

Your monthly guide to school news, information and events.



DRAGON NEWS

APRIL | 2022

A message from our principal



Ardenwood teaches the 8 Great Traits!

IMPORTANT DATES

April 4-18
 Scholastic Book Fair

April 7
 PTA Meeting
 @7:00pm

April 12-14
 Minimum Day

April 15-22
 Spring Break
 NO SCHOOL

April 29
 Spring Picture Day

May 6
 Family Math Night

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

Hello Dragons,

FUSD received an allocation of at-home COVID antigen test kits for use before returning from Spring Break. Every student will receive a box of two tests the week prior to Spring Break. Ardenwood wishes you and your family a safe and enjoyable Spring Break, and a healthy return to school on 4/25/22.

If you have not already had a chance to read the "[Eco-Friendly: Students Learn to Lead Waste Reduction Efforts](#)" article recently published on the district's website, please take a moment to read about the great environmental stewardship that both students and staff engage in at Ardenwood. Happy Earth Day on 4/22/22.

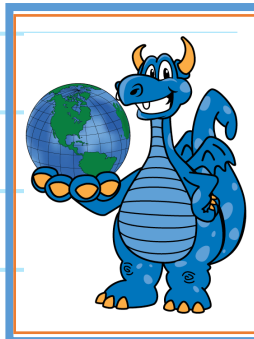
Last week Elementary Education Director Sehrt sent out a form to collect feedback on attributes the community is looking for in the next principal. She will continue to collaborate with both staff, the PTA, and the community at large to identify Ardenwood's next administration.

Go Dragons!

Elie Wasser, Principal

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

Responsibility



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

If your student will not be attending school, please contact the school's absence line at **(510)794-0392**, then press **7** or email bmuir@fusdk12.net.

Please be sure to provide the following:

- 1) Student's Full Name
- 2) Classroom Number
- 3) Reason for Absence
- 4) Your name & relationship with the student

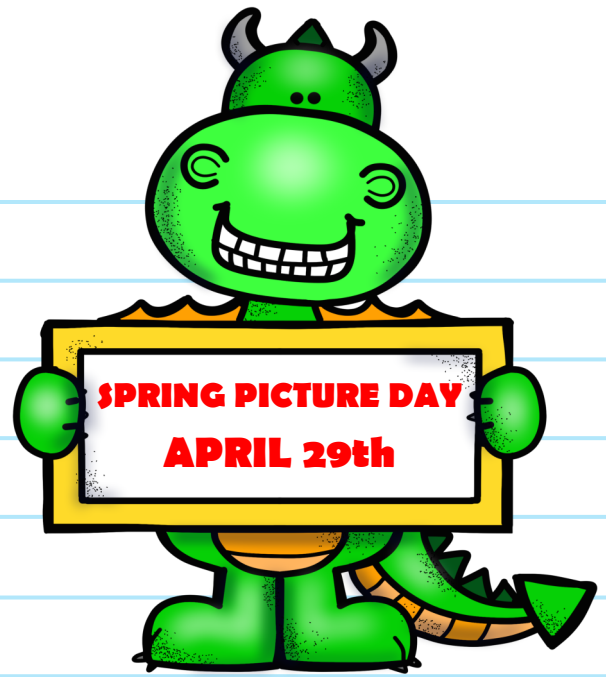


Teacher of the Year



Organized
Energetic
Silly!

