



NEWSLETTER

August 24 ,25, and 26 2021

UPCOMING DATES:

September 14, 15 and 16: School Pictures

September 15: Field Trip 4/5th Grade Class to Catamount Institute/PM

Front Desk Number: (719) 495-5373

Class Updates:

STEAM- Ms. Jill and Ms. Katrina

This week we will continue our study of the science of sound. In our arts block, we will learn about the musical elements of timbre, pitch, and volume by hearing vocal and instrumental examples. In our stem block, we will continue learning about energy and vibration and how that affects sound. We will also participate in a cooperative “timbre challenge” that will continue to develop team skills. We will wrap up by learning about the engineering design process as we start researching how we will create our own pitched and non-pitched instruments in the coming weeks! We could use some of your recyclable materials like paper towel rolls, cardboard, egg cartons, string, plastic juice containers and tubes, etc. These supplies will help us as we get ready to build our instruments!!! We have a bin in our classroom for these recyclables if you bring them in! Thank you so much! If you have any questions, please email us at jfoster@d49.org for Ms. Jill or katrujillo@d49.org for Ms. Katrina!

Ms. Stacy's K/1

What a fantastic group of student's I have this year. It's been a joy watching student's make friends and settle in to our classroom. This week we will be continuing to learn about why we have rules and establishing our class Social Contract. This will help us build a cohesive classroom environment. In Science, we will be looking at how the earth is made of many layers and investigate each

of those 4 layers. In Social Studies, we will explore what a map is and how people use them in their lives. Thank you for sending in water bottles as it's been hot and dry. Keeping students hydrated helps keep them going through out the day. Thank you for sharing your student with me each week. Please, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. skley@d49.org

Ms. Kassi's 2/3 Class

We had an amazing week 2 in 2/3rd grade. We made friends and started our social studies and science content lessons. We also completed our content work at team tables with our color teams. Color teams will change often throughout the year as needed.

Students were also excited to have the addition of Playdoh during free choice time!

This week we will continue to get to know each other through morning meeting and team time. We will study Old Glory (the American Flag), Betsy Ross, and the Pledge of Allegiance-including what the pledge means in social studies.

In science, we will learn about the three different types of rocks and look at samples of each. Students will get to become rocks detectives and as a team decide what type of rock they are observing.

Coming up: In week 4, Aug 31-Sept 2 we will be completing a rock lab in class with Starburst candies. Children will consume about 5-6 whole candies during this lab. If your child needs to be exempt from this lab due to dietary concerns please email me immediately. Or if they can participate in the lab

but not eat the candies we can arrange that as well.

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

We had a great week getting to know each other and will continue to do so. In Art, we will learn more about Pop Art and look at Andy Warhol's Flowers series. For our Civil War unit, students will discover just how different the economy and cultures were between the North and the South. How does running water, coal and wind turbines make electricity? Students will be categorizing renewable and non renewable resources and learning how they help produce electricity. Information on our field trip should be sent out via email this week. Be on the lookout for it. Mark your calendars, it will be Wednesday, September 15 in the afternoon. I will need volunteers. Please make sure you read below on how to become a chaperone. Don't ever hesitate to email me if you have any questions or concerns lmckinney@d49.org

Ms. Katrina's 6/7 Class

This week we will continue getting to know each other through our team time and G.R.O.W time options. For the projects during this time, we are in need of any recycled materials found in the home. Cardboard, newspaper, plastic bottles, etc. are great building materials for our students. We are also in the process of creating a "maker space". If you have any old crafting odds and ends that you are not using, we would gladly take those materials to start building our inventory! In Science, we will be learning about the levels of organization in an ecosystem through the wolf pack simulation. In Social Studies, students will be placed into a Greek City State and will begin to explore Greek Mythology. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through email.

katrujillo@d49.org

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS:

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.

rawhite@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 would email if you have general FHEP questions.

Hkrammas@d49.org : Heather Krammas is who you would 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.

