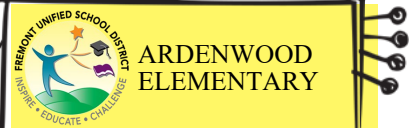




Your monthly guide to school news, information and events.



DRAGON NEWS

MARCH | 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1-5

- Read Across America Week**
- 1: The Cat in the Hat Day
 - 2: The Lorax Day
 - 3: Wacky Wednesday
 - 4: Oh the Places You'll Go Day
 - 5: Sleep Book Day

March 2

PTA Executive Meeting

March 8

Start of the Third Trimester

March 9

Thornton JH Open House

March 14

Daylight Saving Time starts

March 16

School Site Council Meeting

March 26

Spirit Day: Decade Day
60s, 70s, 80s

A message from our principal



Hello Dragons,

I have had the pleasure of responding to a multitude of community inquiries regarding Learning Hubs, school re-opening plan development, and vaccines. I share in your interest of seeing progress made on a number of fronts. I encourage all families to routinely visit the district's [Resource/Reopening](#) website for up-to-date information and news releases. In the meantime, please continue to support our amazing teachers and their sustained effort to provide an impactful distance learning program. Please also continue to provide words of support and encouragement to our most valued asset, our students, who we all know are working so diligently at home in their studies.

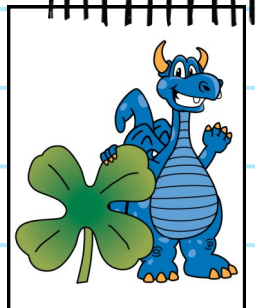
You may recently have heard that our Librarian, Mrs. Nair, will be leaving Ardenwood in March. Please join me in thanking Mrs. Nair for her service to Ardenwood and wonderful curation of our school's library over the last number of years.

Elie Wasser, Principal

Ardenwood teaches the 8 Great Traits!

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

Problem Solving



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 ardenwoodoffice@fusdk12.net.

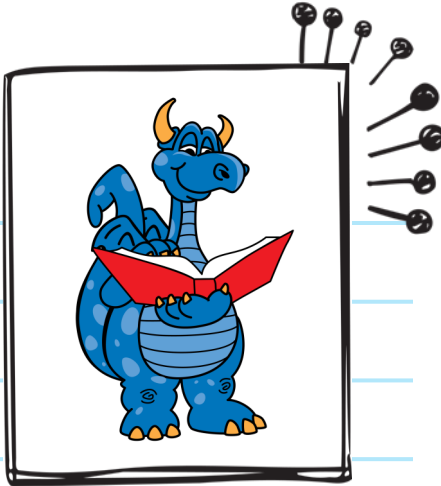
Please be sure to provide the following:

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





ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessments for California)



The Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California, or “Summative ELPAC,” is the test used to measure how well students understand English when it is not the language they speak at home. Information from the ELPAC tells your child’s teacher about the areas in which your child needs extra support.

This spring, all English learner students will take the Summative ELPAC.

Students in kindergarten through grade twelve who are classified as English learners will take the Summative ELPAC every year until they are reclassified as proficient in English. Students are tested on their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Your child’s voice is being recorded as part of the Speaking test. A small percentage of student responses will be used to validate the accuracy of scoring and will not be used for identification. All recorded responses will be destroyed after the scores are validated.

You are an important part of your child’s education. To help your child get ready for the test, you can:

- Read to your child, or have them read to you on a regular basis.
- Use pictures and ask your child to tell you what they see, or what is happening in each picture.
- Provide your child with opportunities to use language outside of school.
- Talk with your child’s teacher about your child’s listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to help support their progress.

To learn more about the ELPAC, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>.

You also can look at sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the ELPAC Web site at <https://www.elpac.org/resources/practicetests/>.

If you have any questions about your child taking the ELPAC, please contact Caitlin Christopherson at cchristopherson@fusdk12.net

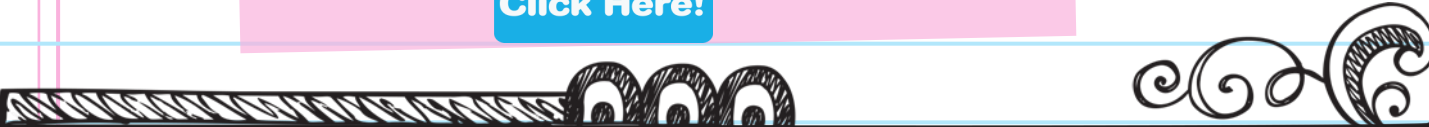
Click here for the a Parent’s Guide to the ELPAC <https://fusd-ca.schoolloop.com/elpacparentguide>. The page includes the parent notifications, videos for downloading a secure server, and the K-2 answer documents.

PTA Events and Information

We are a little more than halfway through PTA’s membership drive challenge, running February 10 - March 10. We are so grateful to those that have become PTA members this month and those that have been with us all year. We’d love to see more of you join though! Cost of membership is only \$15 and helps us support amazing programs, activities and communications to you, your families and our Ardenwood community. Joining PTA does NOT mean your committing to volunteering, attending anything, or donating more money. It simply helps our PTA do the most that it can to help our school community be the best it can be. Sign-up today at: <https://ardenwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com>. We are also looking for interested individuals to join our PTA Executive Board for the 2021-22 school year. We will be holding formal elections on Tuesday, April 13 at 7pm as part of our PTA Association meeting. If you're interested learning more or would like to nominate yourself or someone else,

To Nominate yourself or someone in the PTA:

Click Here!





2021-2022 Registration Information

Parents should have received an email from the District with instructions on how to setup their Infinite Campus (IC) Parent Portal. Parents will need to register through IC and upload the proper documents needed to verify residency.

In order to be approved, **(1)** parents must upload all necessary forms and **(2)** review all contact information ensuring they are current and **(3)** removing duplicated contacts.

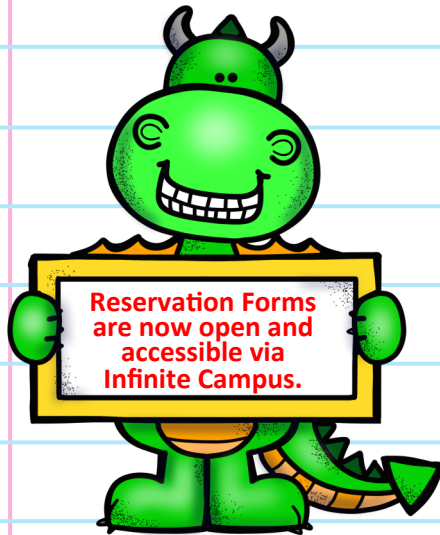
In addition, **immunization requirements** will continue to remain in place even with the COVID-19 circumstances. We want to make sure that your students stay safe and are covered for other communicable diseases. If your student is outstanding on any immunizations, they need to be completed along with your Residency Forms when submitting via Infinite Campus.

7th Grade Registration Information

2/16/21: 7th Grade Registration Packets are mailed home to parents. If you did not receive it yet, please contact Andrea Wagoner at andreawagoner@fusdk12.net.

3/11/21: Registration Drive-Thru Drop Off at Thornton Jr. High from 9:00am-11:45am & 1:00pm-3:30pm.

6th Grade Math Placement Information [CLICK HERE](#)



Registration Questions?

Please email our Secretary,
Carla Leon at
cleon@fusdk12.net.

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 2020-2021 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.

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.

