

# Azevada Elementary School

November 20, 2020

Hello Azevada All Star Parents,

As we finish this week of school, all of the Azevada staff members and I want to wish our Azevada All Star families a very happy, healthy, and safe Thanksgiving week holiday. As a reminder, there is no school next week (Nov. 23-27) as it is our Thanksgiving week holiday.

Thank you to all of our parents who participated in their Parent Teacher Conferences at Azevada this week. As we know, Parent Teacher Conferences are an important opportunity for parents to learn more about how their child is doing both academically and social-emotionally. And during this time of distance learning, and the unique challenges of learning on-line, this opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and talk was even more important. If you were unable to schedule and/or attend your child's Parent Teacher Conference, please be sure to contact your child's teacher or the school office.

As you know, there is currently no "return to the school building" date for our students in FUSD. This important decision will be made by our FUSD School Board. This topic will be discussed at the December 2020 FUSD School Board Meeting. Please be sure to watch the FUSD School Board Meeting on December 16, 2020 or watch the recorded sessions (available online via the district website) to learn more about this important topic.

# **TRIMESTER 1 REPORT CARDS:**

As a reminder, parents will be able to retrieve an online copy of their child's Trimester 1 Report Card beginning on Monday, November 23, 2020 via the Parent Portal. Below are directions for how parents can enter Parent Portal (to retrieve an online copy of their child's report card): <u>https://bit.ly/3lVRxN6</u>. If you need help with your password press "forgot password" in order to email the link to yourself. You can also email <u>azevadaoffice@fusdk12.net</u>

# NEW OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK OUT AZEVADA LIBRARY BOOKS:

We are very excited to offer our Azevada All Star students a way to check out books from the Azevada School Library! Please review the attached information from Mrs. I. (our amazing librarian) on how students can now check out Azevada library books. Thank you, Ms. I. for creating a safe way for students to use our library! <u>https://bit.ly/3kUUg8a</u>

# YOU ARE INVITED TO "AZEVADA'S LUNCH TIME CHAT:"

While we are using the distance learning format, our Azevada's Lunch Time Chat sessions will continue to take place on one Friday of each month during the students' lunch hour (12:10 – 1:10pm). Please mark your calendars for **Friday, December 11, 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, please add your questions to the agenda using this <u>https://forms.gle/xdqtFhDrcnYGdTC2A</u>. And if you would like to join Azevada's Lunch Time Chat session on Friday, December 11, 2020 @ 12:10 – 1:10pm, please join us: **Join Zoom Meeting** <u>https://zoom.us/j/94973835039?pwd=QXpPWnhmVGlkMW9NMmdSY1hYakRxdz09</u> **Meeting ID: 949 7383 5039 Passcode: 099518** 



# **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 have purposely distributed the first 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 school office virtually to answer questions. And thank you to our Kindergarten parent, Y. Wang (who has volunteered to be our MANDARIN Virtual Office Hours Interpreter), we are now able to also provide Virtual Office hours in the language of Mandarin! (Thank you, Ms. Wang!) Please connect with the Azevada office any Tuesday or Thursday using this link:

https://bit.ly/2F2Ka6d Meeting ID: 926 3001 4254 Passcode: r9q74M

|                   | VINTUAL OFFICE HOURS (Tuesuays and Thursdays)             | Alternation of the      |  |
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| 12:10pm - 12:30pm | Virtual office hours in the language of English.          | Virtual Office<br>Hours |  |
| 12:30pm - 12:50pm | Virtual office hours in the language of Spanish.          | On Zoom                 |  |
| 12:50 – 1:10pm    | Virtual office hours in the language of Chinese/Mandarin. | Tuesdays & Thursday     |  |

# VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT AZEVADA:

| Nov. 23 – 27     | Thanksgiving Holiday. No school for students.                                     |
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| Dec. 1           | CIPCF Meeting (via Zoom) @ 7:30 – 8:30pm  |
| 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.                                     |
| Jan. 4           | Classes begin again for students.   |
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Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Week holiday! We look forward to seeing everyone (virtually), when school resumes, on Monday, November 20, 2020!

Sincerely, Mrs. Carole Diamond Principal Azevada Elementary School



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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, we 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 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.



**ATTENDANCE:** Nothing can replace classroom time. However, from time to time we realize that your child might be absent or tardy for a partial day or an entire day. If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please call:

# (510) 657-3900, Extension # 7

For absences/tardies please provide:

- Student's First & Last Name (please spell)
- Reason for absence/tardy
- Student's room and/or teacher
- Your name and relation to student

Telling the teacher, does not clear or excuse the absences/tardy, they MUST be cleared by calling the attendance line by 10:00 AM.

Any absences not cleared by a parent/guardian will be considered **unexcused**.



Please note:

All absences and tardies become part of your child's attendance record. Excessive absences and/or tardies, excused or unexcused, may result in a truancy warning.

**Excused Absences:** Illness, medical, dental appointments \*Official doctor's note may be required.

If it is easier, the parent may email Frances in the office with the same information:

fherup@fusdk12.net



## **REMINDER ABOUT CONNECTING TO YOUR ONLINE CLASSES:**

As a reminder, 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 the teachers are taking daily school attendance. If the name displayed is not a name on the classroom attendance roster, then the teacher will have to mark the child absent and then 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 We will work together to help resolve the issues.

