



Falcon Homeschool Program Newsletter

October 3, 4 and 5 2023

UPCOMING DATES:

October 6: FHP @ IVES Social Event at the Paint Mines in Calhan 1-2:30PM (optional)

October 9-20: Fall Break, no classes

October 26: FHP @ IVES Campus-Wide Field Trip to Rock Ledge Ranch

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Class Updates:

Arts and STEM Exploration

Ms. Jill

We learned a lot in Arts this quarter - how to read musical language and play instruments, the science of sound through instruments families, and practicing the art elements of color and line through art tasks. This week, we will review the bucket drum songs we have learned this quarter, make a Cubist guitar puzzle, and practice how lines can create movement. We will also join Ms. Katrina's class to hear group performances of the musical instruments students created in Stem! Don't forget that the next two weeks are Fall Break- I hope you have a wonderful time off!! Please take a look at the calendar for the Social Event to the Paint Mines and the Field Trip to Rock Ledge Ranch we have coming up in October! Please email me at jill.foster@d49.org with any questions that come to your mind!

Ms. Katrina

This week will be a presentation week. We will be playing our instruments that we have been making for the whole STEAM group! Along with these performances, students will present the 3D "All about me" projects. Students will get to bring home many of their projects this week before our Fall break. I hope you all have a wonderful fall break! Please do

not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Email: katrina.trujillo@d49.org

Ms. Stacy's Class (K-1)

Looking forward to another fantastic week in K/1! This week I hope to see many of you on Friday at the Paint Mines for FHP Social Event from 1-2:30. In Social Studies, students will be learning about sharing and taking turns. In Science, students will be busy completing a Rock Exploration. We will be looking at color, shape, texture, weight and end with a Sedimentary snack rock treat. We will also be discussing the 4 seasons this week as we have come into fall. Don't forget that Fall Break is Oct. 9th-20th. A BIG Thank you to all that helped by sending in supplies for our Snack Rock Activity this week. **Please let me know if your child has any dietary restrictions:** Little Bites Fudge Brownies, Great Value Rainbow Sprinkles, Kellogg's Rice Krispie Treats, and Sixlet Chocolate Candies. If you do not want them to partake in this snack please let me know and send in a replacement treat if you'd like. Fall is here. Please send those jackets or sweatshirts this week. Have a fantastic week and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. stacy.klev@d49.org

Ms. Kassi's 2/3 Class

What a blast we had last week during our landslide lab! We watched our house fall down the slope when it did not have plants to support the dirt.

This week we are learning about the Southeast and Everglades National Park in Social Studies. We will be completing a direct draw of an alligator since the Everglades is the only place on earth where alligators and crocodiles live side by side.

In science, we will learn the three types of rocks and become rock detectives to describe a rock to our team with adjectives.

Please note our FHEP social event to the Paint Mines is Friday, Oct 6th and our field trip to Rock Ledge Ranch Park is Thursday, Oct 26th. D49 also has a fall break from Oct 9th - Oct 20th. We will see all families the week of Oct 23.

Please do not hesitate to email me anytime with any questions or concerns at kassi.nemeth@d49.org.

Ms Leanne's Class (4-5)

We have a great week planned: not only in class but also on Friday. Hope to see you at the Paint Mines on Friday. Here's hoping the sun shines bright for us this week. Students will be constructing solar ovens in hopes that it will melt our chocolate and marshmallows. Please reach out if your child has **any**

dietary restrictions to the following items: chocolate, marshmallow and graham crackers. In art, students get to enjoy their first creation using watercolor. Everyone has different opinions, right? How do you share your opinion? Today students will share their opinion on a variety of topics: some fun, some serious during our Civil War Unit. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns

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Ms Katrina's Class (6-7)

This week we will be learning about limiting factors for populations in Science. Students will run a simulation of their wolf pack population over years, and will graph the data they collect. Students will also continue the lab stations to build their Science process skills. In Social Studies, our Greek groups will continue to work together to create art, architecture, costumes and more for our Greek Showcase. I hope you all have a great fall break! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Email: katrina.trujillo@d49.org

PROGRAM REMINDERS

Fall Break

D49 coordinated schools and programs (including FHP) will be closed for Fall Break for the next two weeks (October 9-20). We have so enjoyed this first quarter with your wonderful children, and we'll look forward to seeing them when we return! We hope you'll join us for the social just prior to break, and we hope you'll join us for the field trip just after Fall Break!

FHP @ IVES Campus-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.

LET'S GET SOCIAL!

OCTOBER SOCIAL EVENT

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FHP @ IVES Campus-Wide Community Field Trip at Rock Ledge Ranch, Thursday October 26th

We are excited about our all school community field trip to Rock Ledge Ranch. If you have NOT filled out the survey yet, please do so ASAP, so that the staff can make the final arrangements before we leave for Fall Break. Here is the link to the survey: <https://forms.gle/R5C4ZrZrSAVjnN7R9>

We would like all parents to attend, but we will be setting up carpools for students who will need to be placed in one. WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A FEW MORE DRIVERS/CHAPERONES. If you are interested in being one, please indicate so on the survey or let Ms. Nancy know and complete the application if needed at <https://www.d49.org/volunteer>

Homeschool Helps: Curriculum, not living up to your hopes?

This Week's Tip: Before jumping ahead and purchasing new curriculum, adapt your existing curriculum.

About this time in the school year, some parents may feel frustrated because the curriculum they spent hours researching is not working out as they had hoped. Before throwing it in the trash and spending more money mid-year, remember that you are in control of your curriculum, it is not in control of you. Think of ways to adapt the curriculum to better meet the needs of your family. Here are some quick tips to adapt curriculum:

- Assign less problems or length for your child; include problems that show a variety
- Alter the time of day you are using it
- Allow your child to respond to answers orally, typed, or using movements

-Use a timer; turn problem solving into a game

For more on adapting curriculum mid-year, read this article from Pam Barnhill. Do NOT spend more money before trying new ways to use your existing curriculum.

<https://pambarnhill.com/homeschooling-curriculum-salvage-guide/>

Find Joy Everyday in the Journey,,

Kassi Nemeth FHP Home Based Education Specialist

October Count Attendance & What It Means for FHP

Starting next week, September 26, through Fall Break, student attendance is especially important at FHP. Strong attendance and participation has always been a strength of our students and families, and for this reason, we have historically had a very strong and healthy budget to keep FHP thriving: as funding for schools comes from student attendance. Please continue to support your child and FHP through regular attendance. Of course, we always want to do this safely, so if your child is exhibiting any symptoms of sickness, please use your best judgment to keep them home when necessary.

Hearing and Vision Testing: Thurs Oct.5th, Tues Oct 24th, & Wed Oct 25th

Our school Nurse, Linda Ross, along with a couple of other district nurses will be coming into the building to administer hearing and vision tests. Due to our split days and upcoming fall break we had to get a little creative with scheduling. We will begin with the Thursday kids on Oct. 5th, and then will do Tuesday Oct. 24th and Wednesday Oct. 25th after break to get the rest of the kids. Please remember to have your child wear/bring their glasses with them on these days.