



## Falcon Homeschool Program Newsletter

**November 7, 8, and 9 2023**

### UPCOMING DATES:

November 20-24, Thanksgiving Break

**Front Desk Number: (719) 495-5373**

### **Class Updates:**

#### *Arts and STEM Exploration*

*Ms. Jill*

The weather looks cooler this Wednesday - please make sure you are bringing coats for recess!! This week for our rhythm studies, we will perfect all sections of the bucket drumming piece "Reed Pipes." We will then create final versions of our creatures with their adaptations in their new habitat during our stem focus lesson! We will wrap up our arts time by practicing art tasks related to line and shape and continuing to see how artists depict animals in their work. 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 be finishing up our light investigation stations. We will begin to use the engineering design process to plan our animal puppets for our STEAM project this quarter. We will be using light and shadow to show our shadow puppet production. 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)*

It was so fun seeing many of my students in their costumes last week. I am looking forward to another great week ahead. In Social Studies, we will be learning about what it means to cooperate and work

together to be good friends, classmates and citizens. In Science, we will revisit our worms that we have placed in our worm farm and how we can take care of them so they can benefit the soil they are placed in. We will also be learning what a natural resource is and how we can identify Earth's natural resources and how these resources help us live and make our lives better.

It was a beautiful weekend and I am hoping the weather holds out, however it looks like we could get some chilly weather in the middle of the week so please send in those jackets and items that will help your child enjoy their time outdoors for recess. 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*

It was fun to see everyone's costumes last week! Now that the weather is turning a bit cooler, please make sure to send a warm jacket, a hat, and gloves with your students. We will always try to go outside if we can for some fresh air and a break.

This week in social studies we will be learning about the National Mall in Washington DC.

In science we will be learning about the Rock Cycle and how it is one of the very slow changes on earth.

*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)*

I loved seeing everyone in their costumes last week, everyone looked great! This week we will continue learning about how slaves escaped: emphasizing the underground railroad. We'll be reading another book, "Follow the Drinking Gourd". In art, we will be doing a multimedia project, creating boats and using watercolor. Our next renewable energy that we are studying is wind. Students will be building their own wind turbines with a focus on blade orientation and blade shape. 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)*

We are so excited about the Greek reader's theater play we are putting on with all of our Bridge and

Enrichment 6th/7th grade students. Everyone has been working hard memorizing lines, creating sets, and designing props. We could use some support on sets and costumes. If you have bed sheets, large pieces of cardboard, and/or fabric scraps, we'd love to use them. Please make sure your student knows their lines and has come up with their own simple greek costume for a "dress rehearsal" during school the week of Dec. 5th-7th. We will be performing the final play for all FHEP classes during the school day the week before winter break. Parents, we will film the final production and share with you the night of the showcase. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Email: [katrina.trujillo@d49.org](mailto:katrina.trujillo@d49.org)

## PROGRAM REMINDERS

### ***Impact Aid Form 2023 - Please Return to School This Week***

D49's Impact Aid Forms were sent home with your student(s) last week. If you did not receive yours, please follow up with your student's teacher. These yellow forms help us receive federal funding, and we need to get them back from all our FHP families. Even if all your answers are 'no' to the questions, please still sign it and hand it back in. Questions, please contact Nancy Carder at [nancy.carder@d49.org](mailto:nancy.carder@d49.org)

### ***Halloween Candy:***

We realize that many of our families celebrate Halloween and this involves all types of candies and treats; however, please keep our students with food allergies safe by not bringing in candies for lunches and/or snacks. Even safe candies can become contaminated when mixed with other candies in a bag. It's best to leave those treats at home to be enjoyed. Thank you!

### ***Readers Theater and Set Design support***

Our 6th and 7th grade Enrichment and Bridge classes are working hard on a Readers Theater production. They are in need of bed sheets, large pieces of cardboard and fabric scraps. If you have some you could donate, please bring them in to Ms. Katrina or contact her at her email:

[katrina.trujillo@d49.org](mailto:katrina.trujillo@d49.org)

Thank you

## ***Weather Alert Information–From D49’s Social Media***

Winter is coming, D49!

We love the sun, and we certainly enjoy plenty of it, but we also know to expect a few changes as we settle in for winter, which can disrupt our calendar from time to time. We’ll let you know as early as we can when the weather will create an adjustment to our schedule. Now is a great time to check in with your school to make sure your contact information is up to date!

Watch for our alerts via email, text, online at [d49.org](https://www.d49.org) and on social media as well as from our media partners. Here are a few other items to keep in mind:

### **We Make Our Call Early**

We know delays and closures are a change to the normal routine for everyone. We work hard to make timely and informed weather decisions (frequently as early as the night before) to give parents and guardians an opportunity to plan for the disruption to their calendar.

### **Two-Hour Delay**

We cancel morning preschool on two-hour delay days. Everything else (including bus pickups, BASE49 and bell schedules) are pushed back by two hours. Check out your school’s Bell Schedule web page for additional information. FHP will still end at our regular time (3:15PM).

### **We Don’t Close by Zone**

Because we can experience conditions with varying intensity districtwide during inclement weather, and because many of our students and stakeholders travel between zones daily for school and work, for the safety of all travelers, when we close, we fully close.

For more information check us out here: <https://www.d49.org/Page/441>

**In a nutshell, you will not be getting text alerts as you may have in the past. FHP will try to send emails, but we can’t guarantee it. Please be sure to check the D49 website before you leave in the morning when there is questionable weather. If you ever arrive at school and see that no one else is here, please don’t ever leave your child unattended, and check the D49 website for the most up-to-date information.**

## **Pictures from the field trip**

If you have any photos you would like to share from the field trip, please send via email to Ms. Rachel at [rachel.white@d49.org](mailto:rachel.white@d49.org). Screen shots work as well! The photos would be used by teachers for them to add in to slideshows for student showcases.

## ***MLO for D49 Voters***

This November, voters in D49 will have the opportunity to support a mill levy override that is 100% dedicated to increasing teacher pay. This measure both honors and rewards teachers with guaranteed raises while also making student achievement and growth a top priority.

[www.D49.org/weloved49teachers](https://www.D49.org/weloved49teachers)

We invite you to spend some time reviewing some information about why District 49 believes that the proposal dedicated to increasing teacher pay is the best opportunity for our community to support the district that aspires to be the Best Choice to Learn, Work and Lead. Thank you for your time and consideration.

***Thank You!***

Thank you to all parents who attended the Homeschooling Through Challenges Workshop! It is my great pleasure to walk beside homeschool families on their journey! Homeschooling is challenging but we can be successful through any challenge!

Find Joy Everyday in the Journey,  
*Kassi Nemeth FHP Home Based Education Specialist*