



Ardenwood

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From the Principal

Dear Ardenwood Families,

With the arrival of the month of March, Ardenwood Elementary is excited to offer a variety of activities to students and their families on the topics of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics (STEAM) and Community Safety.

In partnership with the Fremont Fire Department, on the evening of March 29th, Ardenwood will be hosting a Personal Emergency Preparedness Course. This event is free, and includes complementary child care and dinner, to the first 75 attendees to register at www.tinyurl.com/ArdenwoodPEP19. Our annual Golden Sneaker Contest starts at the end of this month and runs through March 8th. We encourage all families to participate putting into place the safety skills students have learned through our partnership with the Alameda County Safe Routes to School program.

Our focus on STEAM this month is due in part to March 14th being celebrated as Pi (π) Day. For any size circle, the ratio of the circle's circumference to its diameter is always 3.14 (rounded to the nearest hundredths place). Students will be encouraged to compete in a Pi recitation competition, jointly judged by school staff and representatives from the Calculus Roundtable on March 14th. The Fremont Education Foundation will be hosting a Family Coding and Maker Night on March 15th here at Ardenwood in the MPR. Please register your child's participation in this great event at www.tinyurl.com/ArdenwoodSTEAM19. Through the generosity of Hitachi Corporation, students at Ardenwood will have access to a Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) within their science classroom from March 22nd through April 5th.

With Regards,

Mr. Wasser

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Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year

Sibling registration and priority enrollment for TK and Kindergarten students for the next school year has already passed. The next opportunity for enrollment for TK-6th grade will be April 1, 2019 and will be ongoing. Please see the Fremont Unified School District web site (www.fremont.k12.ca.us), under Enrollment, for more information and instructions.

At What Age May My Child Start Kindergarten? Is My Child Eligible For TK?

To be eligible for Kindergarten for the **Fall 2019-2020** School Year, your child's birth date must fall between these dates: **09/02/13 - 09/01/14**. Your child **must be five years old by September 1, 2019**. *To be eligible for TK (Transitional Kindergarten)* your child **must be turning 5 years old in 2019** and their birthday must be between these dates: **09/02/14 – 12/02/14**. Students born after 12/02/14 are not eligible for TK and may attend Kindergarten the next school year beginning 2020-2021.

Fall Registration/Residency Verification Forms for Continuing Students

The annual **Fall Registration/Residency Verification Forms** will be mailed home from FUSD to the parents/legal guardians of continuing students. Parents/legal guardians are to return the completed forms along with their required supporting documentation to the school site that their student attends. **Form and residency proofs are due to Ardenwood on or before the due date of 2/28/2019!** This includes TK and any students overloaded/attending here from other schools.

6th Grade Parent News

*** Tdap Immunization Requirement for 7th Grade ***

Students will not be allowed to attend classes in the Fall of 2019 without a shot record of a Tdap booster. Make an after school appointment for Tdap with your physician if your child has yet to have the immunization and turn in the supporting document(s) to the school office.

Thornton Junior High School Administrators are coming to Ardenwood to provide registration information and forms on February 28th. Students will bring their registration forms home for parent input and signatures. Students will be given a deadline for the forms to be returned to their respective sixth grade teacher.

The Math Test for 7th Grade Placement (formerly known as 6th Grade Math Placement Test) is now an online assessment. The test, made up of two parts, will be administered at schools between April 8 and April 17, 2019. Results from both parts of the test, along with district assessment results and 2 years of SBAC scores, will be considered for math placement in junior high and middle school. For more information, please visit the Math Homepage (<https://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/Page/139>).

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 district's School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) are available in English, Spanish, and/or Chinese, as required. You may view our updated SARC, beginning in February 2019, on the Fremont Unified School District web site at www.fremont.k12.ca.us under Resources & Contacts/School Reports, or by visiting your school office. To answer any questions regarding the SARCs, there are designated personnel available at each school site. For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.

After School Programs

Please be aware that it is the parent's responsibility to deliver their children to any after school programs on campus. **Please mark your calendar with the start and end dates for the program so as not to forget to pick up your child when the program ends.** Teachers are not responsible to walk students to their respective after school programs. Be sure to pick up your child(ren) at the time the after school program ends to avoid a rush to the office and your child calling you to be picked up from school.

ELPAC – The 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 February 25 – April 12.

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>

TK Parent Meeting Cancelled

The previously scheduled April 16, 2019 TK Parent Night at Warwick regarding Positive discipline has been cancelled.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, is the state academic testing program. CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress and ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and career. Like last year, CAASPP includes computer-based tests in English language arts, mathematics, and science. Students in grades 3-8 and 11 will take the computer adaptive tests in English and math in spring of 2019. Students in grades 5, 8, and an assigned high school grade will also take the tests in science.