Ardenwood
Jenna Kelly



PTA Announcements and Message

We are very excited to announce our newly elected PTA officers for the 2022-23 school year:

- *President* - Jyoti Singh
- *Vice President* - Ellen Tillman
- *Recording Secretary* - Diona Lee
- *Financial Secretary* - Kiran Sharma
- *Treasurer* - Bala Krishnamurthy
- *Auditor* - Amar Chawla
- *Parliamentarian* - Deepika Damojipurapu

We'd also like to congratulate our PTA Founder's Day Service Award winners for the 2021-22 school year:

- *Honorary Service Award* - Mansi Desai, Diona Lee, Mrs. Carla Leon, Shawn Shakoor, Gabriele Strasser
- *Continuing Service Award* - Ellen Tillman
- *Outstanding Teacher Award* - Mrs. Jenn Kelley and Mrs. Antoinette Schlobohm
- *Outstanding Administrator Award* - Mr. Elie Wasser
- *Golden Oak Award* - Mrs. Cathy Bloom-Gregory

We'd like to thank the many volunteers, parents, teachers, and community members that make our school so fantastic!

We'd like everyone to know about the BUSY month of May coming up. PTA has a lot of events, activities, and challenges to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month. We will be sending out more details later this month on how to participate in the exciting things we have planned. Here's a sneak peek of what else is coming up next month:

- Staff Appreciation Week: Star Wars Edition - May 2 - 6
- STEM Math Night with Ardenwood PTA & Mathnasium - Friday, May 6 5:30-7:30pm @Ardenwood Elementary
- PTA Association Meeting - Tuesday, May 31 at 7PM via Zoom

RSVP forms and fliers will be going out in the coming weeks for all activities mentioned. If you have any questions or if you would like more information please contact me any time at ptapresident@ardenwoodschool.org.

Just a friendly reminder...



The Lost and Found is bursting with jackets, sweat-shirts, lunchboxes, and much much more! Please be sure to have you or your students check for any missing items they may have. All unclaimed items will be donated to a charitable organization on April 30th.

CONTINUING STUDENT ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 22-23

As previously communicated, students currently enrolled with us will be automatically rolled over to the next grade level at Ardenwood for the FALL 2022 – 2023 school year. Prior to the start of school, you will receive an email from FUSD notifying you when the Online MAZE Days window opens. Parents will then be required to log into their Infinite Campus (IC) Parent Portal to complete online forms (including emergency updates) and upload proof of residency for your address noted in our student system. Once parents have completed the Online MAZE Day process, they will be ready to log back in when we release Student Schedules/Teacher Assignments. At this time, the MAZE Day window dates have not been determined, but historically the window has opened in mid to late July in advance of the first day of school in August. We strongly recommend that you take a few moments and log into your IC Parent Portal soon so that you'll be ready. If you've forgotten your password, this will allow you to reset it now. Waiting to resolve a portal issue until July is not recommended as it may take weeks to get a reply. If your child will not be attending Ardenwood or another FUSD school in the fall, please let us know and we will have your child's school records ready to send to their next school. Parents are required to notify us in the event of a change in residency. If you have already moved or plan to move after April 1, 2022, your child will be able to finish out the school year with us, but it is to your advantage to let us know within 5 days of your move (AR 5111.1) so that your child is enrolled at their new FUSD school for the fall. Their new enrollment date prioritizes them to attend their home school. Please complete and email the [Change of Address Form](#) along with 2 residency proofs of your new address to our School Secretary, Carla Leon, cleon@fusdk12.net for processing. This ensures you receive school and district mailings. During summer break, please check the Enrollment website to submit your Change of Residency.

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, Tesla, Facebook, Microsoft, VISA, Dell, Nvidia, and many other Fortune 500 companies, chances are they will double your generosity. Your donations go to funding our students' programs and help our school community to offer more events to benefit your children.

An easy way to help raise money for the school!



THE PTA OF ARDENWOOD AND MATHNASIUM PRESENT FAMILY MATH NIGHT

Friday, May 6
5:30 to 7:30 pm
@ Ardenwood
tinyurl.com/DragonMath2022

EXCITING MATH GAMES!
DOOR PRIZES!
FREE PIZZA!



Proud to be a



PLEASE NOTE: All children MUST have a caregiver with them.
Family Math Night is meant to engage families together in fun math activities.
Join us and enjoy a night of interactive math games with your child!



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