden Sneaker Contest:** This year's [Golden Sneaker Contest](#) will be **February 28th - March 11th, 2022**. Students are encouraged to walk, bike, or roll to school for this duration. Teachers will tally their individual class activity and will submit to Alameda County to be eligible for an award. I hope your student(s) will enjoy and participate in this PTA sponsored healthy activity.
- 9) **Ardenwood Store:** Our Virtual [Spiritwear Store](#) is OPEN for orders! Email store@ardenwoodschool.org if you have questions about your order. We also have a special offer of 10% off if you order 3 items or more, use code HAPPY10 at checkout.

School Accountability Report Card

Federal and state laws require school districts to make accountability reports available to the public online. Accountability report information is based on data and information from the previous year. Dates will run one year behind.

We are pleased to inform you that our School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) are available in English, Spanish, and/or Chinese, as required. You may view the SARCs by clicking on the language of preference next to your school name below, or by visiting your school office. To answer any questions regarding the SARCs, there are designated personnel available at your school site.

For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC webpage at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.

To view Ardenwood's School Accountability Report Card

[Click Here!](#)

4th-6th Grade Families

FUSD's Comprehensive Health, Puberty, and Sexuality Education (CHPSE) curriculum for **Grades 4 through 6** 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](#), the [California Healthy Youth Act](#), and will be taught during the 2021-2022 school year.

More information regarding our CHPSE curriculum and the dates selected for that program's instruction will be given to you during the third trimester. You will be provided advance notice of these lessons as well as information about opt-out requests. In the meantime, should you wish to review CHPSE lesson content, more information can be found on the district's [Health Resources](#) website.



FALL 2022-2023 Continuing Student Enrollment:

Reservation Forms will NOT be Mailed Home

FUSD has made the decision that the FALL 2022-2023 Reservation Form/Residency Verification paperwork will NOT be mailed home this spring in part due to increased parent traffic at the school sites amid pandemic concerns. Instead, online submission of residency verification/proofs via your IC Parent Portal will be required during July-August MAZE Days prior to school beginning on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

If your child will not be attending Ardenwood or any other FUSD school in the fall, please email our office staff so they may ensure your child's school records are ready to be sent to their next school.

Elementary students in grades TK – 5th grades currently enrolled at Ardenwood School will be automatically rolled over to attend Ardenwood in the FALL, provided they are to remain enrolled with us on the last day of school, June 6th. Exceptions are:

- TK students with a different home school will roll over to their home school
- Students overloaded to Ardenwood this year who are called back to their home school for the fall
- Students attending Ardenwood on an Intra-district transfer must reapply annually to be approved to continue
- Special Education students requiring an alternate school program

Parents are required to notify us in the event of a change in residency. If you have already moved or plan to move after April 1, 2022, your child will be able to finish out the school year with us, but it is to your advantage to let us know within 5 days of your move (AR 5111.1) so that your child is enrolled at their new FUSD school for the fall. Their new enrollment date prioritizes them to attend their home school.

Please complete and email the [Change of Address Form](#) along with 2 residency proofs of your new address to our School Secretary, Carla Leon (cleon@fusdk12.net), for processing. This ensures you receive school and district mailings.

Registration Questions? Please email our Secretary, Mrs. Leon at cleon@fusdk12.net



JOIN OUR ONLINE BOOK FAIR!

Parents can start purchasing books now using the link below:

<https://www.childrensbookstore.com/welcome/?ref=gta1f87>



Ways to Donate

- ⇒ Donate in your child's class using [My School Bucks!](#)
- ⇒ Join Ardenwood's PTA! [Register now](#) and receive the latest school events happening!
- ⇒ **Corporate Matching Opportunities:**
 - ⇒ Your gift today can go even further in helping our students succeed. Many employers will match donations thru [Benevity](#) and [YourCause](#). If you work for Google, Microsoft, VISA, Dell, Nvidia, and many other Fortune 500 companies, chances are they will double your generosity.

