

# Azevada Elementary School

## Parent Update

October 2020

Hello Azevada All Star Parents:

It has been another busy week of school! Thank you to our parents, students, teachers, and family members who have been working hard in their distance learning classrooms.

I am sure that many of our families have heard that some schools in Alameda County are preparing to bring students back into the school building for in-person schooling. As of now, there is no return date or return to school plan for our students in FUSD. This important decision will be made by our FUSD School Board trustees. The FUSD School Board will be discussing this at the November FUSD School Board Meeting. Please be sure to tune into the FUSD School Board Meetings, or the recorded sessions (available online via the district website) to learn more about this.

### REMINDER ABOUT CONNECTING TO YOUR ONLINE CLASSES:

As a reminder, please remember that when your child logs into their online classroom, PE prep classroom, and/or Science prep classroom, they must display their full name (as it shows on our school attendance records). This is very important because this is how teachers are taking attendance. If the name displayed is not a name on the classroom attendance roster, then the teacher will likely have to mark your child absent and will have to remove the person (with the unknown name) from the online classroom. Please assist your child if they are not sure how to display their name correctly.

Also, if you or your child are having difficulty connecting to their online classroom, please be sure to reach out to your classroom teacher and/or the Azevada school office staff @ [azevadaoffice@fusdk12.net](mailto:azevadaoffice@fusdk12.net). We will work together to help resolve the issues.

### HOTSPOTS:

As of today, we have received a total of 17 Hotspots to loan out to our Azevada families. We currently have more than 90 families on our list of families who have indicated a need for a Hotspot. Because we do not have enough Hotspots for all families who have requested them, we are purposely handing out this first group of 17 Hotspots to families whose children have no internet and/or whose children have very limited internet and, therefore, have had many absences from school. We are hoping to receive more Hotspots from the district office in the near future. Thank you for your patience!

### AZEVADA VIRTUAL OFFICE:

Connect with the Azevada school office! Every Tuesday and Thursday during our student lunch period. Our amazing school secretary, Frances Herup, will open our office virtually to answer questions. Please connect any Tuesday or Thursday using this link: <https://bit.ly/2F2Ka6d>  
Meeting ID: 926 3001 4254 Passcode: r9q74M

### VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS, Open Chats, Topics and More! (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

12:10pm – 12:40pm	Virtual office hours in the language of English.
12:40pm – 1:10pm	Virtual office hours in the language of Spanish.
TBA	Virtual office hours in the language of Chinese. (TBA – We are looking for an interpreter. Please contact the office if you can assist us! Thank you! )



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT AZEVADA

Oct. 9	Trimester 1 Progress Reports go home to parents.
Oct. 13	Azevada PTA General Meeting via Zoom (@ 6:30 – 7:30pm).
Oct. 14	Minimum Day (grades 1 – 6). Overlap Day (grade K).
Oct. 21	Minimum Day (grades 1 – 6). Overlap Day (grade K).
Oct. 27	SSC + ELAC Meeting via Zoom (@ 3:30 – 4:30pm).
Oct. 28	Minimum Day (grades 1 – 6). Overlap Day (grade K).
Oct. 30	Azevada's Lunch Time Chat via Zoom (@ 12:10 – 1:10pm).
Nov. 4	Minimum Day (grades 1 – 6). Overlap Day (grade K).
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Holiday. No School for students.
Nov. 13	Azevada's Lunch Time Chat via Zoom (@ 12:10 – 1:10pm).
Nov. 13	End of Trimester 1.
Nov. 16 – 20	Minimum Days (grades 1 – 6). Parent Teacher Conferences. Trimester 1 Report Cards go home.
Nov. 17 – 20	Overlap Days (grade K). Parent Teacher Conferences. Trimester 1 Report Cards go home.
Nov. 23 – 27	Thanksgiving Holiday. No school for students.
Dec. 2	Minimum Day (grades 1 – 6). Overlap Day (grade K).
Dec. 8	Azevada PTA General Meeting via Zoom (@ 6:30 – 7:30pm).
Dec. 9	Minimum Day (grades 1 – 6). Overlap Day (grade K).
Dec. 11	Azevada's Lunch Time Chat via Zoom (@ 12:10 – 1:10pm).
Dec. 16	Minimum Day (grades 1 – 6). Overlap Day. (Grade K).
Dec. 18	Minimum Day (grades 1 – 6). Overlap Day. (Grade K). Last Day before Winter Break.
Dec. 19 – Jan. 3	Winter Break Holiday. No school for students.

