



Falcon Homeschool Program Newsletter

October 5, 6 and 7 2021

UPCOMING DATES:

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

It is hard to believe we have already reached Fall Break! After class this week, we will be off for the next two Wednesdays, but will look forward to seeing everyone back on October 27! When we return, our focus will turn to the concepts of light and shadow in science and color and value in visual art.

This week we will finish up our study of sound and music. Students will present their instruments and songs they created to the class. We will finish up our study of instrument families by learning more about brass and percussion instruments. 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 Class (K-1)

What a fantastic field trip we had last week to the Cave of the Winds. I can't thank you enough for coming and for having such AMAZING children. If you have any pictures that you are willing to share of the field trip, I would love them. Also, if your child has a bag of rocks from the panning activity, could you please send them in next week. We are going to classify them and take a look at them with magnifying glasses. If your child doesn't have a bag or forgets I have some for them to take a look at.

In Social Studies, this week we will be looking more closely at the 7 continents on our earth. We will be looking at where they are on our map and globe and

learn a song to learn our 7 continents. In Science, this week we will be discussing what we observed and experienced at the Cave of the Winds. We will classify our findings from gem panning and take part in a Rock Cycle Snack Activity as we explore the stages of the Rock Cycle. For those of you who do not want your child to consume the snack in the end please feel free to send me an email if you haven't spoken to me as yet, and send in an alternative snack for your child to have at the end of the activity. Weather is up and down with temperature so please continue to send in those jackets. 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

It is hard to believe that this is the last week of school before we have fall break!

This Wednesday is our 2/3rd grade field trip! For each student, the google survey should be completed as well as the \$2 and the permission slip turned in to Ms. Kassi or Ms. Nancy. ***There will be a detailed email sent by Ms. Kassi sent on Monday, October 4th to all families with reminders and specifics for the field trip.*** Important to note: there are no siblings allowed as a chaperone, not all parents will be able to join us for the first part of the field trip indoors 9:30-10:30ish (due to limited space), masks are recommended but not required indoors, all parents will sign their students out with Ms. Kassi before departing the park for the day, and please do not take your child

to the gift shop during our field trip hours (9:30-12:15). We plan to eat a sack lunch outdoors after our guided trip 11:30-12, weather permitting. If the weather is bad, students may go home or back to school (carpool and Wednesday students only). Have a great fall break! I look forward to seeing your students when we return the week of October 25-28. 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)

It was so nice to see so many families at our park day thanks for coming! Our solar ovens came out great last week! A big shout out to Little Caesars on Woodmen and Rangewood for donating the boxes. I can't believe it's almost October Break, where does the time go? This week we will do a 3D leaf project in art and learn about biomass in science. In social studies, we will explore the ramifications of the invention of the Cotton Gin and take a closer look at slavery in the South right before the Civil War. Keep working on learning those fifty states. Don't hesitate to contact me by email if you have any questions or concerns lmckinney@d49.org

Ms Katrina's Class (6-7)

I am so excited for our field trip this week to the Bear Creek Nature Center on Thursday, October 7th for all 6th/7th grade Enrichment and Bridge students.. Please remember to wear appropriate outdoor and hiking clothing, and bring a water bottle. We will be eating sack lunches at Bear Creek Park after the nature center program. For those families meeting us at the nature center, please arrive by 9:40.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

1. We will be leaving FHEP promptly at 9:00
2. Arriving at the nature center around 9:40
3. Our guided program will be from 10:00 - 12:30
4. We will then drive to the East side of Bear Creek park and eat lunch from 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm
5. We will arrive back at FHEP around 2:30. Thursday and Bridge students will finish their day at FHEP until our regular dismissal time of 3:15. If your child attends on TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY, please plan to PICK THEM UP at FHEP when they arrive back to school at 2:30. You must sign them out in the front office.

In class this week, our Tuesday students will be presenting their team time projects and finishing up Acropolis buildings for our Greek unit. 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>

Week of Halloween: Oct 26, 27 and 28

FHEP students will be allowed to dress-up for Halloween on the week before Halloween: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 26, 27 and 28 for the Enrichment & Bridge programs, if they celebrate this holiday. If you choose to allow your student to dress in a Halloween costume, please keep it to school-appropriate attire--no gory, scary, disrespectful, or weapons of any kind will be allowed. There will be no Halloween parties hosted at school during this week.

We also realize that many of our families will be celebrating Halloween and this involves all types of candies and treats; however, please keep our students with food allergies safe by not bringing in candies for lunches and/or snacks. Even safe candies can become contaminated when mixed with other candies in a bag. It's best to leave those treats at home to be enjoyed. Thank you!

Vision and Hearing Screenings

Dates: Tuesday, October 26 through Thursday, October 28, 2021

****IF YOUR CHILD WEARS GLASSES, PLEASE BE SURE THEY HAVE THEM AT SCHOOL ON THE SCREENING DATES INDICATED****

Colorado Revised Statutes mandate school vision and hearing screenings annually for all elementary grades. At Falcon Homeschool Enrichment Program vision and hearing screenings will be done on all students. If you object to these screenings based on religious or personal grounds, please notify your student's teacher by email or let D49 nurse, Linda Ross, RN, BSN, know your concerns at (719) 499-0484 or lmross@d49.org Thank you!

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

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?

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

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