



NEWSLETTER

August 10, 11, and 12 2021

UPCOMING DATES:
Front Desk Number: (719) 495-5373

Class Updates:

STEAM- Ms. Jill and Ms. Katrina

We are so excited to be co-teaching the STEAM class this year! We are looking forward to bringing the best of the stem and arts worlds to your children each week! We will have a course description with our scope and sequence in the folder on the STEAM bulletin board outside our classroom that you are welcome to pick up if you were not able to attend orientation! If you have any questions as we get the year underway, please email us at jfoster@d49.org for Ms. Jill or katrujillo@d49.org for Ms. Katrina!

Ms. Stacy's K/1

A big Welcome to our K/1st graders and families. I'm looking forward to an exciting year with each and every one of you! I can't wait for us to get to know one another most of all. In Social Studies, we'll be learning about Ancient Civilizations this semester and in Science, we will learn about the Surface of the Earth and Landforms. If you didn't grab a class "overview" at orientation, feel free to grab one off my board when you pick up your child. I'm excited to meet each one of you, and am thrilled to work with your children. Please, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. skley@d49.org

Ms. Kassi's 2/3 Class

Yay, I am overjoyed to be back at FHEP this year in 2/3rd grade! This will be my sixth formal year teaching and my second at FHEP. As a former homeschooling parent myself, I absolutely love our program and love supporting families on their homeschool journey.

Feel free to check out our FHEP website where you can find our 2/3rd grade scope and sequence and see what exciting learning adventures await our classes this year. <https://www.d49.org/Page/9197>
As always thank you for your support, and please do not hesitate to email me with any questions or concerns at knemeth@d49.org.

Ms. Leanne's 4/5 Class

Hi, it is so good to see children in our classrooms. My name is Leanne McKinney and this is my 10th year with FHEP. I love the enrichment program, all the kids, families and my co-workers. I wouldn't want to work anywhere else. A detailed course description is posted outside my door that you can grab when you come in to pick up your child. We will have a field trip on September 15th, details will be coming soon. We are going to have a great year. Don't ever hesitate to email me if you have any questions or concerns lmckinney@d49.org

Ms. Katrina's 6/7 Class

I am so excited to welcome all students this week into our Enrichment class! This week we will be getting to know each other and making sure all students are comfortable with our classroom procedures. We will also be starting a Spark project this week in class that may need a little support at home to finish. I am asking students to create a 3D representation of something that "Sparks" them. I am here to support families in any way I can as we begin this school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through email. katrujillo@d49.org

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS:

Drop off and pick up

One of our top priorities here at FHP is the safety and wellbeing of your students. For this reason we would ask you to read through the below directions regarding Drop Off and Pick Up.

Please note that the front doors will be opened and someone will be attending to the Kiss and Go lane **no sooner than 8:15am.**

To expedite the process and increase safety and security, strive to **drop off your students at 8:15AM.** We do share the parking lot with the preschool next door that opens its doors at 8:30AM.

Entering the Parking Lot:

- 1) When entering the parking lot, please **make the first right** and follow a counter-clockwise direction around the lot.
- 2) Decide whether you would like to park and walk your student into the building -OR- whether you would like to drop your student(s) off at the curb at Kiss and Go.
***Please Note:** Cars may not be left unattended along the curb. If you want to walk your student into school, you must park in a parking space.

Directions for Kiss and Go, Drop Off Lane:

- 1) Please stay as close to the curb as possible while you are waiting to drop off your student so that those wanting to park can continue around the parking lot.
- 2) Do not let your student exit the car until you have reached Ms. Nancy (or other FHP employee supervising Kiss and Go) and she has begun to assist your student in exiting the car.
- 3) Please make sure your student is ready to exit the car immediately once you enter the drop off cone zone so as to not hold up traffic.
- 4) Students may only exit the car on the curb side, DO NOT let them exit to the left side of the car as cars could be driving through the parking lot.

Directions for Parking your Car and Walking Your Student Into the Building:

- 1) If you are parking and walking your student into the building, please note that the safest way through the parking lot is to make your way to the west side of the parking lot (near the shed and large IVES playground) and follow the sidewalk to our walkway.
***Please Note:** For safety reasons, students are NOT allowed to walk through the parking lot unattended, please use the Kiss and Go Lane if you will not be walking them in yourself.

Dismissal Pick-Up:

We will be requiring our parents to come into the building to pick up their students this year. This gives you a chance to have a short conversation with your student's teacher each day. Please be sure to park in a

designated parking space. We will open our main door **at 3:10 pm** so that you may come into the building and head to your student's classroom. Teachers will begin dismissal, from their classrooms, **at 3:15 pm**.

***Please Note:** Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy (the school adjacent to ours) dismisses at 3:15 as well, please be sure to plan for traffic accordingly when scheduling what time to arrive at FHP.

***Please Note:** There is a neighborhood street (Pacific Crest Drive) just north of our doors that has parking along the street, a crosswalk, and a sidewalk leading to our doors. This will be a great place for overflow parking if it is needed.

Who do I contact if...

