

Azevada “Morning Chat” Agenda

Friday, December 16, 2022

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

1. UPDATES FROM MRS. DIAMOND:

- **Questions submitted via the online “LunchTime Chat” document:**
 - **Question #1: *How many days can we take leave from school when there is an emergency (emergency trip to India)?***
 - **Answer #1:** Students are expected to attend school every day. Students who are absent (unexcused) from school for more than ten consecutive school days will be dropped from school enrollment on the eleventh school day. (The family can re-enroll the student upon return. In these cases, the student is re-enrolled into the same school if possible.) If a family wishes, they may apply for an “Independent Study Contract” for a student who will be absent from school for not less than five and not more than ten consecutive school days. There are specific requirements that must be followed. Please see the information below about the “Independent Study Contract” from the 2022-23 FUSD Parent & Student Handbook:

Independent Study:

- A short-term Independent Study contract is a voluntary alternative to a regular classroom program of instruction when a student is absent from school for not less than five (5) and not more than ten (10) consecutive school days.
- In Grades K-12, only one Independent Study contract per school year is allowed.
- Students may not be on short term Independent Study more than three (3) times while in Grades K-12. (BP/AR 6158)
- No Independent Study contracts will be issued for the first 20 days, the last 20 days of the school year, or during state testing times.
- Schools are not obligated to provide students with an Independent Study contract.
- The availability of an Independent Study contract must be agreed upon by mutual consent of the principal, teacher, parent/guardian, and student.
- Students should only be placed on Independent Study if the student can successfully accomplish their academics. (EC 51745(a) and 51747 (c)(7)) 6
- Requests for Independent Study contracts must be given to the teacher(s) at least 10 school days prior to the first day of the absence (in the event of an emergency, contact the principal).
- A written Independent Study contract must be completed, signed and dated for each participating student prior to the starting date of the Independent Study.
- The contract must contain all the components prescribed by law.
- Each student’s Independent Study contract shall be coordinated, evaluated and carried out under the general supervision of a certificated teacher.
- All assigned work is due on the day upon which the student is scheduled to return to the classroom and shall be graded by appropriately credentialed teachers.
- Students, who have previously been granted an Independent Study Agreement and have not successfully completed a previous Independent Study agreement, are not eligible for any subsequent short-term Independent Study agreements.
- No individual with disabilities, as defined in Education Code 56026, may participate in Independent Study unless the student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) specifically provides for such participation. (EC 51745 (c))

- **Question #2: Are there concerts for elementary/Kindergarten students?**
 - Answer #2: I am not aware of any concerts for elementary and Kindergarten students available through the school district. There may be opportunities available through the Fremont Parks & Recreation Department.

2. ADDITIONAL UPDATES & REMINDERS:

Healthy Classroom Celebrations @ Azevada:

The holiday season is approaching and we would like to remind our Azevada community that Azevada continues to be committed to promoting healthy lifestyles. In regard to classroom celebrations, we strongly encourage fun celebrations that include arts and crafts. If a classroom teacher plans a classroom celebration that includes food, we encourage only "healthy food items," such as fruit, vegetables, cheese, yogurt, pretzels, etc. that contain NO PEANUTS or NUTS of any type. There are many students in our school who have allergy and/or health concerns that restrict the types of foods they can consume. By making healthy food choices, we are able to include more of our students in our celebrations.

Healthy Birthday Celebrations @ Azevada:

We understand that when students have birthdays during the school year, families enjoy helping their children celebrate at school. If parents choose to send birthday goodie bags to school (for their child's classmates), please be aware of the following guidelines:

- Due to student allergies, we strongly discourage parents from sending any food, cupcake, cookie, or candy items in or with the goodie bags.
 - We encourage parents to send fun items such as small stickers, pencils, puzzles, etc. in the goodie bags.
 - If goodie bags are sent to school, they will be passed out (by the birthday student or the teacher) at the END of the school day.
 - Parents are not expected to send goodie bags to school to celebrate their child's birthday. This is an optional activity for families!
- **Elementary Trimester Dates:**
 - **Jan. 13, 2023** = Trimester 2 Progress Report Period Ends.
 - **March 3, 2023** = End of Trimester 2.
 - **March 16, 2023** = Trimester 2 Report Cards go home & available via Parent Portal (after 3/16/23).
 - **April 21, 2023** = Trimester 3 Progress Report Period Ends.
 - **June 2, 2023** = End of Trimester 3.
 - **June 2, 2023** = Trimester 3 Report Cards go home & are available via Parent Portal (after 6/2/23).

4. UPCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
December			
16	9:15 - 10:15am	Via Zoom	Azevada Morning Chat with Principal Diamond
19			Azevada's Winter Spirit Month! Hanukkah Happiness Day! Celebrate Hanukkah by wearing BLUE and WHITE today! (Hanukkah is Dec. 18 - 26.)
20			Azevada's Winter Spirit Month! Cozy Flannel & Plaid Day! Wear some cozy and warm holiday flannel or

			plaid today!
21			Wellness Wednesday! Minimum Day (grades 1 - 5) & Overlap Day for Kinder.
21			Azevada's Winter Spirit Month! It's beginning to look a lot like..... Wear a fun and comfortable holiday themed shirt today!
22			Minimum Day (grades 1 - 5) & Overlap Day for Kinder. Last day of school before Winter Break!
22			Azevada's Winter Spirit Month! Ugly Holiday Sweater Day! Wear a fun or ugly holiday sweater to school today! Elf Hide & Seek Day! Students in grades 1 - 5 are invited to search high and low during lunch time to find 25 hidden Elves. Return the Elf to the Azevada office for a special prize. One per person please!
23			NO SCHOOL! Staff Development Day!
Dec. 24 - Jan. 8			No School! Winter Break Holiday!
January			
9			First day back to school!

5. Updates from PTA (Parent Teacher Association) – TBD

6. Please join us for our upcoming “Morning Chat” sessions. (All sessions will be held at 9:15 - 10:15am.)

January 27, 2023

February 24, 2023

March 31, 2023

April 28, 2023

May 26, 2023

All “Morning Chat” sessions will be held virtually (via Zoom) until further notice.

If you would like to submit a question for our next “ Morning Chat,” please submit it via the following link:

<https://forms.gle/YcfSsFwqqjvM2OqUA> Please be sure to submit your questions by 1:20pm on the

Wednesday before the next “Morning Chat” session.