



Ardenwood
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From the Principal

Dear Ardenwood Families,

October has been a busy but exciting month! We kicked off the 17th Annual Dragons Reader Challenge. Science camp was a successful adventure for our 6th grade students. Our student choir continues to practice and prepare for their performances later this year. Students have started to earn Dragon Dollars for exceptional demonstration of our 8 Great Traits. Looking towards the end of October, students and staff are excited about this Saturday's Harvest Festival and our school-wide costume parade next Wednesday morning.

As we move further into the autumn season, we enter the time of year where we reflect on what we are thankful for. We here at Ardenwood are continually thankful for the continuing support that families provide to our students both here at school and also by making education a priority at home. We are grateful for the time and dedication all of our teachers give to every one of their students.

November brings some important events that I would like to bring to your attention. Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled the week prior to Thanksgiving Break. Your student's teacher has provided you with sign-up instructions. Any student who is interested in playing on Ardenwood's basketball team should plan to attend tryouts with Coach Rentar on Monday, November 5, 2018 (girls at 3:30 pm and boys at 4:30 pm in the MPR). Student athletes on our basketball teams will need to bring evidence of their physical being completed. Our young scholars are making good progress on their reading goals, and "Ardie the Adventurer" is getting ready to visit the next Wonder of the World. Encourage your child to continue reading, and to look for a golden key that will appear in the MPR in early November. The Dragon Dollar Store is scheduled to open in early November as well. Any parent who is interested in making a prize donation or knows of a company that would make a donation to the Dragon Dollar Store, please inquire in the front office.

Lastly, Ardenwood will be partnering with the nonprofit Viola Blyth Community Service Center on the collection of food items for donation. A donation bin will be located in the front office for any offerings. Our lost and found clothing rack is getting full, and families should note that all items not claimed by their owner by Friday, November 16, 2018 will be donated to charity.

Sincerely,

Mr. Wasser **Mrs. Sutton**

Elie Wasser

Leanna Sutton

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Picture Retakes November 2

If your child was absent on picture day, September 20, it's not too late for them to be in their class picture and the yearbook. Please come to the office for an order envelope which needs to be presented to the photographer by the student at the time they get their photo taken. You may also choose to have your student's picture retaken (if their eyes were closed, or there was some other issue with the previously taken photo) by returning the complete picture package that was taken on September 20 and having a new picture taken on Friday, November 2.

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.

A Message From Our Intermediate Science Teacher

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am the new Intermediate Science Teacher at Ardenwood. I am honored to be working with such a dedicated school community. I have over 20 years teaching experience K-12. I received my BA and credential from SF State University. Additionally, I possess a Masters in Language, Literacy, & Culture and PhD in Science education from Indiana University. My dissertation focused on using video and professional learning communities to help pre-service teachers learn to pay attention to student thinking in order to guide their teaching. I have enjoyed working with your children and gaining insights into their scientific thinking this year. I have been impressed with the creativity and complex thinking evident in the lab. Fremont Unified has been working to align our curriculum with National Science Standards. I have had quite a bit of experience with this document and would be happy to discuss the new way of structuring and presenting science with you during your conference time as well as your child's progress.

If you wish to sign up for a conference, I have 48 fifteen minute time slots available during the week of November 14th. Please sign up for an available time slot if you would like to meet with me. If you sign up for a time, please be sure to include your child's and teacher's name. You can sign up for a conference time slot in Sign up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094baeae2caaff2-parent>

I look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan Hawkins

FEF Foundation's 14th Annual Run 4 Education

The 14th 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 ¼ 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>

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat.	Oct. 27	PTA’s Harvest Festival 4:30-6:30 PM
Sun.	Oct. 28	FEF Foundation’s 14th Annual Run 4 Education
Wed.	Oct. 31	Minimum Day & Costume Parade at 8:40 AM
Fri.	Nov. 2	Make-Up Picture Day
Mon.	Nov. 5	Girls and Boys Basketball Tryouts
Wed.	Nov. 7	Minimum Day
Nov.	13-16	Parent-Teacher Conference Week
Nov.	14-16	Minimum Days (Wed., Thurs., and Fri.)
Nov.	19-23	Thanksgiving Break – No School
Tues.	Nov. 27	SSC at 6:30 PM
Wed.	Nov.28	Minimum Day
Tues.	Dec. 4	Ardenwood Spelling Bee
Tues.	Dec. 4	PTA Meeting at 7 PM

Calendar Updates Online

Our school website, www.ardenwoodschool.org, now 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 website navigation bar with four main categories: ABOUT & DEPARTMENTS, TEACHERS & PARENTS & STUDENTS, CALENDARS & NEWS (highlighted with a starburst), and RESOURCES & CONTACTS. Below the navigation bar, the 'CALENDARS' section is expanded to show 'Calendar of Events' and 'Bell Schedules'. The main content area displays a Google Calendar for October 2018, titled 'Ardenwood Public'. The calendar shows various events such as 'National Child Abuse Prevention Month', 'International Day', 'PTA Meeting', 'Board Meeting', 'Red Ribbon Week', and 'Harvest Festival'.