

Falcon Flyer September 2019



Falcon - Teacher of the Year

“The mission of Falcon High School, an innovative learning community, is to foster competent citizens for a changing world by empowering students through personalized pathways and authentic experiences.” Brooke Neilson, World Languages Department Head, and Spanish instructor at Falcon High School exemplifies the building blocks needed in an innovative learning environment. She provides authentic experiences that have elevated instruction by integrating student choice and voice, developing a building framework for student-centered learning. **Felicidades Profesora Neilson!**

Important Dates:

September 11
D49 Community Meeting
Join the Talk @ Bennett Ranch Elementary
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

September 13
Falcon Football Home Opener Vs Air Academy High School

September 14
D 4.9 Run and Walk at FHS

September 24
Falcon High School Band and Orchestra Concert
5:00 - 8:00 pm

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Classroom Updates

“Value up - Walk a Mile Presentation Comes to Falcon High School ”

Falcon High School, in partnership with the Eastern Plains Chamber of Commerce, assisted each other in the coordination of bringing the Value Up, Walk a Mile Program to Falcon High School. On August 2, 2019, students at Falcon High School engaged in a building wide assembly to build on the amazing student culture! Walk a Mile was an initiative to enhance our existing, positive school climate. The Value-Up Walk presentation shares the message that everyone has value. When students understand their innate value and the innate value of others, they are more likely to thrive.

The mission of the Value Up Program is to raise the value of human life in schools across this nation.

Research has proven that they perform better academically and are more likely to engage in their learning process. The Walk a Mile assembly program provides a huge boost to the morale of students and teachers and lays a strong foundation of respect and inclusion.

We at Falcon High School are appreciative of the support that Value up and the Eastern Plains Chamber of Commerce has provided! Please keep an eye out for details on enrichment activities to expand the message of this program. These will take place during your students advisory class period.



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And YOU!
Community Talks

Join the Conversation: D49 Community Meetings!

Success of 3B projects • Planning for Future Growth
Zone Boundaries Discussion

 <p>Tuesday, Sept. 10 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Inspiration View Elementary 9233 Vista del Pico Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO 80927</p>	 <p>Wednesday, Sept. 11 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Bennett Ranch Elementary 11243 Londonderry Drive, Falcon, CO 80831</p>	 <p>Monday, Sept. 16 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Sand Creek High 7005 North Carefree Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80922</p>
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Please accept our open invitation to join us for an evening of discussions with the D49 Chief Officers along with your friends and neighbors.

Falcon High School Bell Schedule

FHS uses an alternating block schedule (GREEN/GOLD days) so we can best provide the opportunity for students to participate in concurrent enrollment programs. Every Monday and Wednesday will be a 'GREEN' day; every Tuesday and Thursday will be a 'GOLD' day.

Monday-Thursday		
Morning Bell	7:20 a.m.	
Period 1/5	7:30 a.m. - 9:02 a.m.	92 min.
Break	9:02 a.m.- 9:12 a.m.	10 min.
Period 2/6	9:12 a.m. - 10:44 a.m.	92 min.
Lunch (A)	10:44 a.m. - 11:24 a.m.	40 min.
Period 3/7 (A)	11:30 a.m. - 1:02 p.m.	92 min.
Period 3/7 (B)	10:50 a.m. - 12:22 p.m.	92 min.
Lunch (B)	12:22 p.m. - 1:02 p.m.	40 min.
Period 4/8	1:08 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.	92 min.

Fridays are late-start, allowing teachers to engage in collaborative activities to improve student achievement, school will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Friday		
Morning Bell	8:20 a.m.	
Period 1	8:30 a.m. – 9:02 a.m.	32 min.
Period 5	9:08 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	32 min.
Period 2	9:46 a.m. – 10:18 a.m.	32 min.
Period 6	10:24 a.m. – 10:56 a.m.	32 min.
Lunch (A)	10:56 a.m. – 11:36 a.m.	40 min.
Period 3 (Advisory - A)	11:42 a.m. – 12:14 p.m.	32 min.
Period 3 (A)	12:14 a.m. – 12:46 p.m.	32 min.
Period 3 (Advisory - B)	11:02 a.m. – 11:34 a.m.	32 min.
Period 3 (B)	11:34 a.m. – 12:06 p.m.	32 min.
Lunch (B)	12:06 p.m. – 12:46 p.m.	40 min.
Period 7	12:52 p.m. – 1:24 p.m.	32 min.
Period 4	1:30 p.m. – 2:02 p.m.	32 min.
Period 8	2:08 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.	32 min.

