



# DRAGON NEWS

SEPT | 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Aug. 19**

Material Distribution

**Aug. 21**

Students will receive email from teachers about teacher/student check-in meeting

**Aug. 24**

Teacher/Student Check-In Meeting

**Aug. 25**

Material Distribution

**Aug. 26**

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
DISTANCE LEARNING

**Sept. 7**

Labor Day  
No School

**Sept. 8**

Back to School Night  
Virtual Presentations

## A message from our Principal



Hello Dragons,  
Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We are starting this year in a Distance Learning format. I am excited to virtually see you all in your Zoom or Google Meet classrooms. I would like to offer my thanks to the wonderful certificated and classified staff members of Ardenwood for working diligently to support all our students at the start of this great venture. Questions regarding individual classroom schedules and online links should be directed to your classroom teacher. Attendance of our Distance Learning program is mandatory. All staff at Ardenwood will be patient and supportive of your child as they learn and practice their new online routines. If you have not already done so, please bookmark our school's website, subscribe to our Twitter feed, and join our school's PTA so that stay informed and are well connected to the school at a distance.

With Regards,  
Elie Wasser, Principal

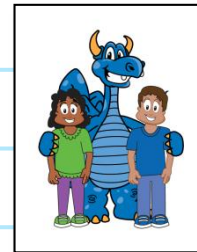
## Important Notice

All students **MUST** attend a daily live session, as attendance will be taken. Video option **MUST** be turned on so the teacher can take attendance.

## Ardenwood teaches the 8 Great Traits!

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

## Caring



### 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

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

Even though our school site and office are physically closed, our office staff can be reached easily via email.

[cleon@fusdk12.net](mailto:cleon@fusdk12.net) (School Secretary)

[cmitchell@fusdk12.net](mailto:cmitchell@fusdk12.net) (Attendance Clerk)

[enavejas@fusdk12.net](mailto:enavejas@fusdk12.net) (Office Asst.)



## Material Pick-Up & Drop-Off

Individual teachers will be organizing material pick-up & drop-off through distance learning. Please check with your classroom teacher for any details regarding their schedule.



## Back to School Night

Our virtual Back to School Night will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Please save the date. More details and links will be available soon regarding individual classroom live video presentations and a joint message from school administration and the PTA.

## Useful Links

- [Ardenwood Bell Schedules](#)
- [FUSD 2020-2021 Instructional Year Calendar](#)
- [Ardenwood Elementary Twitter Feed](#)
- [FUSD Homework Policy](#)

## How can parents partner with the school?

### Ardenwood Parent Teacher Association

Please see the attachments to this newsletter for additional information and communication from our fantastic PTA.

### School Site Council (SSC)

The SSC is made up of school personnel, parents, and community stakeholders. The SSC monitors the implementation of the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), which is the document that guides Ardenwood's instruction and social-emotional programs, and is developed to ensure continuous school improvement. This group also oversees the spending of certain funds provided through the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

### English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)

The purpose of the ELAC is to advocate for student English Learners and to advise the principal and school staff on programs and services for English learners as well as the School Site Council on the development of the SPSA. ELAC reviews the school's program for English Learners, including the school's needs assessment, reviewing the school's annual language census, and makes efforts to increase parents' awareness of the importance of regular school attendance. The committee may elect at least one member to the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC).

All SSC/ELAC meetings are open to the public. Meetings this year will be held via Zoom. An agenda for each meeting will be posted online at least 72 hours before the meeting date. Contact the office for information on how to be a part of any of these meetings. Our school's current SPSA and an archive of past SSC/ELAC meeting agendas and minutes can be found [here](#).



## Ardenwood Elementary School is better...with YOU!

With your PTA membership, all things are possible!

### YOUR PTA EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

- Social Distanced Events - Sidewalk chalk competitions, Couch to 5K, scavenger hunt, drive-in movie
- Virtual Events via Zoom - bedtime stories night, virtual campouts, family fitness nights.
- Fundraiser – Take out nights from local businesses.

JOIN PTA TODAY!

**“We invite every parent, teacher and neighbor to join with PTA, as we work to make Ardenwood Elementary School the best it can be for our students...our most precious resource.”**

Elie Wasser  
Principal

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Ellen Tillman  
PTA President

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*Ardenwood PTA will be focusing our energy on supporting teachers, bringing families together, and helping students have a positive experience this year. We want to stay connected with you!!*

**Join Ardenwood PTA @ <https://ardenwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com>**

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**First day of school is Wednesday, 8/26! PTA welcome and how to join**



August 25, 2020

Hi Ardenwood Families,

We hope you are doing well, staying healthy and enjoying your last few days of summer vacation with your family while sheltering in place. We wanted to update you on the first week of school, PTA, school district updates and how to join PTA virtually this year.

First Day of School is Wednesday, August 26th, 2020

Please refer to the school website for the most updated information regarding the [first day of school](#).

PTA President's Welcome

Learn more about PTA's virtual plans from our PTA President Ellen Tillman by reading her [President's Welcome](#).

Our first PTA meeting is Tuesday, September 1st at 7pm. We encourage you to attend to learn more about PTA and our virtual plans for this year. To RSVP your attendance, please email [ptapresident@ardenwoodschool.org](mailto:ptapresident@ardenwoodschool.org) by August 31st, 2020 to receive the virtual meeting link.

PTA is interested in hearing from you. Please complete this [quick survey](#) to help us understand how PTA can serve our families better this year.

2019-2020 Yearbook Orders

If you ordered a yearbook from PTA last year, please read the [Lifetouch Letter to Ardenwood Families](#) to better understand the delays due to COVID-19.

Consider Joining PTA Virtually Today:

Although we are starting the new school year virtually, please consider joining PTA this year to help support PTA sponsor socially distanced learning programs and virtual activities such as virtual story hour, couch to 5k and virtual STEM projects.

Become a [PTA Member](#) today!

Instructions on [How to join PTA virtually](#)

If you would like to become a member and pay offline, there is a lockbox located next to the attendance office to drop off your payment, thank you!