Ncarder@d49.org : Nancy Carder can answer questions about registering your child with us, records being transferred and curriculum lending. Also, if your email address needs to be updated (to make sure you are receiving the newsletter), please contact Ms. Nancy.

rwhite@d49.org : Rachel White is who you would call if you needed to drop off late or pick up early (719)495-5373. She's also who you would contact if your child has any updates on their medical records or medical needs.

Lmckinney@d49.org : Leanne McKinney is who you'd email if you have general FHEP questions.

Hkrammas@d49.org : Heather Krammas is who you'd email if you have any questions about our Bridge Program.

Sheckel@d49.org : Sandi can answer any questions about logging into Schoology or Powerschool, general homeschooling questions, or Notice of Intent questions. She is also who you would contact if you want to belong to our FHP Facebook page.

New Procedure for Orientation (Beginning of School) Paperwork -

All FHP 'beginning of school' paperwork is now electronic!!! So it is much easier to fill it out and submit. All parents will log into their PowerSchool Parent Portal and select 'forms' on the left hand side of your screen and fill all forms electronically. Please note, once you are in your PowerSchool parent portal, you will see each of your students have a tab at the top of the page. Parents will click each student tab, then choose 'forms', fill out and submit all the paperwork.

We need the following forms for each Enrichment student, as soon as possible:

1. D49 Annual Health Forms - *After your forms are completed, Rachel White, FHP's Health Assistant for FHP IVES Campus, will contact you if your student has any medical conditions to be sure FHP has all the paperwork & plan in place.*
2. FHP Parent/Student Handbook Signature Page

3. D49 Computer Network Agreement
4. **BRIDGE STUDENTS ONLY:** FHP MAP - Mutually Agreed Upon Plan

D49 PowerSchool Parent Portal: [PowerSchool Parent Portal Link](#)

Cannot remember your log in or password? Please contact Nancy Carder or Sandi Heckel to get yourself up and running!

Don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal?

Last year and again this year, D49 sent out an email to each parent that does NOT have a PowerSchool Parent Portal, this email contains some important access codes that you will need to set up your account. Please click here for a help page that will walk you through your set up: [PowerSchool Parent Creation Guide](#)

Did you know we have a private parent Facebook group? And that Falcon Homeschool Program also has a page!

Feel free to pull up FHP's Parent FB Group Page and apply or send Sandi Heckel an email requesting an invitation to join the group!

Facebook Group Name: FHP Parents

Facebook FHP Page Name: Falcon Homeschool Program (be sure to 'like' us to see any of our announcements and posts!)

Notice of Intent & Homeschool Help

Please feel free to email your 21-22 Notice of Intent to Homeschool to Sandi Heckel, FHP's Home Base Education Specialist at sheckel@d49.org Sandi will file your NOI for you and give you a confirmation...

[FHP's Blank Notice of Intent to Homeschool](#)

Also, if you have any questions about homeschooling, I'm there to help!! Email is the best way to make contact with me!

STAR Academy

We are limited to 25 families, and it is a first come, first serve basis. For more information about STAR Academy, please visit this link:

<https://www.d49.org/cms/lib/CO01900838/Centricity/Domain/2545/STAR%20Academy%20FHP%20Information%20Session%20REDUCED%20PDF.pdf>

To sign up your child/children for next year, please complete this survey:

<https://forms.gle/yBFkvroQVoaYUTXK8>.

COVID Information

Some families have inquired about COVID restrictions and guidelines. FHP will respect and honor families that wish to mask or do not wish to mask. We will also honor and respect personal space, but we do not have rigid guidelines to follow. For a well-articulated message from Peter Hilts, Chief Education Officer for D49, please click this link for a short video: <https://youtu.be/jfVKwUmPDDY>.

Landsharks



Falcon Homeschool Landshark Running Club

We offer a non-competitive youth program to introduce running to young athletes in a safe and fun environment. The focus is on self-improvement, being an encouraging teammate, and making new friends. The Fall XC Series is a fun running program led by Danny and Leah Wicks and is open to students in kindergarten through 6th grade. Please remember to purchase an **Orange** team race shirt (\$16) if this is your first season running.

First practice: September 9, 2021

Practice details: Thursdays and Fridays 5:45-6:30pm

Thursday practice will be held at Grand Peak Academy 7036 Cowpoke Road Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Friday practice will be held at the green area west of Frank Castello park on Potomac Dr. in Fairfax.

Practices consist of running games and workouts with a strong focus on fun.

Meets: Races will be held on Monday evenings at Challenger Middle School. Each race day runners will run one race. Meets are September 20, 27, and Oct 4. Time TBD.

Kindergarten and 1st graders run 0.5mile

2nd-6th graders have the choice between 1.0 and 1.50 miles

Registration opens August 1, 2021

Runners must be registered prior to their first practice.

Register online at www.Landsharksrunningclub.com

(\$65 registration fee until September 6, 2021 when \$15 late fees apply)

Financial Assistance is available thru Every Kid Sport Aug 1-Sept 1, 2021

We look forward to working with your athletes. If you have any questions please e-mail us.

FHP Coaches: Danny and Leah Wicks Email: leahanddanny@comcast.net