



Falcon Homeschool Program Newsletter

May 7, 8 and 9 2024

UPCOMING DATES:

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, doors open at 12:15)

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Class Updates:

Arts and STEM Exploration

Ms. Jill

It is Showcase week! Sure hope to see you Thursday evening!!! This week we are wrapping up our Carnival of the Animals unit. We will complete our final art element projects, spend some time listening to the music to compare and contrast the original versus the new remix. We will also perform a "Fossils" percussion routine from Carnival of the Animals and drama activities to wrap up our time this week! Please email me at jill.foster@d49.org with any questions that come to your mind!

Ms. Amber

Hello All! This next week in STEM we will be continuing out space travel unit and building a space lander to be launched off the stairs at FHP. We will be learning about the different types of forces at play, and creating a plan to protect the lander from the damages of impact. Just as real engineers do! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Email: amber.albrecht@d49.org

Ms. Stacy's Class (K-1)

I'm looking forward to another great week in K/1 and it'll be even better because I hope to see you and your family at Student Showcase night on Thursday evening.

This week in Social Studies, we will be working on our communities that we have been creating. We will also be working on a special gift for someone special:) In Science, we will be looking at the different animals that live in the Abyss of the ocean and discuss how the different amount of sunlight plays a role in the different types of animals that live in each zone. Please remember to send in a jacket or sweatshirt with your child as our morning recess often is a bit chilly, thank you for all you do to help our days so great.

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

Yay, it is Showcase week and our event is this Thursday from 6-7:30.

Your students have been working hard this semester learning about Forces and Motion, States of Matter, and the Ancient Civilizations of Egypt and Rome. We are excited to share our learning with all of our families.

This week we will be working on a top secret special project in Social Studies.

In science, we will be playing a States of Matter Kahoot game to remember everything we have learned in this unit.

Parents, please remember the week of May 14-16th that we will be finishing up our States of Matter with

a S'mores Lab. We will be determining how each ingredient goes through either a physical or chemical change. ***If your student(s) can NOT eat any part of the Smores: Honey Maid Graham cracker, Hershey's milk chocolate bar, or a marshmallow please email me and let me know by May 13th.*** Please do not hesitate to email me anytime with any questions or concerns at kassi.nemeth@d49.org.

Ms Leanne's Class (4-5)

What an amazing field trip we had! I loved how so many families made the big trip. So proud of the many kids that overcame their fears too. Thank you parents for driving and committing to the wonderful field trip!

This week is our awesome Showcase, I can't wait to see our parents here on May 9th. Your kids have worked so hard this year. This week students will do some paper plate puppet art work...say that three times fast! We'll learn about dams and finish up the Gettysburg Address.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. leanne.mckinney@d49.org

Ms Amber's Class (6-7)

Hello Everyone! IT'S FIELD TRIP WEEK! We will be going to the Gazette and Acacia Park on May 9th. This week in Science Enrichment we will be continuing our exploration of electromagnetism. We will be using our electromagnet building skills to start our "circuit city" project. In Social Studies this week we will be finalizing our dynasty character research, artifacts, and timeline in preparation for our tea ceremony. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Email: amber.albrecht@d49.org

PROGRAM REMINDERS

Last Days of School-May 21, 22 and 23

The last days of school this year will be half-days. Our schedule will follow the layout described below:

8:15-8:30 arrival

8:30-9:00 Morning Meeting

9:00-9:45 instructional activities lead by classroom teachers based on units taught throughout the year

9:45 leave to walk to the park/set up for indoor games (depending on weather)

10:00-11:00 time at the park (or inside, depending on weather, students can choose between playing on the equipment or games in the field)

11:00 walk back to school from the park/clean up indoor games (depending on weather)

11:15-11:45 lunch (pizza provided by FHP from Parry's Pizza)

11:45-12:15 special time in classrooms-end of year reflections on learning and favorite memories

12:15 main doors will open to prepare for pick up

12:15-30 dismissal/pick up from classroom (parents please pick up your students from the classroom as always)

A survey was sent out today. If you haven't filled it out yet, please use the following survey link to select your child's pizza preference and to give permission for your child to walk to the park with FHP

staff and students on their Enrichment day. ***SURVEY MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE MAY 14 2023.***

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/CW4lf4XAw4aYEGtb6>

Staff Appreciation Days at FHP – May 7, 8, 9, 2024

Few people know this, but most folks that work in schools have a stash of student cards that they keep in a special place to read/look at when they need some encouragement. If you feel so inclined, I would love it if FHP students would share their appreciation for FHP staff in the way of kind cards written or drawn/decorated for FHP staff members. I'm not requesting gifts, just homemade cards. FHP staff work hard and love our students, and I love watching staff's faces light up with the words of affirmation from caring families.

No Matter How You Slice It, D49 Teachers are the Best!



It's time for Teacher Appreciation Week, and we're bringing back a favorite campaign to help us recognize teachers in D49 who truly shine. We're asking our community to recognize teachers who can't be topped and to nominate one to take home a delicious prize. Families can nominate a teacher by posting comments about the D49 teacher on Facebook and Instagram with the hashtag of #D49TeachersShine24. At the end of the week, we'll randomly select 10 teachers for a \$20 gift card for a free pizza, compliments of our friends at Dion's!

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.

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 5- Challenges to tackle: Could my child have a Disability?

This week we will focus on a common homeschool question: **Could my child have a learning disability?**

Parents, you know your children best. If you have been concerned about one or more of your children having a learning disability here are some signs to look for and some resources to check out!

Early Warning Signs of a Learning Disability

- Pronunciation problems
- Slow vocabulary growth, often unable to find the right word
- Poor memory retention
- Late talking, compared to other children
- Trouble learning numbers, the alphabet, days of the week
- Extremely restless and easily distracted
- Trouble interacting with peers
- Poor ability to follow directions or routines

Steps for a Learning Disability Evaluation

STEP 1: Collect observations, notes, and details regarding the concern for your child

STEP 2: You can start by discussing your concerns with your pediatrician. Often they can refer you to a local provider that can further evaluate.

STEP 3: Have your child evaluated by a neuropsychological professional and receive report

STEP 4: Find resources to support your child and yourself

Local Resources:

- Brain and Body Integration: <https://brainandbodyintegration.com/>
- Children's Hospital of Colorado: <https://www.childrenscolorado.org/doctors-and-departments/departments/audiology-speech-learning/learning-services/>

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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