If you would like more information regarding your school's schedule, please contact your school's main office. Following the spring testing, students will receive individual score reports. Student score reports will be electronically distributed to parents/guardians in late summer/early fall and will include an overall score, and description of the student's achievement level for English language arts, mathematics, and science if applicable. If you would like more information, please visit the Parent/Student tab of the CDE CAASPP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>.

Students enrolled in the Spanish Dual Immersion programs at Blacow Elementary School, Grimmer Elementary School, Vallejo Mill Elementary School, or Hopkins Junior High School in grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 will also take the California Spanish Assessment (CSA).

Parents and guardians have the right to exempt their child from taking the CAASPP assessments. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's participation, please contact your school's principal.

FUSD Parent Satisfaction Survey 2019 Now Available

(Fremont, CA, February 7th, 2019) – The Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) is reaching out to its families for feedback on its programs and services. The Parent Satisfaction Survey 2019 is now available online on the [District's website](#). The feedback will assist FUSD in revising its current Local Control and Accountability Plan for the 2019-20 school year, as well as provide the District with valuable information about parent engagement at district schools. The survey is available in English, Spanish and Mandarin at the links below (press CTRL+Link). The survey window will remain open through February 28th, 2019. Hard copies in all languages of the survey will also be made available at the front office of all FUSD schools and can be printed from the District website.

[Parents/Guardians Survey](#) | [Encuesta para Padres/Tutores Legales](#) | [家长调查](#)

About FUSD: The Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) is made up of 42 schools serving nearly 35,000 students in grades K-12. With 16 National Merit Scholars, two National Blue Ribbon Schools and nine 'California Distinguished Schools' named in 2018, FUSD's mission is to provide equitable opportunities to Educate, Challenge and Inspire students of all ages, talents and ability levels, while striving to prepare each with the skills required to adapt and succeed in an ever-changing world. FUSD is located in the City of Fremont, California, a thriving international community. Residents come from countries across the globe to call Fremont home. FUSD takes pride in its diversity, its community, and in its schools. Visit the District's website at www.fremont.k12.ca.us, [Facebook](#), or [Twitter](#) pages for more information.

Have You Moved?

If you move, you must notify the school **within 5 school days** of your new address and telephone number. Please understand we are trying to help all parents/students in the district with this policy. Please be cooperative with the school staff who will be asking you to comply with the Board Policy on Admission/Residence Verification. (BP5111/BP5111.1)

Lost and Found

Please look through the lost and found for any of your child's missing items. Items that have been found around the school campus are placed on the lost clothing rack and adjacent table located near the side door of the attendance office. There are several items in lost and found, including water bottles and lunch boxes.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon.	02/25/19	Alameda County Library Bookmobile 2:45-3:45 PM
Mon.	02/25/19	Read Across America Week Begins
Wed.	02/27/19	Minimum Day
Wed.	02/27/19	Basketball Game vs. Oliveira @ Ardenwood 3:30/4:30 PM
Thurs.	02/28/19	FUSD Annual Residency Verification Forms due
Fri.	03/01/19	Life Touch Spring Pictures
Tues.	03/05/19	PTA Meeting 7:00 PM
Wed.	03/06/19	Minimum Day
Fri.	03/08/19	School Musical "Pirates!" Performance 6:00 PM
Mon.	03/11/19	Scholastic Book Fair Week Begins
Wed.	03/13/19	Minimum Day
Fri.	03/15/19	Family Coding and Maker Night 5:30 PM
Mon.	03/18/19	Alameda County Library Bookmobile 2:45-3:45 PM
Tues.	03/19/19	SSC Meeting 6:30 PM
Wed.	03/20/19	Minimum Day
Fri.	03/22/19	Hitachi Scanning Electron Microscope Arrives at Ardenwood
Wed.	03/27/19	Minimum Day
Fri.	03/29/19	Personal Emergency Preparedness Class (Fremont Fire Department) 6:30 PM with RSVP



Read Across America

We will be celebrating the National Education Association's **Read Across America** event with themed dress-up days. From February 25th to March 1st, Ardenwood will participate in the annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading. This week also falls on the birthday of the beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. Please see the table below for each day's theme taking inspiration for a Dr. Seuss book.

Date	Dr. Seuss Book and What to Wear
Mon., Feb. 25, 2019	Fox in Socks Day: Wear your crazy socks for Read Across America
Tues., Feb. 26, 2019	Cat in the Hat Day: Wear your favorite hat for Read Across America
Wed., Feb. 27, 2019	Wacky Wednesday: Wear mismatched clothes for Read Across America
Thurs., Feb. 28, 2019	Oh, the Places You'll Go Day: Wear what you want to be when you grow up for Read Across America
Fri., March 1, 2019	Fatigued Friday: Wear pajamas to school for Read Across America