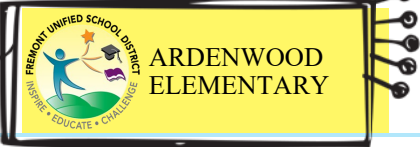




Your monthly guide to school news, information and events.



DRAGON NEWS

MARCH | 2023

A message from our principal...



IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 27-March 10
Golden Sneaker Contest

March 6

SPIRIT DAY: Inclusivity Day
(Wear Rainbow Colors)

March 12

Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 13

SPIRIT DAY: St. Patrick's Day
Wear Green!

March 17

Staff Development Day
NO SCHOOL
St. Patrick's Day

March 21

School Site Council Meeting

March 23

SPRING PICTURES

March 28

SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

March 29 - April 4

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

April 4

OPEN HOUSE

Greetings Ardenwood Families,

Our Dragons weathered some wet and windy days in February! Thanks to the students for their improved behavior in the multi-purpose room during rainy day lunches. Also, please note, moving forward, high wind days will also mean indoor dining!

Dragons taught us a great deal this month through their scientific investigations. From periscope mirrors to crystal snowflakes and airplane designs to archimedes' screw pumps, our students investigated a wide range of topics. Thanks to all teachers, staff and families for your support with the science fair!

As we enter the month of March, Dragons are staying quite busy. Many students already participated in "Read Across America"; some are preparing for the annual Pi Day Celebration and others are "tuning up" for our Ardenwood Spring Concert. Our fifth graders are excited for their upcoming *American Revolution Walk Through*. Please check the school calendar for upcoming events.

A final reminder—following Ardenwood rules helps ensure our students' continued success. Please remind your Dragon about positive behavior expectations—Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. For more information, visit our website and review the schoolwide rules: [Ardenwood Behavior Rules](#).

Go Dragons!

Glynis Mason, Principal

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 Kinder: 8:10am-11:30am
PM TK: 11:40am-3:00pm
Grades 1-3: 8:20am-1:10pm
Grades 4-6: 8:20am-1:20pm



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/>.



New student enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is OPEN.

If you currently have a student attending a Fremont Unified school in grades TK-5th, you may be eligible to enroll your “NEW” student during the sibling priority period between January 23rd – April 6th. This Priority Enrollment window will also be for new TK and Kindergarten students for 2023-2024.

If you have any enrollment questions, please email our Secretary, Carla Leon - cleon@fusdk12.net

MOVING?

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.

Ways to Donate

- ⇒ Donate in your child’s class using [My School Bucks!](#)
- ⇒ **Corporate Matching Opportunities:** [Benevity](#) or [YourCause](#)

LOST & FOUND

If your child has lost something, please be sure to check out our Lost & Found Area next to the Front Office.

ELPAC - English Language Proficiency Assessments for California

- The ELPAC is the test that will be used to measure how well students in TK through twelfth grade understand English when it is not their primary language. The ELPAC will be administered between February and May.
- The ELPAC tests four different areas: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Use the following links for more information and to access the practice tests:
 - Practice Tests – <https://www.elpac.org/resources/practicetests/>
 - California Dept. of Education ELPAC Web page – <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/>
 - ELPAC is aligned to the ELD Standards – <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/documents/eldstndpublication14.pdf>





PARENT INVOLVEMENT

⇒ We are recruiting for Noon Supervisors to help us monitor the safety of the students. If interested, please visit the [EdJoin website](#) to apply or email our school secretary, Carla Leon, cleon@fusdk12.net

Counselor Corner

Don't forget to visit [Ms. Guerrero's Virtual Counseling Room](#) to learn how to have a Growth Mindset.

She has added some slides on Inclusion for Disability Awareness Month and a few resources to help celebrate Women's History Month!

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 2022-2023 school year.

A message from our PTA President



SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Hello Dragon Families,

[Alameda County's Golden Sneaker Contest](#) is happening now - February 27th – March 10th, 2023! The Golden Sneaker Contest is a part of the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools program. It offers an opportunity for every student and their family members to engage in active and shared transportation and indoor physical activity options for fun, exercise, or essential trips.

As a part of the Contest, your student and their classmates will track their activities each day with their teacher (in a mode chart sheet), reporting if they used an active or shared transportation option or engaged in an indoor physical activity that day. The classroom with the highest participation percentage of students engaging in these activities will win special prizes for both students and teachers! Parents and guardians are encouraged to join their student for fun, even though parent activities will not be counted.

We need 20 more PTA members - please help us reach our goal!

We are 20 members short of meeting our membership goal! Please encourage local businesses, your junior or high school student(s) or anyone interested in supporting your student's school to [join Ardenwood PTA!](#)

Don't forget to purchase your own [Ardie the Dragon Plush](#) and [purchase Spiritwear!](#)

If you are interested in helping out PTA the remainder of this year and next year as a Board Member or committee chair, please email me at ptapresident@ardenwoodschool.org. We are always grateful for more parents, family or community members to help us!

Fremont Debate Academy

Ardenwood

Fremont Debate Academy (FDA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, will be running its annual Ardenwood Elementary program for the 2023 consecutive year! Students will learn structured forms of argumentation and research techniques through practice sessions, drills, and mini-competitions. At the end of the school year, there will likely be an inter-school FDA elementary school tournament.

March 14 to May 19

Once a Week

4:30 - 6:00 PM

No prior experience is necessary!

Check Website for exact day/times!

Register NOW using this link!
www.fremontdebateacademy.org/ardenwood



Registration is open for a limited time only!