“Falcon High School Attendance Reminder”

Daily attendance is expected. If you student is not able to attend, please contact the attendance office as soon as possible.

You may contact the attendance office by emailing: neldard@d49.org or by calling: 719.495.5523

Late Arrivals:

Students must be escorted into the building unless he/she drives, in which case you will need to contact the attendance office prior to arrival. However, if your student was at an appointment and can provide documentation, the documentation is sufficient for late arrival check in.

Early Out:

If your student needs to leave early, you must enter the building with your state issued photo ID to check them out. Only individuals that are found on the contact summary within PowerSchool may pick your student up. If your student drives, you must first contact the attendance office to allow them early dismissal. Your student must still check out in the front office before their departure.

Pre-Arranged Absence Forms:

Pre-arranged absence forms are located in the front office and must be completely filled out and given to administration at least one week prior to the arranged absence. Completion of the form does not guarantee that the absence will be state excusable, but does provide your student a communication tool with their teachers to gather missed work during an absence.

Regardless of any situation, ALL students must be checked in and out through the front office.

Please refer to the D49 Attendance Policy at www.d49.org/Page/556 sections JH, JH-E, JH-R, and JHB for more detailed information.

“Student Parking”

A new academic year brings new drivers! Please refer to the information below to ensure that you are parking appropriately at Falcon High School!

Parking is available to students at Falcon High School in our designated student parking lot ONLY. Parking passes may be purchased through our business office at any point during the school year. *Please note, spots 1-100 are reserved and can not be parked in unless assigned to you.*

The cost for a pass is 50.00 USD. Please bring a copy of your registration, proof of insurance and your drivers license. *All parking passes must be displayed on your rear view mirror that is visible to our security team.*

Just a gentle reminder, all students must have a parking permit to park on FHS Campus. Please see your FHS security team to purchase your 2019-2020 Parking Pass!

A Word from the Principal

As partners in the education of your young adult, we have to be able to communicate with one another respectfully and appropriately. All organizations have a chain of command that should be followed when trying to resolve issues. In most circumstances, the first link in that chain of command is your student advocating for themselves and speaking with the teacher or adult that they need to communicate with. I have five grown daughters and can count on one hand with two fingers the number of times that I stepped in to assist them in resolving an issue and both of those times were in elementary school.

Learning to advocate for themselves by speaking with the teacher and trying to resolve the problem is a life skill. When that doesn't work, the student should attempt to speak with a counselor or their grade level administrator. If after taking those steps and not getting an issue resolved, the student should see Mrs. Apodaca and make an appointment to see Dr. Bonds. Student issues do get resolved this way without getting mom and/or dad's blood pressure up or starting vigilante-like attacks on Facebook. I can assure you no school issue that I know of has ever been resolved on Facebook. In fact, Facebook is the place where we spend time investigating cyberbullying.

Parents, if it comes to it and there is a need for you to get involved and support your student because all of their efforts have failed, you should speak with the teacher or the adult that is closest to the issue that needs to be addressed. If you aren't satisfied or you and the teacher aren't able to resolve the issue, then you should contact your student's counselor or grade level administrator. If all of these avenues fail to resolve the issue, then you should contact Dr. Bonds via email at dbonds@d49.org. He answers all email messages within 24 hours or sooner. By passing all of the other steps and going straight to Dr.

Bonds, blasting the matter on Facebook or Twitter prior to, during or after is not an appropriate way to resolve the issue.

Counseling Updates:

“Junior and Senior College Visits”

Pikes Peak Community College

Tuesday, September 17th @ 10:00 AM

University of Colorado - Boulder

Thursday, September 19th @ 8:30 AM

Students must sign up in the Counseling Office to attend!

“Kindle Distribution”

Have you gotten your Kindle Yet?!

