



## Falcon Homeschool Program Newsletter

**September 12, 13 and 14 2023**

### UPCOMING DATES:

September 12th, 13th, 14th: Parent Partnership Meetings

October 6: Social Event (optional)

October 9-20: October Break, no classes

October 26: School wide field trip to Rock Ledge Ranch

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### **Class Updates:**

#### *Arts and STEM Exploration*

*Ms. Jill*

The students have been working hard and learning a lot about how science relates to instrument families the past few weeks. This week we will continue our discussion and listening examples with a focus on the brass family. We will determine how they create sound and how their materials and size affect overall pitch. During our art time, we will look back at our unit on the element of color and take time to reflect and assess our work, as well as have some choice time related to the things we have been studying. Please email me at [jill.foster@d49.org](mailto:jill.foster@d49.org) with any questions that come to your mind!

*Ms. Katrina*

This week we will use what we have learned about the science of sound to start planning our instruments we will be making. During tech time students will use Google Chrome Music Lab to explore sound and start building their own music.. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Email: [katrina.trujillo@d49.org](mailto:katrina.trujillo@d49.org)

#### *Ms. Stacy's Class (K-1)*

Thank you for allowing me to share in your child's educational journey. It's been a pleasure getting to know students over the last weeks and I couldn't be happier to have these amazing students to watch grow and learn this school year.

In Social Studies, we will be talking about what it means to be respectful and responsible and ways that we can show respect and responsibility. In Science, this week we will look at ways rocks and minerals of our earth's crust are useful and will start our exploration on naming rocks according to how they are formed.

It looks like the temps will be dropping this week. Please send a light jacket with your child as it makes recess more enjoyable, thank you.

Have a great week and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

[stacy.kley@d49.org](mailto:stacy.kley@d49.org)

#### *Ms. Kassi's 2/3 Class*

We have been having a great time in our 2/3rd grade classes. We are developing friendships, mastering procedures, and feeling comfortable with our daily schedule.

In America the Beautiful we will be learning about The West region of our country. We will learn about the song, America the Beautiful, and paint Pikes Peak from our home city.

In science, we will be discussing maps and making a map of our own island we created last week. We will be painting our islands during team time.

I have a lot of students forgetting to bring a water bottle. Please send your students with a refillable water bottle so they do not have to visit the water fountain throughout the day.

*Please do not hesitate to email me anytime with any questions or concerns at [kassi.nemeth@d49.org](mailto:kassi.nemeth@d49.org).*

### *Ms Leanne's Class (4-5)*

We had a great week last week learning our energy chants. Ask your child what chants they remember: I think my favorite was biomass! We'll continue to learn about how these energy sources produce electricity in the United States. Now that we know some of the causes of the Civil War, we will be labeling and shading in our USA map. If your child

knows where the states are, it sure will help in this unit, so feel free to work on our states locations this year. In art, everyone will be creating their own glyphs and having other students complete it. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns [leanne.mckinney@d49.org](mailto:leanne.mckinney@d49.org)

### *Ms Katrina's Class (6-7)*

Students have been working so hard in their Science and Social Studies groups. I have loved watching students build teamwork skills and continue to push themselves out of their comfort zone. Because our group work is very project based, students will be given time this week to complete projects for the Wolf pack groups and for the Greek groups. We will also be starting our use of lab equipment in our Science lab block. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Email: [katrina.trujillo@d49.org](mailto:katrina.trujillo@d49.org)

## PROGRAM REMINDERS

### ***Picture Day was last week if you missed it or want to order photos***

To preorder photos you can go on the website for inter-state studios by clicking on the link below:  
<https://inter-state.com>

Our school code to then input is **79849CF** and from there you plug in your child's information.

From the Inter-state studio's website:

#### **If you preordered pictures:**

A Photo Statement will be sent home in an envelope from the school with your child approximately four weeks after Picture Day. The Photo Statement will have your child's Unique Order Code printed on it.

#### **If you did not preorder pictures:**

An 8x10 slip will be sent home from school with your child approximately four weeks after Picture Day. The slip will display your child's picture and Unique Order Code. Entering the Unique Order Code online will allow you to view the picture and place an order.

From the parent emails provided to the studio, you also will receive an email when the picture is ready to view online. The email will include the Unique Order Code and a link to our website where

you will be able to view, save and order the picture. Emails are sent shortly after Picture Day for each event.

We do not do retakes at the school. However, on October 5 our Academic Program will be having their pictures taken. Families are welcome to bring their children there (**6113 Constitution Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80915**) if they missed picture day. You would need to enter via the north doors. Families will need to come before 10:30, on October 5th.

If this date doesn't work or you would like a retake, please reach out to Inter-state studio; our person of contact is Joshua Hoeper, you can follow up with him via email at: [joshua.hoeper@inter-state.com](mailto:joshua.hoeper@inter-state.com). Please just be patient with him as this is his busiest time of year.

### ***School Wide Social Friday, October 6, 2023***

We hope you will be able to join us for our first social event of the school year on Friday October 6th. Please join us at Paint Mines Interpretive Park located at 29950 Paint Mines Road Calhan, CO 80808 from 1-2:30pm. Please see their website at <https://communityservices.elpasoco.com/parks-and-recreation/paint-mines-interpretive-park/> for more information on directions and how to plan for the day.

### ***FHP @ IVES Program-Wide Field Trip, at Rock Ledge Ranch, Thursday October 26th***

More information and Surveys to come, but we will need chaperones and drivers. If you are interested in being one, please fill out the application at <https://www.d49.org/volunteer>

### ***Parent Partnerships Meetings September 12, 13, 14 8:30-9:30 AM (Coffee with Katie)***

We are ***thrilled*** to welcome our families to our upcoming Parent Partnerships meeting scheduled for Sept 12, 13, and 14 from 8:30-9:30 AM in the multipurpose room at school. As always, these meetings are 100% optional. We assume it is a little easier to attend these meetings if we offer a session each day of the week while your child/children are attending classes with us. There is no difference from one session to the next, so please try to attend when convenient. We realize you may have other children in tow, and it is completely your choice to bring/not bring them along.

This year's focus is on reading and writing strategies that you can implement with most English Language Arts curriculums used. This first meeting will focus on summarizing techniques, mainly for elementary grades, and really it can be implemented with guided reading picture books, short stories, articles, and even chapter books. I'll be leading the session that will go over this instructional

strategy, and we'll have a chance to try this summarization strategy ourselves, so be ready to practice with me! I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

### ***Falcon Homeschool Shirts/Hoodies:***

Retail order forms are available in the multipurpose room, if you haven't already grabbed one, please feel free! We will be collecting order forms and money until September 28th. If you're doing more than one shirt/hoodie, please fill out one order form per item, it helps Brandy with staying organized on her end with specificities.

### ***Pet Policy***

\*For safety reasons, any non-service animal is not permitted on school grounds. Dogs and other small animals may be gentle at home but unpredictable at school when confronted by a large number of unfamiliar children. Parents/guardians, we also ask that you do not bring dogs to school events such as field day or when picking up children.

\*From our Student Handbook, page 22

### ***Parent Portal Account Access***

If you are still having issues logging into your account, please email Nancy Carder ([nancy.carder@d49.org](mailto:nancy.carder@d49.org))

