



## Falcon Homeschool Program Newsletter

**April 30th, May 1 and 2 2024**

### UPCOMING DATES:

**April 30th: Ms Leanne's field trip to the Royal Gorge**  
**May 9: Ms. Amber & Ms. Heather's field trip to the Gazette**  
**May 9: Student Showcase for FHP @ IVES students**  
**May 21-23 Last Days of School (early release at 12:30)**  
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### **Class Updates:**

#### *Arts and STEM Exploration*

##### *Ms. Jill*

This week in Arts we will continue our Animal Arts Journals by exploring North America and Africa along with the art elements of value and space. We will also listen to the Carnival of the Animals remix for the African lions movement and compare and contrast that with the original musical piece. We will wrap our time by performing a Carnival of the Animals related percussion routines. Please email me at [jill.foster@d49.org](mailto:jill.foster@d49.org) with any questions that come to your mind!

##### *Ms. Amber*

Hello All! This week in STEM we will be continuing our exploration in space travel. We will be building model rockets with all the required aspects, and launching them. We will discuss how Newton's Laws, thrust and gravity all come into play when engineers are designing rockets. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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##### *Ms. Stacy's Class (K-1)*

I want to give a HUGE thank you to everyone who was able to join us on our field trip last week to the Denver Aquarium. It was delightful to see all of my students and families together. I was able to see what a beautiful community we truly have.

This week in Science, we will be learning about the elusive Octopus. In Social Studies, we will explore how and why people work. Students will also be finishing up their Classroom Communities we will show on Student Showcase night.

Have a wonderful week and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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##### *Ms. Kassi's 2/3 Class*

This week in Social Studies we will learn about Roman Emperors, specifically Caesar Augustus and the tale of Julius Caesar's rise to power. Since the Empire grew with the system of roads primarily built by the army, we will be making our own mini Roman roads this week as well. **For our Roman roads we are in great need of cracker or cereal boxes if your family can send some in this week.**

In science, we will learn about chemical changes to matter. We will be creating a chemical reaction with baking soda and vinegar within baggies.

Also, the week of 5/7-5/9 we will be completing a final states of matter activity using smores. We will be making smores in class to watch the physical and chemical changes to each ingredient. We will be using Hershey's chocolate bars, Honey Maid graham crackers, and large marshmallows. **If your student may not eat one or all of those ingredients please let me know immediately through email.** Even if students cannot eat one or all of the ingredients they may still participate in the lab. Thank you very much! *Please do not hesitate to email me anytime with any questions or concerns at [kassi.nemeth@d49.org](mailto:kassi.nemeth@d49.org).*

### *Ms Leanne's Class (4-5)*

I'm so excited for our field trip tomorrow. You should have received an email from me over the weekend with the details. If you have any questions please reach out. We have 63 people attending!! Wednesday and Thursday classes will learn about Dale Chihuly, the glass blower for art. Lucky me, I get to see some of those kiddos twice this week! In

science, we will be doing some more building challenges for our skyscraper unit. Lastly, we'll start learning about the Gettysburg Address. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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### *Ms Amber's Class (6-7)*

Hello Everyone! I hope your weekend was great! This week in Science Enrichment we will be continuing our studies of electromagnetism and looking at the phenomena of the VASMIR rocket engine. We will be building a functional electromagnet to give us more insight into how engineers use electromagnetism in rocket launches. In Social Studies Enrichment this week we will be looking into the economy of ancient China and the role that tea and the silk road play in that. We will also be designing our own tea cups to be used at our Tea Ceremony (*email was sent out 4/25/24 concerning tea consumption*). Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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## PROGRAM REMINDERS

### ***IMPORTANT Notes from the Healthroom:***

There seems to be a quick onset, highly contagious, stomach bug going around. Please if ANYONE in your household is sick-throwing up, had a fever, etc within the last 24 hours, please do not send your student to school. We hope to keep other students, as well as staff from being exposed to illnesses. Keep washing those hands; stay happy and healthy!

### ***STAR 360-April 15 - May 15 Testing Window***

If you would like your child to take the STAR 360 assessment during this middle-of-year window, the opportunity is here! Click [here](#) to learn more.

## ***Chaperone and Driver Info***

Spring 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 need to have a background check completed by District 49.

- If a background check is completed between July 1 and Feb 28, the background check is valid through June 30.
- If a background check is completed between March 1 and June 30, the background check is valid until June 30 *of the following year*.

To complete a background check follow this link and complete the application linked 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 are NOT chaperoning or driving other students, you do NOT need to have a background check completed.**

If you have any questions regarding volunteering, please contact Ms. Nancy at [nancy.carder@d49.org](mailto:nancy.carder@d49.org)

## ***Student Showcase–Thursday, May 9, 2024 6:00-7:30***

We are excited to announce our upcoming Student Showcase Extravaganza will take place on Thursday, May 9, 2024 from 6-7:30PM here at the FHP IVES location. You won't want to miss this evening! All FHP students have the opportunity to demonstrate, share and display all kinds of amazing pieces of work. We are so excited! This is an open house so come when you can.

This is a very well-attended event, and we want to be able to talk to each family about the many things your child has learned this semester! **To help spread out our numbers and to ensure we have time to engage with all of our families, we'd like to suggest families with the last name starting with A-L to come at 6:00-6:45, families with last names M-Z to come 6:45-7:30. If the time slot doesn't work for your family, please come during the other time.**

## ***Homeschool Helpful Tips***

### ***Looking Ahead to Next Year: Part 4- Challenges to tackle: Personality and Learning Styles***

Welcome FHP families to our series on looking ahead to next year! The next few weeks, we are looking at challenges you may have had in your homeschool this year and how to reflect, problem solve, and create changes for next year.

This week we will focus on the most common homeschool challenge: **Personality and Learning Style Differences**. Reflection questions and thoughts to consider.

- As the homeschool parent, have I reflected on my children's and my own personality or learning style and how differences may cause challenges?
- Am I too flexible with a child that needs structure?
- Am I too rigid with a child that needs to have more choices in their day?
- Am I remembering the school day does not have to look exactly the same for each of my children?
- Could I make changes to our schedule to help our day run smoother?
- Do I need to change the environment to support each of my children? (headphones for concentration, learning walls to limit visual distractions, soft seating, exercise balls).
- Can I allow my students different ways to show their learning (speeches, art, dictation)?

These are just a few questions to consider when thinking about personality and learning style differences. For more info, check out these resources below.

- HSLDA What is my Teaching Style? <https://hsllda.org/post/whats-my-teaching-style>
- Homeschool Style Quiz <https://www.homeschool.com/articles/homeschool-styles-quiz/#/questions/1780552>

*Homeschool Challenges will be one topic we will discuss in our Homeschool 101 Workshop and Homeschool Challenges workshop coming in 2024 and all FHP families are welcome to attend.*

*Find Joy in your every day!*  
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