



Ardenwood

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WELCOME TO THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Ardenwood Families,

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year, as well as introduce myself as the new Principal of Ardenwood Elementary. I am honored to be able to work in the service of educating your child and look forward to a wonderful school year. I come to Ardenwood from the Newark USD with 15 years of experience as an educator and administrator. I am very excited to be working at such a distinguished school with its outstanding teaching and classified staff and most certainly what I have heard is an amazing group of students. I look forward to meeting all families throughout the year. Please know that I have an open door policy and I am always interested in talking about how together we can support your child in their learning and development.

Sharing a bit of information about myself, I am a proud father of two bilingual sons (7 and 9). My wife, mother, father, and brother are all educators. I started my teaching career as a physics and aerospace science teacher, and am credentialed by the State of California in both science and mathematics instruction. During the basketball season, whenever I have the opportunity, I enjoy watching the Golden State Warriors with my family and friends.

We have a few new faces joining the Dragon family this year! Welcome to Ms. Deanna Brown from Brier Elementary for joining our 5th grade team. We are happy to have Dr. Susan Hawkins as our new Intermediate Science teacher, Ms. Kimberly McKay as our part-time Resource Specialist and Ms. Samantha Aradanas as our new psychologist. Please join me in welcoming these new Dragons to our school community.

During the month of August, the Ardenwood Elementary staff has been preparing for the arrival of our students. Through working together with a strong home-to-school partnership we will maintain high standards for your child's academic and social development. Ultimately it is our goal to enable students to become lifelong learners who are curious about the world they live in and feel empowered to be active and productive participants. Whether it's joining our School Site Council, becoming a member of the Parent-Teacher Association or volunteering within the classroom, there are many excellent ways for you to help with this partnership. Again, welcome back to school and I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Elie Wasser
Principal, Ardenwood Elementary

Please follow us on Twitter for frequent and fun updates about Ardenwood Elementary.



Attendance on the First Day of School – The 2018-2019 school year starts on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. **All students are expected to report to school on the first day, Wednesday, August 29, 2018. Students who are not in school on the first day of school will not be guaranteed a seat at the school** and may have to be overloaded to another school upon return. The only exception will be students who are absent due to illness. Parents or guardians must notify the school every day the student is absent. **Seats will not be held for students on extended vacations or other optional activities, whether or not the school is notified.**

Grades 1–6 Regular Day Schedule for the 2018-2019 School Year

Grades 1 – 3 8:20 a.m. – 2:50 p.m. Grades 4 – 6 8:20 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Grades K-6 Minimum Day Schedule for the 2018 -2019 School Year

Every Wednesday is a minimum day for Grades K-6 (except K is on regular schedule 8/29/18 - 9/4/18).

Kindergartners attend 8:10-11:30 a.m. 1-3 attend 8:20 a.m. – 1:10 p.m. 4-6 attend 8:20 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Kindergarten Schedule

We have the AM and PM schedules for our kindergarten classes. Some students will attend 8:10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and some students will attend 11:40 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Only Wednesdays will be Early Days for all so that our teachers may meet, collaborate and attend Grade Level and Professional Development Meetings.

Please note these important dates:

Aug. 29, Aug. 30, Aug. 31 and Sept. 4 Kindergarten and TK students attend their respective AM (8:10-11:30), PM (11:40-3:00) and TK (11:40-3:00) schedules. Please refer to page 3 for minimum day schedule by grade level.

School News

Morning Procedures - Children in grades 1-6 report to the blacktop between 8:10 and 8:20 a.m. Supervision begins at 8:10 a.m. **DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF EARLY.** Anyone arriving before 8:10 is to wait between Adventure Time and the Science Lab or outside the gates by the two-story building. Children line up behind their classroom numbers painted on the blacktop. Teachers meet the students and escort them to class at the 8:20 a.m. bell.

Parents, please do not “hang-out”. We have adult supervision for the students at 8:10 a.m.

Kindergarten students report to their playground off Macbeth Avenue. Parents are to park on the street (**do not park in the staff parking lot**) and walk with your child to the Kindergarten playground. AM Kindergarten starts at 8:10 a.m. with supervision beginning at 8:00 a.m. PM Kindergarten starts at 11:40 a.m. Transitional Kindergarten starts at 11:40 a.m.

