



NEWSLETTER

August 31, September 1 and 2 2021

UPCOMING DATES:

September 14, 15 and 16: School Pictures

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

September 22: Field Trip STEAM to Michael Garman Magic Town

September 30th: Field Trip K/1 Grade Class Cave of the Winds

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Class Updates:

STEAM- Ms. Jill and Ms. Katrina

This week, students will be working in their teams using the engineering design process to “ask, imagine, and plan” ideas for their instrument design challenge. Next week they will begin creating and building their instruments, so they will be allowed to bring materials from home if they wish in addition to using the materials we will have available at school. For arts, we will explore orchestra instrument families and learn some basics of bucket drumming. For stem, we will continue to learn more about sound waves and continue with tech time. Check out the later parts of this newsletter for information about school pictures coming up for our class soon!

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 22! We will be taking our class field trip to Michael Garman’s Magic Town and will learn about a local artist who uses the science of light in his artwork. This field trip will prepare us for our quarter two STEAM studies. More details to follow soon! If you have any questions, please email us at ifoster@d49.org for Ms. Jill or katrujillo@d49.org for Ms. Katrina!

Ms. Stacy’s K/1

What a fantastic time getting to know one another the last few weeks. I’m so proud of my students as they have been settling in and such a joy to teach. This week in Social Studies, we will continue to learn about maps focusing on how we can tell what map

symbols are. In Science, we will be exploring Rocks and Minerals. We will be learning ways that rocks and Minerals are useful in our everyday lives. Looking forward to a few weeks, I am planning a fun lesson looking at the Rock Cycle. This lesson does involve food so I want to bring to your attention ahead of time so if you choose to send alternative food items in or not have your child participate I am aware. I will be sending out a list of all ingredients to you in an email so you can check them out and let me know your wishes.

Please mark your calendars for our first field trip to The Cave of the Winds on Sept. 30th. More information will be coming soon about this field trip so be on the lookout. If you are interested on becoming a parent chaperone for other students please let me know. You can get the information below about how this process works. Your support and participation is greatly appreciated. Also, if you have not filled out your child’s paperwork in PowerSchool Parent Portal please see section below and complete ASAP. Thank you for all the support of clothes pins and playdough! You are all AMAZING and I appreciate you all so much. Have a great week. Please, don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. skley@d49.org

Ms. Kassi’s 2/3 Class

We had a great week last week learning about the American flag and the three types of rocks.

This week we are going to begin discussing the National Park system starting with Yellowstone and we will also discuss the bald eagle in Social Studies. In science we will be completing our edible rock lab with starburst candies (please see below) and learning about the rock cycle.

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.

Also mark your calendars for our fall field trip on Wednesday, October 6 to Garden of the Gods. More info to come!

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

Hopefully you got the email about our field trip on Wednesday September 15th. If you didn't, let me know ASAP. It is already arranged that if you have STEAM and my class, you will attend the field trip with my class in the afternoon. If you have any

questions about our field trip let me know. It is a really fun one! This week we will communicate specific information about ourselves through a picture. All students will be making informative glyphs in art. Be ready to ask your child what "chants" they learned in Science. These catchy tunes will help them learn about different energy sources. In social studies, students will construct fact cards about the north and south's economy and culture. Don't ever hesitate to email me if you have any questions or concerns lmckinney@d49.org

Ms. Katrina's 6/7 Class

We will be continuing our simulation in our wolf pack groups as we continue to learn about the levels of organization in ecosystems. We will be beginning to develop our lab and communication skills through our Science lab time this week. In Social Studies, we will be showing our team spirit within our Greek Polis groups. Students will be exploring the geography and culture of Ancient Greece this week. 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 or questions about the newsletter.

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

"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.

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](#)

Notes from the Healthroom

Thank you everyone for getting your health forms filled out. If your student needs to take medication at school I need to receive proper documentation- feel free to swing by my office at pick up, call or send me an email, and I can be sure you have everything you need. Also, remember, the best way to stop the spread of infection is through good hand washing and staying home when sick. Stay happy and healthy!

Ms. Rachel

rawwhite@d49.org (719) 495-5373

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.

Stars Renaissance Update

If you signed up to have the Stars Renaissance as part of your curriculum, we are still finalizing details on how this will look. We are working on logins and licenses with the district and hope to have our families up and running by mid September. Thank you for your patience.

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