



Falcon Homeschool Program Newsletter

November 28, 29 and 30 2023

UPCOMING DATES:

November 28, 29, 30 Parent Partnerships Social
Thursday, December 7th, 6:00-7:30 - Student Showcase

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Class Updates:

Arts and STEM Exploration

Ms. Jill

Welcome back and hope you had a great week off! This week, we will begin to wrap up our "Create a Creature" unit. We will be learning about vocal elements in drama that can make our creatures' voices more interesting to listen to. We will also work hard on practicing and perfecting our creature monologues. We will then finish our day with some holiday related percussion routines and listening to more stories about how artists depict animals in their work. Please email me at jill.foster@d49.org with any questions that come to your mind!

Ms. Katrina

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We will be continuing our designing of our animal adaptation puppets this week. We have started creating shadow puppets, and as time allows, students will be building a different style puppet of their choice. We will be using the monologues and voice elements that were created with Ms. Jill to perform the stories of our characters for our classmates in a couple of weeks. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Email: katrina.trujillo@d49.org

Ms. Stacy's Class (K-1)

Welcome back and I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I'm looking forward to seeing all my sweet students this week as we get back to friends and fun.

In Science, we will be learning about Mountains and Valleys. In Social Studies, we will be discussing how we can be helpful friends and citizens. With the holidays upon us we will also begin exploring how people celebrate the holidays around the world. We will be looking at what a custom is and what a tradition is. The weather looks to be chilly so please send in those jackets, hats and gloves

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

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Ms. Kassi's 2/3 Class

Welcome back from turkey day! I hope you had a wonderful holiday with your family and friends.

This week we will be continuing to work on our American symbols. These will be in a special display at Showcase! Our students have been very thoughtful of their unique designs so you do not want to miss Showcase night, Thursday, December 7 from 6:00-7:30..

In science we are learning all about soil, a huge part of the geosphere! We will be learning about soil components and will look at soil samples under

stereoscopes. What makes soil/dirt different from sand?

If your family can bring in a small soil sample (a few tablespoons) in a baggie for us to view, we would appreciate it!

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

Ms Leanne's Class (4-5)

Welcome back! We have lots of great activities planned over the next three weeks and hope to see everyone here. We'll start off with a bright oil pastel project. In Science, our next renewable energy to focus on is hydro power. Now that students know about the Underground Railroad, we will take a look at some biographies of important individuals who were bold enough to protest slavery.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great Thanksgiving break.

leanne.mckinney@d49.org

Ms Katrina's Class (6-7)

Welcome back! I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. I am so excited to continue practicing our Greek play this week. Please make sure that students have practiced their lines and have as much memorized as possible. We will be performing a dress rehearsal next week that we will film so that all families can view the play at the showcase on December 7th. In science this week we will be finishing up our final wolf pack projects and will begin to create group display boards for the showcase coming up. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Email: katrina.trujillo@d49.org

PROGRAM REMINDERS

Welcome Back from Thanksgiving Break

Welcome back! We hope our families enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Break. We have lots of exciting things planned for the next three weeks, and we can't wait to see your delightful children this week!

Student Showcase Thursday, December 7th, 6:00-7:30

We are excited to announce our upcoming Student Showcase Extravaganza will take place on Thursday, December 7, 2023 from 6-7:30PM here at the FHP IVES location. You won't want to miss this evening! All FHP students have the opportunity to demonstrate, share and display all kinds of amazing pieces of work. We are so excited! This is an open house so come when you can.

This is a very well-attended event, and we want to be able to talk to each family about the many things your child has learned this semester! **To help spread out our numbers and to ensure we have time to engage with all of our families, we'd like to suggest families with the last name starting with A-L to come between 6:00-6:45, families with last names M-Z to come between 6:45-7:30. If the time slot doesn't work for your family, please come during the other time.**

*For families with students at both FHP locations, The Campus is holding their showcase on Thursday, November 30th after the Hangout. More details can be found by accessing Schoology or by inquiring with the team at that location.

We would love your feedback: College, Career, and Technical Programs

Hello wonderful FHP community! FHP is in the early planning stages of connecting high school homeschoolers in our district to programs within D49. We would like to hear from our FHP community, in addition to all other D49 homeschool families. This survey will help us understand the most popular interests and pathways our homeschool middle/high school student population may consider in the future. If you have a few minutes to take a short survey to provide us feedback we would appreciate your time. If you know a homeschool family that resides within D49 please pass this survey along!

[Click to fill out the Google form survey](#)

Have an amazing holiday homeschool season!
Ms. Kassi, FHP Home Based Education Specialist

Upcoming Parent Partnerships Meetings Changed to Parent Social November 28, 29, 30 8:30-9:30 AM

FHP Families, due to work-related scheduling conflicts, I need to change our upcoming Parent Partnerships Meetings from an event that I lead and attend to one that I do not. I apologize for the change, and I hope to resume attending and presenting in the future. The upcoming session was planned to focus on motivating reading practices for our readers. I see this as an opportunity for a sharing of common reasons why children can be reluctant to enjoy reading and what we can do to overcome the challenges. Start thinking about these questions:

***Does my child enjoy reading?**

***If your child is an emerging reader, what do you do throughout the day to foster their recognition of letters and sounds?** (letter and sound scavenger hunt, charting which letters and sounds your child knows, weekly letter or sound theme for play, etc)

***What kinds of literature does my child enjoy reading?** (articles, fiction stories, chapter books, comic books/graphic novels, etc.)

***What do we do to foster this enjoyment?** (weekly or monthly trips to the library, weekly or monthly trips to a bookstore we love, a reading group with friends, a family reading time with flashcards, books, etc)

***Does my child have any obstacles to overcome to enjoy reading?** (such as dyslexia, ADD/ADHD, ASD, etc)

***What do I do to help my child to still enjoy reading?** (audiobooks, pairing reading with an enjoyable activity such as watching the movie after we've read the book or cooking together from a cookbook, keeping reading times shorter such as the Five Minute stories from Disney, reading high-interest books to my child, pairing a nonfiction article with an activity my child loves, etc)

***What do I do to model strong reading habits?** (alternate reading of physical books and digital books and articles for myself, let my kids see me reading books, having a family reading time each day or night, etc)

***If we have fallen off-track in our home with the reading practices I would like for my family, what can I do to get back on track?**

Weather Alert Information--From D49's Social Media

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.

Walking Wednesdays for Staff--Now through Spring Break

We all know how important exercise is for our overall health. With fewer hours of daylight this time of year, it can be a challenge for our staff members to get a walk in each day. For this reason, we are initiating "Walking Wednesdays" to encourage staff to use their breaks or time after school to squeeze in a walk. You'll notice staff dressing in clothing more suitable for walking, and we hope you'll join us in our efforts to keep our health a priority during the cold days of winter.