Please see page 3 of this bulletin for the 2018-2019 “School Minimum Days”.

Campus Safety

Check-in Safety: Providing a safe environment for your children requires **all parents and visitors** to sign in and out at the front office and wear a visitor sticker while on campus. This is imperative for student and adult safety.

Front of School Drop-off Safety: The parking lot on Emilia Lane by the Science Lab and Adventure Time is the supervised area for student drop-off and pick-up by car. Please follow the one way arrows. You may also park on the street and walk your child.

Campus Safety: Parents are asked to not congregate on the blacktop in the morning. Please drop off your student between 8:10 a.m. and 8:20 a.m. Ardenwood staff supervision begins at 8:10 a.m.

Pick-up Safety: At pick-up time, parents are to wait outside of the gated campus area. Inside the gated area is too small for everyone and creates a congested safety hazard.

Medication Policy For FUSD (Ed Code 49423) - If a pupil is required to take medication during the school day, please fill out a Hold Harmless Form, available from the school office. The form includes:

1. A written statement from the physician detailing the method and time schedules for the medication

AND

2. A written request from the parent that the **medication be given at school. In addition, the medication must be in the original prescription container with the label intact.** Please send only the amount to be administered at school with up to a maximum of 30 days quantity of medication.

The above policy is for the protection of all students and staff. **At no time is a student to carry medication in his/her lunch bag, pocket, backpack, etc.,** unless a form signed by parent and physician is filed in our office. For information please contact LaShaunta Payne, Attendance Clerk, at 794-0392 ext. 51411.

Communications Corner

Question:

How do I leave an **absence** message?
How do I leave a **message** for a **teacher**?

Answer:

Dial 794-0392, ext. 7

Dial 794-0392, press **5110** and **room number** for single digit room numbers & press **511** and **room number** for double digit room numbers. (example: room 6 is 51106, room 23 is 51123.)



School Site Council

Our School Site Council is an elected committee of parents, faculty and staff that work together on school improvements. The focus is on curriculum (what the students are taught) and on special needs students including Gifted, English Language

Learner and Special Education pupils. The Council meets one Tuesday per month. The first School Site Council meeting is on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00pm. All parents are welcome to attend these meetings.

FUSD on Facebook, Twitter & YouTube!!

Stay up to date with all the news and happenings throughout the Fremont Unified School District. Follow our school on Twitter at @Ardenwood FUSD. Visit and like FUSD's official Facebook page at **Fremont Usd**, follow the District on Twitter at **@USDFremont**, and subscribe for the latest videos on YouTube at **Fremont Unified School District**. Updated daily, FUSD's Social Media pages are the best resources for the latest information and photos from all 42 schools, District Departments - even news from around the Fremont community.

2018-2019 SCHOOL MINIMUM DAYS

KINDERGARTEN & TK All Kinder Pupils 8:10 AM – 11:30AM	GRADES 1 – 3 8:20 AM – 1:10 PM	GRADES 4 – 6 8:20 AM – 1:20 PM
August No minimum days for TK Kinders.	August 29*, 30, 31	August 29*
September 5, 11, 12, 19, 26	September 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 19, 26	September 5, 11, 12, 19, 26
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
November 7, 14, 15, 16, 28	November 7, 14, 15, 16, 28	November 7, 14, 15, 16, 28
December 5, 12, 19, 21	December 5, 12, 19, 21	December 5, 12, 19, 21
January 9, 16, 23, 30	January 9, 16, 23, 30	January 9, 16, 23, 30
February 6, 13, 15, 20, 27	February 6, 13, 15, 20, 27	February 6, 13, 15, 20, 27
March 6, 13, 20, 27	March 6, 13, 20, 27	March 6, 13, 20, 27
April 3, 10, 17 + Open House TBD	April 3, 10, 17, 18 + Open House TBD	April 3, 10, 17, 18 + Open House TBD
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 24, 29	May 1, 8, 15, 22, 24, 29	May 1, 8, 15, 22, 24, 29
June 5, 10**, 11**, 12**	June 5, 7, 10**, 11**, 12**	June 5, 10**, 11**, 12**

Note: *1st Day of School Minimum Day – Grades 1-3 attend school 8:20 AM – 12:30 PM; Grades 4-6 attend school 8:20-1:20 PM
2nd Day of School Minimum Day – Grades 1-3 attend school 8:20 AM – 1:10 PM; Grades 4-6 attend 8:20-3:00 PM
****Last 3 Days of School Super Minimum Day – Students attend 8:20 AM – 12:30 PM; Kinders attend 8:10-11:30 AM**

District News

Elementary school lunch costs \$3.50 per meal and includes milk. Milk can be purchased separately for 50 cents. All students are expected to eat lunch. Students will be excused only with written permission from their parent. A separate table in the MPR is available for students with severe food allergies. Monthly Menu Flyers will no longer be sent home with your child.

