



Falcon Homeschool Program Newsletter

December 5, 6, and 7 2023

UPCOMING DATES:

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

December 12, 13 and 14: FHEP PEP: PJs/holiday wear

December 18-January 1st: District Closed

Front Desk Number: (719) 495-5373

Class Updates:

Arts and STEM Exploration

Ms. Jill

Showcase week has arrived! On Thursday evening, we look forward to sharing our work from our semester in Arts with you! If you cannot attend, I will send your child's folder home with them next week after class! In class this week, in addition to preparing our Showcase folders, we will also be performing our Creature monologues together with Ms. Katrina's class! To wrap up our arts time, we will make clay versions of our creatures and perform some holiday percussion songs! Please email me at jill.foster@d49.org with any questions that come to your mind!

Ms. Katrina

I can't wait to see all our families at the showcase this week! Your students have worked so hard this semester and have so much to show you. We will be finishing up our creature puppets and will be performing our monologues this week for both classes! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Email: katrina.trujillo@d49.org

Ms. Stacy's Class (K-1)

Another fun and exciting week is upon us. This week is special with us having Showcase night on Thursday, 6:00 to 7:30. Showcase night is a time to have your

child share with you some of their work that they have done this semester. Please know if you can't make it, it's okay and I will send their work home to share at home. If you are able to come we will be happy to have you and you can come and go any time during that hour and a half time period. This week in Social Studies, we will be traveling to Germany to learn how they celebrate Christmas. In Science, we will be completing our study of mountains and valleys this week. We will be painting a beautiful mountainscape of their making. Have a fantastic week and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. stacy.kley@d49.org

Ms. Kassi's 2/3 Class

Yay, it is Showcase week! Our 2/3rd grade classes are so excited to share our learning from this semester with families! It is this Thursday, 6:00-7:30! Families do not have to stay for the entire time but may come according to the needs of their family. Make sure to check out all of the classrooms!

In social studies this week we will be putting the final touches on our American Symbol projects. Each symbol will include a description in our display at Showcase.

In science, we are going to discuss how humans change the geosphere. We will also be looking at how humans can change the geosphere to help crops with wind breaks.

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 are so excited to see you all at our Showcase. Your children have been working so hard all semester. I hope you are as impressed as I have been with all their hard work. This week we will be mining some coal and trying to preserve the environment (ok so they will be trying to get chocolate chips out of chocolate chip cookies without making too many crumbs!)

In art, we will be learning about Grant Woods and doing our own spoof on "American Gothic". And, now that we know what protesting means, in social studies, we will look at the legal and illegal ways people protested slavery. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Ms Katrina's Class (6-7)

I can't wait to see all our families at the showcase night this week! Your students have worked so hard this semester and have so much to show you. We will be finishing up our wolf pack showcase boards for science. This is our dress rehearsal week for our Greek play! Please have students wear all black (as much as possible), and bring their costume if they made it at home. We will also be filming the play so you can see it at the showcase on Thursday. **We will have two showtimes of the video of the play at the showcase. We will run the video at 6:15 and 7:00 in Ms. Heather's room.** Next week will be our final performance for all students at the school. It will be during the school day. We will also be having hot chocolate with Ms. Heather's class next week. If your child cannot have hot cocoa, please let us know.. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Email: katrina.trujillo@d49.org

PROGRAM REMINDERS

FHEP PEP: next week December 12, 13 and 14th

Join in the fun and kick off our holiday break with our all school FHEP Pep. Next week, students may come in their **holiday wear**: students can wear their holiday PJs, shirts, sweat shirts, ugly Christmas sweaters, elf hats or more. Remember we don't do holiday classroom parties, please don't bring in treats.

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.**

Parents, please remind your children to be sensitive to other children's Christmas and holiday beliefs. We don't want the magic of the season spoiled at school.

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

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.