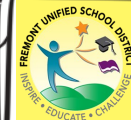




Your monthly guide to school news, information and events.



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DRAGON NEWS

DECEMBER | 2022

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 8

Reflections Awards Ceremony
MPR @ 5:30pm

December 9

Ardenwood Spelling Bee
5th & 6th Grade

December 14

6th Grade Fundraiser
Cookie Dough Distribution

December 15

GATE Nomination Forms are
Due to the Principal

December 21

Dragon Dollar Drawing

December 22

Minimum Day (Grades K-6)
PTA Holiday Appreciation
Breakfast

Dec 23- Jan 8

Winter Break
NO SCHOOL
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Greetings Dragons,

With just a few weeks left in the year, I want to wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy winter break. The end of one year and beginning of another is a wonderful opportunity for reflection. It seems like we just started the year, yet we are already midway through December. We've already shared so many wonderful experiences—Picture Day, Peace Week, Harvest Festival, Costume Parade, Walk-N-Roll to School, the Book Fair, Math Night, Reflections and so much more. Students have done a great job in their learning and they continue working hard to be good citizens of our school by being Safe, Respectful and Responsible. As we wind down the year, let us reflect on our progress as a school community and look forward to a successful 2023. Wishing each of you a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

Sincerely,


Glynis Mason, Principal

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



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

ardenwoodoffice@fusdk12.net.

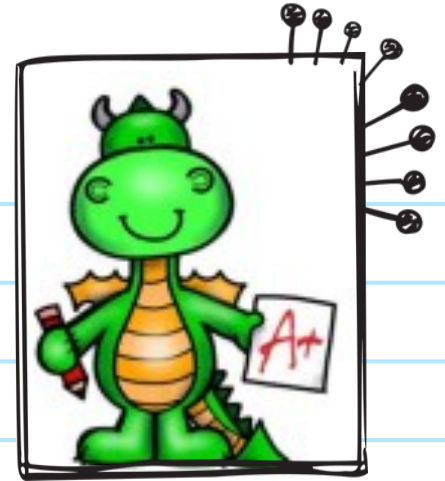
Please be sure to clearly provide the following:

- 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 2023.

During the 2022/23 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 15, 2022**. Principals will set up meetings with the teacher, student, and parent to discuss the student's eligibility for GATE identification. In June 2023, 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. Raffle Drawing will be on **DECEMBER 21, 2022**.

FUSD SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

- When?** Projects are due on or before **February 10, 2023**
- Who?** All FUSD Students Grades TK-6
- Where?** Projects may be viewed in the MPR from Feb 13-17
- Student Info:** Science Fair Information can be found on the district website (<https://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/fair>)

A message from our PTA President



Happy December, Dragon Community!

We have a lot of exciting events planned this month and for the upcoming new year. For the month of December, PTA is holding a [Dragons Doing Good virtual fundraiser](#) to raise money for our school while making an impact in our community. To join, don't forget to register your student at <http://my.raiseacraze.com/AG81YCJ>. As part of this month's initiative, PTA has also partnered with [LOV TOY Drive](#) to help spread holiday cheer to kids. Bring in an unwrapped toy in the LOV bin in the office.

Also, don't forget to visit the [PTA Store](#) to get the latest Spiritwear items! Get them before we run out! FOR A LIMITED TIME, you can even pre-order your very own [Archie the Dragon Plush!](#)

Please continue to remind your student to fill out their [Dragon Readers Log](#) even during break! Happy holidays everyone!





2023-2024 Enrollment Info

Please visit [FUSD 2023-2024 New Student Enrollment](#) for Important Dates and regarding New Elementary Student Enrollment Information.

Transitional Kindergarten (TK), Kindergarten, & Sibling Priority Enrollment begins **December 23, 2022.**

IS YOUR CHILD ATTENDING ARDENWOOD NOW?

⇒ Continuing Student Fall Registration forms will be mailed out to homes on *January* by FUSD. **DO NOT TOSS IT OUT!** Form and residency proofs are due to Ardenwood by **February 24, 2023.**

⇒ **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.

Enrollment Questions?

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

FUSD VOLUNTEER POLICY

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.

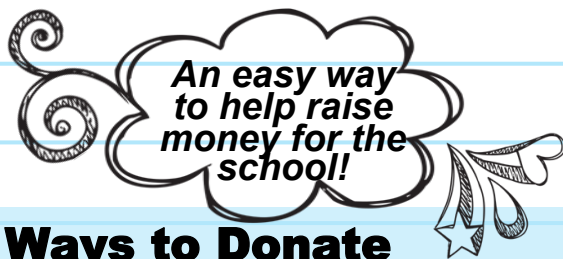
6th GRADE FAMILIES

Students **WILL NOT** be allowed to attend classes in the fall of 2023 without a shot record of a Tdap booster. Please ensure that you 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 ASAP.

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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