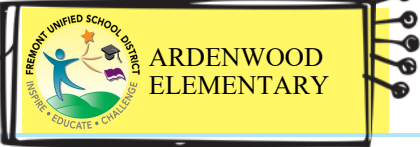




Your monthly guide to school news, information and events.



# DRAGON NEWS

**NOVEMBER | 2022**

*A message from our principal...*



## IMPORTANT DATES

**November 10**  
*End of 1st Trimester*

**November 11**  
*Veteran's Day*  
**NO SCHOOL**

**November 14-18**  
*Parent Teacher Conference Week*  
*Minimum Day Grades 1-6*

**November 21-25**  
*Thanksgiving Holiday Week*

**Nov 23—Dec 6**  
*Scholastic BOOK FAIR!*

**December 9**  
*Ardenwood Spelling Bee*

Hello Dragons,

As this first trimester of the school year draws to a close, we are looking forward to a busy November and December. Conferences will be happening this month (November 14th - 18th) and are a wonderful opportunity to review your student's progress with their teacher. After a well-deserved Thanksgiving break, we will return to school on Monday, November 28th, and immediately launch the Fall Scholastic Book Fair (in person 11/28 - 12/2, online 11/23 - 12/6). Our 6th grade "Walk-Through the Ancient World" will also be happening on Monday and Tuesday, November 28th and 29th. Finally, we are planning to hold girls and boys basketball tryouts (late November) and our Ardenwood School Spelling Bee (early December). Please stay tuned for details.

As we look forward to a busy couple of months, we also are reflecting on some of our learnings since the beginning of the school year. Students continue to strive to meet the Ardenwood school wide rules: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. To this end, I would like to provide a few reminders, 1) Students should walk on campus (not run) except during PE or recess and only in the designated areas-blacktop and grass, 2) Students should seek support from teachers or staff to help resolve student-student issues or concerns and 3) Students should use appropriate language and keep their hands to themselves. Please continue to remind your student(s) of the Ardenwood rules and especially these important focus items. We are seeing some wonderful growth in our students and hope to continue this progress.

Finally, we have noticed a few students bringing devices to school (eg., cell phones, tablets) and wanted to remind families of the rules around technology. Elementary students shall not carry these devices unless by a doctor's request for medical necessity or at the discretion of the administrator. Consistent with this policy, recordings of any kind are not allowed in classrooms or anywhere on the school campus without the written consent of teachers and/or administrators. For detailed information on these topics and more, please visit our district website and review the FUSD Parent-Student Handbook: [FUSD Parent-Student Handbook 2022-2023](#).

We look forward to a busy, productive and exciting next couple of months!

Regards,

*Ms. 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





# PARENT INVOLVEMENT

**All school Volunteers are required to register on CiviCore.**

It is a simple process. All volunteers will be required to upload their Driver's License. Parents volunteering to drive for a field trip are also required to upload their Car Insurance Declaration Page (which clearly lists liability amounts, names of covered drivers, vehicle make/model and vehicle license plate).



**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR BOOK FAIR!** Help our Book Fair be a SUCCESS.

Please take a moment to view our sign-up sheet to see what roles interest you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094faea623a5fac34-scholastic>

## ***A message from our PTA President***



**SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE**

Hi Families,

Thank you to the 400 families who attended Math Night! We hope you enjoyed a fun evening with your student!

Please fill out this very brief [survey](#) for the 2022-23 National PTA School of Excellence application. We need to fill this survey out as a first step before we move forward with the initial application. Everyone is invited and encouraged to fill it out - teachers, administrators, parents, community members, etc.

The week before Thanksgiving Break is Parent-Teacher Conferences. This week is extra busy for our staff, as they stay late meeting with all of us to discuss our children's progress and needs. **To show our appreciation for their hard work, PTA is putting together a potluck lunch and grab and go snacks for our teachers on Monday, November 14th (snacks) Tuesday, November 15th (lunch).** [If you can sign up to bring the requested item\(s\),](#) we would greatly appreciate it!

Ardenwood PTA is happy to announce the partnership with Heartfulness Institute once again by bringing in the **Heartwarmers Project** this holiday season. Heartfulness Institute will conduct a Kindness & Empathy workshop for 1 hour. Students from TK - 6th grade will write letters of hope to those in need. The letters will be wrapped in each blanket by the students (**Blankets sponsored by Heartfulness**). Heartfulness Institute volunteers will deliver those blankets with hand written letters to homeless shelters.

[Register to participate in the Heartwarmers project.](#)





**Ardenwood Book Fair:** Nov 28, 2022 - Dec 2, 2022

**Online shopping:** Nov 23, 2022 - Dec 6, 2022

**TK-6th grade can shop for books during their regular library time.**

**Parents shopping:** Mon/Tue/Thur [3-3:45],  
Wed [1:30-3:45], Fri [12:30-3:30]

The Scholastic Payment System accepts mobile payments such as Google Pay, Samsung Pay, Apple Pay, Tap & Pay enabled credit cards, and all credit cards. A safe alternative to cash, **BOOK FAIR e-WALLET** is the best way to fund your child's shopping at the fair. **E-Wallets** can be used at the in-school Fair or online to shop from 5,000+ products. Any unused funds can be spent at The Scholastic Store Online or to fund an e-Wallet for a future Fair.

CREATE an Account using the link below starting **NOW - Dec 02, 2022**, ADD Funds, SHARE WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS.

Click here to shop online/create e-Wallet: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/ardenwood>



## **ABSENCE REPORTING**

Call us:  
(510)794-0392, then press 7

—OR—

Email Us:  
[Ardenwoodoffice@fusdk12.net](mailto:Ardenwoodoffice@fusdk12.net)

*Please include:* 1.) Child's full name  
2.) Teacher/Room number  
3.) Relationship with the student



## **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.



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