



Falcon Homeschool Program Newsletter

September 28, 29 and 30 2021

UPCOMING DATES:

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

October 1st: All school Park Day at Fox Run

October 6th: Field Trip 2nd/3rd Grade Class to Garden of the Gods

October 7th: Field Trip 6th/7th Grade Bridge and Enrichment to Bear Creek Nature Center

Fall Break October 11-22

Front Desk Number: (719) 495-5373

Class Updates:

STEAM- Ms. Jill and Ms. Katrina

Thank you for all your support for our field trip last week! What a great time we had meeting Michael Garman, exploring the museum, and enjoying the beautiful fall weather at the park!!

Because we were gone last week for the field trip and missed the FHEP Pep day, we would like for the students to bring their favorite game to teach and share with friends this week instead. We will make sure there is some time for the kids to play together during our day!

We will also get back to our study of sound/instruments. We will focus on the string and brass families and have the students finalize the instruments they made and start composing a short piece in their teams using those instruments. 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 Class (K-1)

Our field trip week has arrived! I'm so excited to explore the caves with you all. Expect a note from me on Wed. outlining the day and where to go if you're meeting us at The Cave of the Winds. Reminder if you are having your child drive with a chaperone please send your child's booster or car seat labeled with

their name when dropping them off. This week in Social Studies we will be learning about the 7 continents that we will be placing on the globes they made last week. Students will learn what a continent is, their names and where they are found on the globe and map. In Science, students will be exploring 4 different types of caves: Solution Caves, lava caves, sea caves, glacier caves. Students will explore how caves are formed, different formations within them and wildlife that lives in a caves ecosystem.

Thursday's class already had this lesson last week as not to get off track with field trip this week.

Please continue to send those jackets as the weather is starting to change and it's better to be prepared than not. Have a wonderful week.

Have a wonderful week and please don't hesitate to contact me with any needs or concerns, at skley@d49.org

Ms. Kassi's 2/3 Class

What a great week we had last week looking at all of the soil samples that were brought in. Thank you to all who shared some dirt!

This week we will be wrapping up our unit on rocks in preparation for our upcoming field trip! In social studies we will be discussing the Southeast region of the US and Everglade National Park.

Our field trip is coming up fast! It is Wednesday, October 6. All three classes will be attending together

on that day. Please make sure you have filled out the online survey sent out by Ms. Nancy. If you need it sent again please let me know asap. If you are able to drive other students or chaperones please make sure to get your background check filled out immediately as well. You can send in the \$2 and permission slips to Ms. Nancy or Ms. Kassi.

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 Class (4-5)

Thank you so much for sending in so many great games last week. We had such a fun time playing them, I actually ended up ordering a few from Amazon for our class! This week we will paint with watercolors in art. In Science, we will learn more about solar energy and in social studies we will be labeling our map of the United States. If you are looking for something to work on in SS, have your students learn where the states are. As we dive into the Civil War, we will be talking about events that took place in certain states. It

will make it a little easier if they have some knowledge of what states are where. Don't hesitate to contact me by email if you have any questions or concerns lmckinney@d49.org

Ms Katrina's Class (6-7)

This week we will be preparing for our field trip to Bear Creek Nature Center on October 7th. Please check your emails for your parent surveys and return permission slips and money for the trip as soon as possible. In Science, we will be looking at our wolf populations and will be graphing our population data. We will also be starting our exploration of the Scientific Method, so students can design their own experiments. In Social Studies, students will continue preparing for our Greek festival in their Greek polis groups. I'm excited to see so much creativity as students prepare to share what they have learned. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. katrujillo@d49.org

PROGRAM REMINDERS

Impact Aid Form 2021

D49's Impact Aid Forms will be handed out this week. Please check your FAMILY FOLDER in the office for the pink paper. These are forms that we need to get back from all our FHP families, it helps with federal funding. Even if all your answers are 'no' to the questions, please still sign it and hand it back in. Questions, please contact Nancy Carder at ncarder@d49.org

Note from the Healthroom:

Hello families, I hope everyone is having a great start to the year; can you believe we are almost through with the first quarter? As we are getting closer to fall break I wanted to start the conversation about immunizations. For those kiddos still needing updated vaccinations, fall break might offer the perfect opportunity to schedule those doctor visits. Remember, specifically students entering 6th grade are required to get the tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. From the Colorado Department of Public Health- "Colorado law requires all students attending Colorado schools and licensed child care to be vaccinated against certain diseases unless they have a certificate of medical or nonmedical exemption on file." I have included a couple links below that give great information about immunizations and ways to go about filing medical or nonmedical exemptions. Feel free to reach out with any questions and I'd be happy to help you with the process.

Thank you,
Ms. Rachel
rawhite@d49.org

Information links:

<https://www.d49.org/cms/lib/CO01900838/Centricity/Domain/261/2021-22%20Immunization%20ParentLetter%20School%20K-12.pdf>

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions>

Park Day, Friday Oct 1, 2021

Family and student hangout at **Fox Run Regional Park 12-2pm, 110 Stella Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80921**. From the entrance to the park we will be at the first playground on the left hand side. Everyone is welcome to join in this fun filled afternoon. This will be a great way to build connections with other families and allow the kids to join in activities together. Pack a lunch if you'd like and we will provide popsicles and several games such as: spike ball, disk slam, wicked big kick ball, cornhole, and all sorts of other sports equipment to play with. We hope to see you there!

October Count Attendance & What It Means for FHP

From now through Fall Break, student attendance is especially important at FHP. Strong attendance and participation has always been a strength of our students and families, and for this reason, we have historically had a very strong and healthy budget to keep FHP thriving: as funding for schools comes from student attendance. Please continue to support your child and FHP through regular attendance. Of course, we always want to do this safely, so if your child is exhibiting any symptoms of sickness, please use your best judgement to keep them home when necessary.

Who do I contact...

Ncarder@d49.org : Nancy Carder-registrar and front office

rawhite@d49.org : Rachel White-health concerns and front office

Lmckinney@d49.org : Leanne McKinney-FHEP general information and newsletter questions

Hkrammas@d49.org : Heather Krammas-Bridge Program

Sheckel@d49.org : Sandi Heckel-Computer help with Schoology, Powerschool, or facebook groups, and general homeschooling questions

Classroom Teachers: Please contact your child's individual teacher if your child is going to be absent.

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

***Last week was School Pictures
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 to update student photos in PowerSchool.

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!

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?

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