Kindle Distribution will begin to take place again shortly! We apologize for the required pause in handing out these devices. Our district IT company has been working diligently to redesign and renovate the district network. These upgrades will increase the high level of security measures on student traffic. Due to these changes, we are having to manually install security certificates on each device.

Once Kindle Distribution resumes, students can check out their device before and after school in the library. Please keep an eye out for further communication on the resuming of our devices being handed out. Thank you for your patience!

“Dress Code Reminder!”

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality educational program. District-wide standards on student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety. The Board of Education recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school.

Unacceptable items

The following items are deemed disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school and are not acceptable in school buildings, on school grounds, or at school activities:

- Shorts, dresses, skirts, or other similar clothing shorter than mid-thigh length
- Sunglasses, hats, inside the building
- Inappropriate sheer, tight, or low-cut clothing that bare or expose
- Tank tops or other similar clothing with straps narrower than 1.5 inches in width
- Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, or body adornments that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that are deemed inappropriate.

If you need more information, please refer to the district policy on dress code: JICA. [Information can be found here.](#)

Athletics and Activities

“Fall Athletic Fees”

Have you paid your Fall Athletic fees? Please refer to the D49 School Board approved fees for 20119-2020. Fees can be paid in our business office as well as through our new RYCOR system!

[19-20 School Board Approved Athletic fees](#)

“Fall Sports are Soaring!”

Please join us at FHS for the following Competitions!

Football: Friday, September 13 vs Air Academy High School. C Squad at 3:30 and Varsity @ 7:00 pm!

Volleyball: Tuesday, September 17 vs. Pueblo South: C squad @ 4, JV @ 5, and varsity tips at 6:00 pm.

Monday, September 23 vs. Cheyenne Mountain: Varsity tips at 3:30 pm and JV at 5:30 pm.

Softball: Wednesday, September 11, Women’s Softball vs. Lewis Palmer: Varsity @ 3:30 JV @ 5:30.

Men’s Soccer: Thursday, September 12th vs Manitou Springs: Varsity @ 6:00 pm and JV @ 4:00 pm.

Thursday, September 19th vs Widefield: Varsity @ 6:00 pm and JV @ 4:00 pm.

Nursing and Medical Update

“We are here to Keep you Safe!”

The school year is upon us! Please refer to the information below to ensure that your student has a safe and successful school year!

Registered Nurses: Nurses in our district cover more than one school and are in each school at least once a week. The nurse at your school has regular communication with a Health Para and is available if any health care need or emergency arises.

Health Room: Any student entering the health room will be allowed to remain there for up to 10 minutes. If there is a need to contact parents, we will use the phone numbers provided at the beginning of the school year. Please provide the school with current emergency phone numbers and update this information as it changes throughout the year.

Medication Policy: Please be aware that Colorado State law governs our medication policy. If your child must take medication during school hours, you must provide the following before we administer it:

- A written doctor’s order (including drug name, dose, route, time, duration of treatment, doctor’s and parent’s signature). **This includes all over-the-counter, and prescription medicine. The only exception is cough drops, which are supplied from home, and may be given with written parent permission.**

A physician may fax medication orders to the school. **PLEASE NOTE: The pharmacy label applied to the medication bottle will not**

suffice for a doctor’s order. Additionally, please know that students may not carry over the counter medications.

If you have any questions, please contact our School nurse.

- Please keep all Medication in the original bottle, complete with label. We can not give medication to your student if it comes in a baggie, envelope, plain bottle, etc.
- All medications must be kept in a secure cabinet in the health room. If a student must carry a medication on him or her, such as an inhaler, Epi-Pen or Diabetes supplies, please provide us a physician order, so we can provide these to your student.
- **Use of crutches and wheelchair:** Each health room has a wheelchair for emergency use only. If your student requires temporary use of their own crutches or wheelchair, please provide us a Dr.’s note and accommodations will be made: Due to availability, we ask that Parents provide mobility devices for their student.
- **Immunizations:** Please refer to the K-12th Grade School Required Immunization Parent Letter for 2018-2019.
- **Illness Guidelines:** School District 49 is following the Illness Guidelines from the Colorado Department of Education/Children’s Hospital Colorado. Please refer to these guidelines here.