### AZEVADA'S LUNCH TIME CHAT:

Our Azevada's Lunch Time Chat sessions are happening one Friday each month during the students' lunch hour (12:10 – 1:10pm). Please mark your calendars for **Friday, October 30, 2020 @ 12:10 – 1:10pm** for our next Azevada's Lunch Time Chat with Principal Diamond and representatives from our Azevada PTA and CIPCF parent groups (via Zoom!).

If you would like to submit a question for our next Azevada's Lunch Time Chat session (which will occur on Friday, Oct. 30, 2020 @ 12:10 – 1:10pm), please add your questions to the agenda using this <https://forms.gle/xdqtFhDrcnYGdTC2A>. And if you would like to join Azevada's Lunch Time Chat session on Friday, Oct. 30, 2020 @ 12:10 – 1:10pm, Join us using this **Zoom LINK:** <https://bit.ly/2F2Ka6d>  
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**Thank you to all who have already donated to your child's classroom. It is much appreciated! If you have not donated yet, your classroom could really use your help today!**

### Ways to Donate:

- Donate in your child's class using My School Bucks on our website: <https://bit.ly/2YIHMxS>
- Make an appointment to drop off a check to the Azevada office. Monday–Friday from 9:00am-2:00pm
- 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.**

## **PARENT/GUARDIAN PROTOCOLS DURING DISTANCE LEARNING:**

As we continue with our full distance learning model this year, please review these important reminders for our parents/guardians and their families in regard to the legal aspects pertaining to students, teachers, and staff.

### **Student Confidentiality**

- All students have the right to confidentiality, which extends to distance learning.
  - Exception: By law, staff members are mandated reporters and required to report suspected child abuse, as well as safety concerns related to danger of self and to others.
- To the extent possible, all students should remain in a confidential setting while viewing in-classroom teaching.
- [Per Education Code 51512](#), it is illegal to record teachers and/or students. This is a violation of student and staff privacy.
- In-classroom teaching is for the personal use of the student for the sole purpose of distance learning.
- Parents/guardians and family members of early elementary students may support students as they learn how to use online platforms to access learning.
- We ask that parents/guardians who need to communicate with their student's teacher schedule a meeting with the teacher so that the live instructional time can proceed without interruptions. All teachers have identified office hours to support students and families.

### **Academic Integrity**

- FUSD places a high value on academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to use only the resources and references allowed by their teachers in completing assignments and assessments.
- While collaborative work with other students is often encouraged and acceptable, students must follow teacher directions when told to work independently.
- Students who cheat on assignments or assessments will be penalized.

### **Student Dress Code and Behavior**

- Students should keep to the dress code as they would in a physical classroom, and avoid inappropriate clothes during a live session.
- The District has the right to monitor behavior, identify bullying, and set expectations for good behavior while using these platforms.
- The District may use audio or video recordings when investigating possible inappropriate behavior.

### **Visiting the School Site**

Our school sites are closed to the public but there may be instances when the site administrator will contact you or students to come to the site. In order to follow health and safety guidelines provided by the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH), we ask that all visitors:

- Maintain a social distance of six feet with anyone around you. In addition, we will only allow a maximum of two visitors at a time in all school offices.
- Wear face coverings at all times. Those without a face covering will not be allowed on any school property.
- Limit their movement on campus to the school office only. Visitors, including parents/guardians, are not allowed to enter the school grounds or classrooms.
- Adhere to the drop off/pick up schedules for packets and assignments as determined and communicated by each school site.

### **Best Practices for Students and Staff during Distance Learning**

- With an eye towards these privacy issues, we have put together the following shortlist of best practices when using distance learning platforms:
  - Avoid uploading sensitive, confidential, or personally identifiable information to these platforms whenever possible.
  - Always access these platforms from the same device (e.g., designate one computer for distance learning; do not use multiple computers or devices).
  - Regularly clear your internet history, including your browsing history, cache, and cookies.
  - Do not share your login credentials or meeting links with anyone.
  - Use an advertisement blocking program while accessing these platforms.

Have a wonderful week! We look forward to seeing everyone (virtually)!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carole Diamond

Principal for Azevada Elementary School