#### 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**

- $\cdot\,$  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.
- $\cdot$  To the extent possible, all students should remain in a confidential setting while viewing in-classroom teaching.
- <u>Per Education Code 51512</u>, 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.
- $\cdot\,$  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:



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· 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.

 $\cdot\,$  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:

 $\circ\,$  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.

# GATE

# (English, Spanish and Mandarin translations below.)

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 2021.

During the 2020/21 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. <u>Teachers</u> (*staff only*) and/or <u>parents</u> may nominate a student. A completed nomination form must be submitted by the teacher or parent to the school Principal by December 11, 2020. Principals will set up meetings with the teacher, student, and parent to discuss the student's eligibility for GATE identification. In June 2021, parents, teachers, and students who applied for professional judgement will be informed of their child's GATE eligibility.



**Spanish Translation for GATE** 

El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Fremont (FUSD) proporciona apoyo a los estudiantes dotados y talentosos (GATE) a través de una instrucción diferenciada. Creemos que la instrucción diferenciada no sólo sirve a las necesidades de nuestros estudiantes excepcionales, sino que también mejora todo el programa educativo para todos los estudiantes.

En febrero de 2020, se recortaron los fondos para los exámenes CogAT como parte del ahorro presupuestario. Mientras que el examen CogAT ha sido el medio principal para identificar a los estudiantes en GATE, ahora estamos en proceso de identificar una forma alternativa para hacerlo. No se dará una prueba para la elegibilidad de GATE este año. Estamos revisando el proceso de identificación GATE y se actualizará el manual FUSD para la primavera de 2021.

Durante el año escolar 2020/21 continuaremos identificando a los estudiantes de 5º y 6º grado que no fueron identificados en un grado anterior. Se puede considerar a estos estudiantes para la identificación de GATE a través del proceso de juicio profesional. Los maestros y/o padres pueden nominar a un estudiante. Los maestros o padres deben enviar un formulario de nominación al director de la escuela antes del 11 de diciembre de 2020. El director o directora programará una junta con el maestro, el estudiante y los padres para discutir la elegibilidad del estudiante para su identificación GATE. En junio de 2021, se informará a los padres, maestros y estudiantes que solicitaron un juicio profesional de la elegibilidad GATE de su hijo(a).

# **Chinese/Mandarin translation for GATE**

Fremont 聯合學區(FUSD)為資優(GATE)學生提供區別教學。我們相信區別教學不只滿足本校傑出學生的需要,也提高了給所有學生的整體教育計劃。

2020年2月, CogAT 測驗的資金因為節省預算而刪減。CogAT 測驗一直是鑑定GATE 合格學生的主要工具, 我們正在尋找另一個識別學生的替代方法。今年將不會進行GATE資格測驗。我們正在修改GATE 鑑 定程序和手冊。FUSD將於2021年春季完成更新。

在2020/21 學年間,我們將繼續鑑定較早年級沒有被鑑定的五年級和六年級學生。這些學生可經由專業評 判程序被識別為GATE資格。 <u>老師</u>和/或 家長 可以推薦學生。填妥的推薦表格必須於<u>2020年12月11日</u>之前 送交學校校長。校長將安排與老師,學生和家長會面,討論學生GATE 的識別資格。申請專業評判的家長 ,老師和學生將於2021年6月 收到他們孩子的GATE 資格。



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Parent letter - LCP Assessment Information: English: <u>https://bit.ly/3pRSYOU</u> Spanish: <u>https://bit.ly/3kX8jtL</u> Chinese: <u>https://bit.ly/2J0txtu</u>



# All town halls start at 6 PM:

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Irvington Mon, Nov 30

Kennedy Thurs, Dec 3

Washington Tues, Dec 8

American Wed, Dec 9

Mission Thurs, Dec 10

Please watch the virtual town hall on the Live Stream

## what's happening:

Superintendent CJ Cammack invites parents and the community to a series of virtual town hall meetings to talk about the FUSD budget and gather feedback regarding potential budget balancing solutions. Five meetings will be scheduled focused on each FUSD attendance area.

## how to participate:

<u>Google Comment Form</u> available in advance of each event to allow the community an opportunity to submit questions. During the town hall if you want to provide live input see links under attendance area headers below.

How are California Schools Funded? (ACOE presentation pdf)

Infographic (ACOE)

**Budget Frequently Asked Questions (2019)** 

Full and Fair Funding for Public Education





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# KENNEDY THURS, DEC 3 @ 6PM

# Please watch the virtual town hall on the Live Stream.

# how to participate: submit your questions/input

Before the virtual town hall on school budgets goes live use this Google Form.

During the virtual town hall if you want to provide live input - Zoom Webinar

Join with an Internet connected device (tablet, computer, phone, etc.)

Members of the public may join the virtual town hall by registering through the Zoom Webinar link (limit of 500 attendees). <u>Please click on this link to register/join the Zoom Webinar</u> (Kennedy)

• To provide input by video conference, click the "Raise Your Hand" button to request to speak. When it is your turn to speak the moderator will call on you. You will then be unmuted. <u>Instructions for</u> <u>Raise-Hand-In-Webinar</u>.

or - Join by phone:

Dial: 1 669 900 9128, Webinar ID: 898 5150 8826, Passcode: 950054

• To provide input by phone, you will be prompted to "Raise Your Hand" by pressing "\*9" to request to speak. When it is your turn to speak the last four digits of your phone number will be called out. You will then be unmuted. <u>Instructions for Joining-a-meeting-by-phone</u>.