The **Menu** for the first 3 days of school is: Wednesday, August 29 Mini Cheeseburger *or* Sun Butter & Jelly Sandwich*
 Thursday, August 30 Chicken Patty on a Bun *or* Macaroni & Cheese*
 Friday, August 31 Pepperoni (Turkey) Pizza Slice *or* Cheese Pizza Slice*
 * = vegetarian

The district is going **GREEN** and reducing paper waste, and CNS is on board! Our Menus are available online. As such, elementary menus will no longer be mass-printed for each school site. We will print 2 color copies for each school site, one each for the office and cafeteria to post. All our menus and nutritional information are posted monthly on our website at fusdcafes.org.

The website also has a "Going Green- Menus" button on the Menu's page that allows parents to sign-up for the menus to be E-mailed to them directly every month.

Please take advantage of the options to prepay your student's meal accounts. Prepaid meal accounts help the lunch lines go faster and gives students more time to eat, relax, and play. It also gives you the peace of mind of not having to worry about looking for lunch money every day or worry that it might get lost, stolen or used for other things other than lunch.

EMERGENCY MEALS: Elementary Students who lose or forget their lunch money are permitted to charge 2 meals to their account and thereafter are offered 3 mini meals, allowing them ample time to bring their meal accounts into good standing. Payment is expected the next school day. Negative balance letters are sent out periodically to the parents as reminders to replenish their student's meal account.

If you have more than one child in the District, you can handle all online prepayments from the same online account. Payments may be made through a major credit or debit card or an existing PayPal account. Fremont Unified School District will not profit from the use of this site.

You may continue to make payments by check made payable to FUSD CNS, or use cash. You must include your child's full name and room number on checks. For students paying with cash, please put the cash in an envelope and write their name and room number on the envelope. For any questions, contact CNS at (510) 659-2587.

Curbside Drop off and Pick up

There is approximately 1000 children on this campus and much traffic congestion. Carpooling, bike riding, or walking are ways you can help reduce traffic congestion. For parents driving students you may park on the neighborhood streets or drop off and pick-up your child in the parking lot loops by following the procedures listed below:

The front parking lot may be used before and after the FUSD School Buses scheduled arrival and departure times. Remember that the yellow FUSD School Buses have priority and their access must not be blocked.

Open for dropping off 1-6 graders anytime after 8:10:

Enter the front parking lot loop from Emilia Lane
Stay in the bus loop area (**Do not enter the parking stall section.**)
Proceed along the curb toward Macbeth and pull over to the curb
Students are to exit the back seat of the car on the curb side
Proceed out of the loop by taking a **right turn** on to Macbeth.

Open for picking up 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders 1:10 pm – 1:20 pm on minimum days and 2:50 pm - 3:00 pm on regular days

To pick-up 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade children:

Enter the front parking lot loop from Emilia Lane
Stay in the bus loop area (**Do not enter the parking stall section.**)
Proceed along the curb toward Macbeth and pull over to the curb
Students are to enter the back seat of their car on the curb side
Proceed out of the loop by taking a **right turn** on to Macbeth.

For adults also picking up 4th, 5th and 6th grade children:

Continue on Macbeth to Deep Creek
Turn right on Deep Creek
Turn right on Emilia Lane
Get into the pick-up lane for the back parking loop
Proceed into the loop pulling forward and next to the curb
Students are to enter the back seat of their car on the curb side.

The back parking lot may be used for drop off and pick up any time.

There may be a long line of cars. Be patient and stay in the line.
Get in the queue by entering the campus from Deep Creek onto Emilia. (This avoids taking a left hand turn into the lot and crossing the flow of traffic.)
Enter the back parking lot loop.
Proceed along the curb toward the other end of the parking lot
Students enter/exit the back seat on the curb side. (Be ready - others are waiting.)
Stay in the line (queue) of cars
Proceed out of the lot.

