



Your monthly guide to school news, information and events.



DRAGON NEWS

DECEMBER | 2021

A message from our 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

IMPORTANT DATES

December 7

School Site Council Meeting

December 9

Spelling Bee
 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade

December 11

GATE Nomination Forms are Due to the Principal

December 15

Young Authors Submission Deadline

December 19

FCPTA Reflections Award Ceremony

December 21

Minimum Day for Grades 1-6

Dec 23– Jan 7

Winter Break
 NO SCHOOL

Hello Dragons,

We are just a few weeks away from the new year, and it is my hope that 2022 is a year filled with learning and joy for all of our students. As this calendar year comes to and end, it's always an excellent time to reflect on the past year with your child. Encourage them to share with you stories of how they have been Safe, Respectful, and Responsible at school this year, and how they can work to strengthen those skills next year.

We hope you and your family continue to remain safe and healthy. Many families have been letting their teachers know that students will be missing days in December and/or January. As a reminder, attendance at school is mandatory and travel should take place only during the breaks. If you do travel internationally, we advise that you follow the [CDC guidelines](#) which we continue to send home.

Happy Holidays to our Ardenwood Dragon families.

Elie Wasser
 Elie Wasser, Principal

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



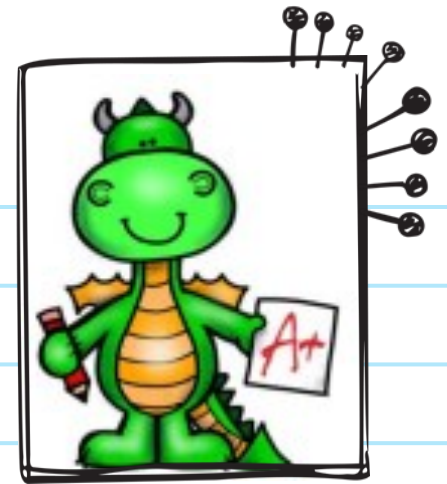
Attendance Matters

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. Please be sure to clearly provide the following:

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





GATE UPDATE

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.

In February of 2020, funding for the CogAT testing was cut as part of the budget savings. While the CogAT testing has been the primary means of qualifying students for GATE identification we are now in the process of identifying an alternative way of identifying students. **There will not be a test for GATE eligibility given this year.** We are currently revising the GATE identification process and handbook FUSD will have an update by Spring 2022.

During the 2021/22 school year we will continue to identify **5th and 6th grade students** who were not identified in an earlier grade. These students may be considered for GATE identification through the professional judgement process. Teacher and/or parents may nominate a student. A completed nomination form must be submitted by the teacher or parent to the school Principal by December 11, 2021. Principals will set up meetings with the teacher, student, and parent to discuss the student's eligibility for GATE identification. In June 2022, parents, teachers, and students who applied for professional judgement will be informed of their child's GATE eligibility.

Dragon Dollars

If your child have accumulated Dragon Dollars, please instruct them to write their Name, Room number, and Grade level on the back of their tickets. There's a Drop off box located in the front office.

Immunization and COVID-19 Vaccination Proof

Staying up-to-date with scheduled immunizations will help protect your student and family from dangerous diseases. If your student recently received the COVID Vaccine, please submit your documents by emailing Mrs. Chu (wchu@fusdk12.net) or Mrs. Leon (cleon@fusdk12.net) or visit our office with your vaccination card so that we may update your child's records.

A message from our PTA President



Happy December, Dragon Community!

We'd like to remind you that our Ardenwood store is up and running online with NEW Spiritwear. Order yours today at: <https://ardenwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com/store/7238>. We are so excited to be going for a National PTA School of Excellence designation for this school year! We have submitted our initial application (thank you to everyone who participated in the initial survey) and are moving forward working towards our goal for this year of promoting healthy lifestyles both at school and at home. Stay tuned for more information in the new year! Finally, as always, we ask that if you haven't had a chance to sign up or donate to Ardenwood PTA, please do that today! We cannot do our work without support and funding from our school community. You can sign up or donate at: <https://ardenwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com/home>. Happy holidays everyone!





2022-2023 Enrollment Info

Please visit [FUSD 2022-2023 New Student Enrollment](#) for Important Dates and regarding New Elementary Student Enrollment Information.

Transitional Kindergarten (TK), Kindergarten, & Sibling Priority Enrollment begins January 11, 2022.

IS YOUR CHILD ATTENDING ARDENWOOD NOW?

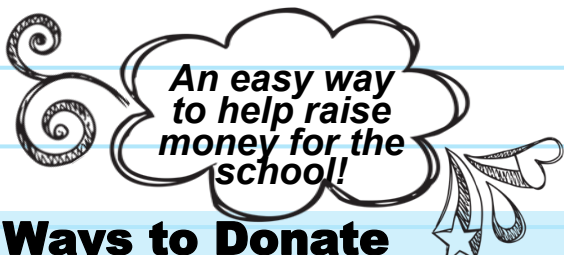
⇒ Continuing Student Fall Registration forms will be mailed out to homes in **early February** from FUSD. **DO NOT TOSS IT OUT!** The form will need to be turned in to the school by **March 4, 2022** and your child will have their spot saved for next year.

- **MOVING?** If you have or plan to move, please email Carla Leon at cleon@fusdk12.net so that we may know where to send your student's records to.

School Site Council & English Language Advisory Committee
 The joint SSC / ELAC is looking to fill one more parent member vacancy. As this school oversight body helps develop our school's English language acquisition program, this vacancy should be filled by a parent of a student who is a current English Language Learner.
 Please contact the office with any questions.
tiny.cc/ArdenwoodSSC

Enrollment Questions?
 Please email our School Secretary, Mrs. Leon.
cleon@fusdk12.net

Thornton Middle School Conversion Update
 FUSD has informed schools in the attendance area that Thornton will be postponing the conversion to a middle school by one year. The new conversion timeline will be August 2023. 2022/2023 Thornton will remain 7/8. This postponement will help ensure a safe transition and provide the needed time to complete the final phase of construction.



HOW CAN WE HELP?
 Please email all questions, concerns, or inquiries to the email below and one of our office staff will get back to you within 24hrs.
Ardenwoodoffice@fusdk12.net

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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HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

DECEMBER 7th - DECEMBER 17th

HELP US SPREAD JOY BY DONATING A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY OR BOOK!

WE WANT TO PROVIDE 300 NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS OR BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AGES NEWBORN TO 17!

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT :

ARDENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MAIN OFFICE

33955 EMILIA LANE, FREMONT CA 94555

YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

LOV organization will distribute toys to children in Fremont, Newark and Union City.

For more information please contact :
773.771.7873

