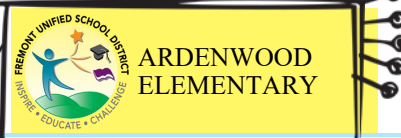




Your monthly guide to school news, information and events.



DRAGON NEWS

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A message from our principal...



IMPORTANT DATES

February 7

PTA Meeting @7:00pm via ZOOM
PTA Founder's Day

February 8

Ardenwood (Home) VS Brookvale

February 10

Science Fair Projects are DUE

February 14

Valentine's Day

February 15

Ardenwood (Visitor) VS Patterson

February 17

Grades 1-3 Minimum Day

February 20

Presidents Day—NO SCHOOL

February 21

School Site Council Meeting
@ 4:00 - 5:00pm

February 22

Ardenwood (Visitor) VS Forest Park

February 24

Residency Verification Forms DUE
Thornton Jr. High Presentation
@10:00am in the MPR

Hello Ardenwood Families,

January was quite a busy month—from the 100th Day of School, to Kindness Week, Dragon Basketball and more! Students were excited to participate in Spirit Days—wearing pajamas, showing off their wacky hair and donning school colors—more spirit-filled days are on the horizon! *Monday Morning Dragon Announcements, brought to us by our own Ardenwood Student Council, have also been a big hit! Spring will bring more exciting events and activities including our School Concert, Open House and more—stay tuned for details. These student-centered activities further enhance the already rich educational experience students receive here at Ardenwood.*

Looking forward, February and the rest of the year promise to be quite busy and exciting for our school community. Next week, Ardenwood will host our Science Fair, offering students an opportunity to create a science project using scientific investigation or the engineering design process. We look forward to seeing some amazing student work!

Also, registration season is in full swing! Please review all related information and submit required documents by the posted deadlines. For more information, please visit the FUSD website [FUSD 2023 - 2024 Enrollment](#) and check our Ardenwood newsletter section on registration.

Over the next several months, many of our students will be taking part in statewide assessments including the [California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress \(CAASPP\)](#) and the [English Language Proficiency Assessments for California \(ELPAC\)](#). As we approach the specific testing dates, more information will be shared with students and families. Please visit the included links or reach out to me if you have questions.

We look forward to a busy and exciting next few months. Dragon families, please continue to remind your students of our Ardenwood rules—Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be Responsible!

Go Dragons!

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



Continuing Student Info

- ⇒ [Timelines for families with currently attending students.](#)
- ⇒ [Slideshow for families with currently attending students. \(Chinese\)](#)
- ⇒ Thornton Jr. High School Administrator and Counselors will come Feb. 24th. 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 6th Gr. Teacher.

FALL 23-24 Residency Verification Form has been mailed home to families for each student currently enrolled in TK-6th grades. The form will NOT be handed out to parents and serves 2 purposes: it reserves a spot for your child next year at Ardenwood and also fulfills the District's mandated annual residency verification via USPS.

Form and residency proofs are due to Ardenwood on or before the due date of [February 24, 2023!](#)

MOVING?

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.

If you have any enrollment questions, please email our Secretary, Carla Leon - cleon@fusdk12.net

Tdap Immunization Requirements

Students will not be allowed to attend classes nor register 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.

LOST & FOUND

If your child has lost something, please be sure to check out our Lost & Found Area next to the Front Office.

ELPAC - 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 between February and May.
- 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>





PARENT INVOLVEMENT

⇒ We are recruiting for Noon Supervisors to help us monitor the safety of the students. If interested, please visit the [EdJoin website](#) to apply or email our school secretary, Carla Leon, cleon@fusdk12.net

Counselor Corner

KINDNESS Week Continued– because there was so much participation and fun surrounding kindness week, we are going to extend the festivities. Please look in your child’s Friday Folders to know the daily challenges for February 13th– 17th. Please encourage your student to demonstrate kindness.

Also, don’t forget to visit [Ms. Guerrero’s Virtual Counseling Room](#) to learn how to have a Growth Mindset.

Science & Engineering Fair

We are excited to host the 2022-2023 Science & Engineering Fair! If your child is participating, please make sure they bring their project to their classroom on **Friday, February 10**. We cannot accept late submissions. Projects will be evaluated by grade level teachers and given a ribbon for first, second, or third place. All other students will receive a participation award. District recognition for one 1st place project from each grade level will occur during the board meeting on March 22, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The fifth grade winner from each school will have the opportunity to represent their school at the City of Fremont’s Steam Event on March 29th. Projects will be displayed during the week of February 13-17. At this time, only classes can visit the projects due to COVID-19 protocols. Thank you for your understanding.

FUSD Policies Regarding Volunteers on Campus

Volunteers who have received clearance at a school must sign in and out, must wear a visitor badge at all times, and must follow all site-specific protocols.

Volunteer Clearance

All volunteers must submit an application through [CiviCore](#). (effective 9/23/22) in order to receive clearance. Volunteers who are at a school under the direct supervision of a certificated employee must remain under the supervision of that employee for the duration of their visit.

A message from our PTA President



SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Hello Dragon Families,



I hope to see you virtually at our [Tuesday, February 7th at 7pm Association Zoom Meeting](#), where we will be honoring our Founders Day recipients. Congratulations to our Ardenwood students who received Reflections Awards from Fremont Council PTA last month!

PTA’s 2023 Golden Sneaker Contest is happening February 27th-March 10th, 2023. Stay tuned for fun ways on how to encourage your student(s) to walk, bike, carpool or scoot to school.

If you want to show your Dragon Pride, be sure to purchase your [Spiritwear and Ardie plushie](#)! Please encourage your student(s) to log their reading minutes for the PTA [Dragon Readers](#).

If you are interested in serving on PTA next year, please let me know at ptapresident@ardenwoodschool.org.