**Please obey all traffic regulations and do not park in the Staff Parking lots or on Red Curbs.
Student Safety Depends On Everyone**

Transportation: Students who are planning to take the school bus for the 2018-2019 school year, must go to the **Transportation Department at 43770 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont** to get their photo ID taken and pay the appropriate fee for busing. Their office is open Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For further information call 657-1450.



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Transportation Bus Stops
Ardenwood School
Bus Stops:
 Commerce/Tupelo
 Falcon/Park
 Tupelo/Arc

Back To School Night is Tuesday, September 11. Please join us for this important annual school-wide event. Our teachers will explain their grade level course of study, classroom policies and procedures. The PTA will make a presentation in the MPR **Back to School Night is for adults only.**

TIME	ACTIVITY
6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Parents of Grades 1-3 and Kindergarten Classrooms meet with your child’s teacher.
7:05 p.m. – 7:25 p.m.	Introduction of Faculty and PTA Meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room
7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Parents of Grades 4-6 Classrooms meet with your child’s teacher.



Anti-Bullying Campaign

FUSD is determined to reduce incidents of bullying and be the first public school district to have zero bullying. This ties directly into Ardenwood’s H3 Character Education and the Ardenwood Students of Character philosophy.

**ATTENTION ALL 4th, 5th, 6th GRADERS
JOIN THE BAND!**

Join the After School Band program this year and learn how to play a band instrument. (Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion) No experience is necessary. Classes meet once a week after school right here on campus. Registration begins on the first day of school. More registration information will be sent out in the first day of school packet. Check out www.fremont-education.org for more information on the After School Band program.

From the District Office - Posting of Emergency Information

Reminder to families that information regarding Emergency situations around FUSD such as lockdowns will be posted on the District website at <http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us>. From the homepage under 'Quick Links' or under the 'Resources & Contacts' tab, click 'Emergency Info.' Information will also be posted on the District Facebook page at **Fremont Usd** and Twitter page at **@USDFremont**. Individual schools will also contact families via their respective communication systems as soon as it is safe to do so.

ARDENWOOD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27	28	29	30	31
NO SCHOOL	2 pm – Campus Tour with Mr. Wasser	First Day of School Grades 1-6 Minimum Day Kindergarteners attend AM/PM schedules 1-3 attend 8:20 – 12:30 pm 4-6 attend 8:20 – 1:20 pm PTA Welcome Coffee	Grades 1-3 Minimum Day Kindergarteners attend AM/PM schedules 1-3 attend 8:20 – 1:10 pm Regular Schedule for 4-6 8:20- 3:00	Grades 1-3 Minimum Day Kindergarteners attend AM/PM schedules 1-3 attend 8:20 – 1:10 pm Regular Schedule for 4-6 8:20- 3:00

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September 2018

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Labor Day NO SCHOOL	Grades 1-3 Minimum Day Kindergarteners attend AM/PM schedules 1-3 attend 8:20 – 1:10 pm Regular Schedule for 4-6 8:20- 3:00 PTA Meeting 7:00 pm	Grades K-6 Minimum Day Kindergarteners attend 8:10-11:30am 1-3 attend 8:20 – 1:10 pm 4-6 attend 8:20 – 1:20 pm	Grades 1-3 Minimum Day Kindergarteners attend AM/PM schedules 1-3 attend 8:20 – 1:10 pm Regular Schedule for 4-6 8:20- 3:00	Grades 1-3 Minimum Day Kindergarteners attend AM/PM schedules 1-3 attend 8:20 – 1:10 pm Regular Schedule for 4-6 8:20- 3:00
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Regular Day Schedule

TK = 11:40am-3:00pm AM Kindergarten = 8:10-11:30am PM Kindergarten = 11:40am-3:00pm
Grades 1-3 = 8:20am- 2:50pm Grades 4-6 = 8:20am – 3:00pm

Minimum Day Schedule

Every Wednesday is a school-wide minimum day. All Kindergarten pupils attend 8:10am – 11:30am

Grades 1-3 students attend 8:20am – 1:10pm. Grades 4-6 students attend 8:20am – 1:20pm.