Classroom Teachers: Please contact your child's individual classroom teacher if your child is going to be absent. Individual teacher contact information is as follows:

K/1: Ms. Stacy skley@d49.org

2/3 : Ms. Kassi knemeth@d49.org

3-6 STEAM: Ms. Jill and Ms. Katrina jfoster@d49.org, katrujillo@d49.org

4/5: Ms. Leanne lmckinney@d49.org

6/7: Ms. Katrina katrujillo@d49.org

New Procedure for the "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](#)

Notice of Intent for 2021-2022

Please log into your Parent PowerSchool Portal and fill out your Notice of Intent. It is all electronic this school year! No need to fill one out for each student, once in the form, you can choose to add as many students as you need to the NOI.

Ms. Sandi Heck is checking for these and has started the process of filing them all. Once she gets them uploaded, she will send parents a confirmation that they have been filed. This process might take some time, so please wait to contact her. She should be completed by October 15th and will send confirmations as she works through the long list.

Need any other homeschooling help, I'm there to help!! Email is the best way to make contact with me! Sandi Heckel at sheckel@d49.org

School Photo Day for Students

Every year we schedule a professional photographer to come in and take school photos. Parents have the option to buy these photos, but we use these photos for the yearbook and to update student photos in PowerSchool.

Photos are taken on the same day that your student attends classes. There is no need for a parent to come on a special day or time.....

Please do not send your student to school in a costume or hats on this day!

The photographer will be in the building from 9 AM to 12:30 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 14th, 15th & 16th. Ms. Nancy and Ms. Rachel will make sure to get all students to the photographer on their school day. And each class will take a group photo each day with their classmates.

Be on the lookout for photographer packages, but parents purchase all their photos **online**. Once Inter-State has taken all the photos and they are uploaded, we will update parents further on the process of ordering.

No checks or cash is given to the office!

2020-2021 FHP School Photo Days are as follows:

FHP ENRICHMENT At IVES Campus: (Ms. Rachel White is the contact)

TUESDAY, September 14th for Tuesday Enrichment Students

WEDNESDAY, September 15th for Wednesday Enrichment Students

THURSDAY, September 16th for Thursday Enrichment Students

FHP BRIDGE At IVES Campus: (Ms. Rachel White is the contact)

TUESDAY, September 14th for FHP Bridge Students

THURSDAY, September 16th for FHP Bridge Students - Back Up Day for anyone that missed Tuesday.

FHP ACADEMIC At The Campus: (Ms. Sandi Heckel is the contact)

Please check Schoology for announcements for FHP @ The Campus School Photo Day

Miss your students' normal day?

Please contact Joshua at Interstate to set up an appointment for a makeup session.

jhoeper@interstate.com or 719-749-6020

Not happy with your student's photo?

Please contact Joshua at Interstate to set up an appointment for a makeup session.

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Chaperones and volunteers for field trips

Classroom Field Trips are Quickly Approaching - Have you completed a background check yet?

Field trips for our program depend on parent drivers and chaperones. If you would like to help out our program and volunteer, you will have to have a background check completed by District 49. Background checks are only good for one calendar year, and since we didn't have field trips last year, most of our volunteers will need to complete a new background check.

If you were *fingerprinted* prior to 2019, you are probably still in the system. Check with Ms. Nancy to see if you are cleared.

To complete a background check follow this link and complete both applications at the bottom of the page. The cost of the background check is \$5.00. Thank you so much for your willingness to help our program with this need. [Volunteer applications](#)

**Please note that if you would like to go on the field trip with your student, but NOT chaperoning or drive other students, you do NOT need to have a background check completed.

If you have any questions regarding volunteering, please contact Ms. Nancy at ncarder@d49.org.

A Note from Ms. Katie, Our Principal

It has made my heart so happy to see our students back in our building, engaged in learning and building friendships. As I mentioned in the newsletter last week, I have started my maternity leave as of Friday, August 20, and I will return around Thanksgiving. While on Maternity Leave, my responsibilities have been split up amongst FHP staff. I may be a bit biased, but I believe FHP has the very best of the best staff, and we have been planning on my leave since last spring. Rest assured that as needs arise, the FHP staff will be here to help and serve you just as we always have. I will miss the FHP family while I'm on Maternity Leave, and I will be sure to post a little update on our Parents Group Facebook page once our little bundle of joy is here. Thank you for being an amazing community in which you and your children have congratulated me; I am truly grateful for your kind words and sentiments at this wonderful time for the Boal family.

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