



Elie Wasser, Principal ~ Leanna Sutton, Asst. Principal ~ Pamela Fallon, Secretary ~ Dec. 21, 2018

### From the Principal

Dear Ardenwood Families,

All of us here at Ardenwood Elementary know that 2018 was a year of growth and discovery for your child, and we hope that 2019 is a year of health and happiness for you and your family. We are thankful for the support you give your child and encourage you to spend time with friends and family over Winter Break.

Earlier this month, our intermediate classes took part in our local Spelling Bee. Thank you to Mrs. Haider for organizing this event. We would like to congratulate Atharva from Room 32 and Arushi from Room 28 who will go on to represent Ardenwood Elementary School at the district wide Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at Glenmoor Elementary School at 6:30 pm.

Ardenwood students demonstrated their care for community this month by providing food and clothing donations to various local and regional non-profit organizations. Your generosity continues to impress upon your child the important character traits of empathy and compassion.

As a final note for 2018, I am pleased to announce a new and exciting way that you can celebrate your child's birthday here at Ardenwood. Special birthday message requests, to be displayed on our electronic marquee (made possible through Ardenwood PTA fundraising) at the front of our school, will be available in the front office upon our return in 2019 or you can download the Birthday Wish Request Form at [www.tinyurl.com/ArdenwoodBirthday](http://www.tinyurl.com/ArdenwoodBirthday).

Happy New Year,

**Mr. Wasser**

Elie Wasser  
Principal

**Mrs. Sutton**

Leanna Sutton  
Assistant Principal



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### GATE Information 2018-2019

Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) provides support for gifted and talented (GATE) students through differentiated instruction. We believe that differentiated instruction not only serves the needs of our exceptional students, but also enhances the entire educational program for all students. All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to be tested for GATE. The process is automatic and does not require parents to initiate it. Any student whose parent does **not** want their child to participate in testing **must** submit a written request to the Assessment and Accountability Department, 4210 Technology Drive, Room 280, Fremont, California 94538, no later than **January 15, 2019**. The request may be in the form of email, letter, or the optional form available in the district office. Requests submitted after the deadline will **not** be accepted.

### GATE testing for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will occur between February 4 – February 15, 2019.

Students in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade who have not taken the GATE assessment at FUSD have the option to take the GATE assessment. These might be students who are new to the district or who were opted out of GATE testing in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. If your 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade child is eligible for GATE testing this year and you would like them to be assessed, please submit a written request to the Assessment and Accountability Department **by January 15, 2019**. Fifth grade is the last opportunity

for students to be assessed with the GATE test. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be tested between February 19-March 15, 2019.

Students in 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade who *were not identified* in an earlier grade may be considered for GATE identification through the professional judgment process. Teachers and/or parents may nominate students. A completed Nomination Form must be submitted to the Curriculum and Instruction Department, 4210 Technology Drive, Room 260, Fremont, California 94538 **between November 1, 2018 and January 15, 2019**. Additional information and forms are available in the student's school office and may also be downloaded from the Curriculum and Instruction Department website.

### **Registration for New TK and Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 School Year**

Priority enrollment for new TK and Kindergarten students for the next school year will begin January 14, 2019 and run through February 22, 2019. Please see the Fremont Unified School District web site ([www.fremont.k12.ca.us](http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us)), under Enrollment, for more information and instructions.

All other TK-6<sup>th</sup> grade enrollments will begin April 1, 2019 and will be ongoing. Again, please see the Fremont Unified School District web site ([www.fremont.k12.ca.us](http://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.

Please continue to check the Fremont Unified School District website and the Student Support Services webpage **regularly** for updates regarding enrollment for next year.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent News**

*Are you interested in learning about the secondary math placement test your 6<sup>th</sup> grader will be taking?*

If so, you are welcome to attend a Parent Information Night on Monday, February 4, 2019 from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Thornton Junior High School Gymnasium. Topics discussed at this session will cover the following:

- The Secondary Math Pathways
- Explanation of criteria used for placement into The Secondary Math Pathways
- Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Thornton Attendance Area are invited to attend

If you have questions about this event, please contact Curriculum and Instruction at 510-657-2350 extension 12705 or email Susan Lemke at [slemke@fremont.k12.ca.us](mailto:slemke@fremont.k12.ca.us)

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Winter Break is December 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 – January 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 and students return to school on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

Tues.	01/08/19	PTA Meeting 7:00 PM
Wed.	01/09/19	Minimum Day
Wed.	01/09/19	Basketball Opening Games vs. Brookvale @ Ardenwood 3:30/4:30
Tues.	01/15/19	SSC Meeting 6:30 PM
Wed.	01/16/19	Minimum Day
Mon.	01/21/19	No School – M.L.King Jr. Federal Holiday
Wed.	01/23/19	Minimum Day
Wed.	01/23/19	Basketball Games vs. Oliveira @ Ardenwood 3:30/4:30
Fri.	01/25/19	Sports Team Day (Spirit Theme Day)

Tues. 01/29/19 FUSD Spelling Bee @ Glenmoor Elementary 6:30-9:00 PM

Wed. 01/30/19 Minimum Day