



Falcon Homeschool Program Newsletter

February 13, 14 and 15 2024

UPCOMING DATES:

February 16th: FHP @ IVES Social

February 19th: President's Day District closed

Front Desk Number: (719) 495-5373

Class Updates:

Arts and STEM Exploration

Ms. Jill

Happy Valentine's Day! During our music rhythm studies, we will work on fun Valentine's related rhythm activities to reinforce the musical skills we have been learning. We will also be decorating Valentine's boxes this week during our art time. These boxes will hold our cards from the card exchange we will have at the end of the day! See last week's newsletter for a list of names for our class if you want to participate! Finally, we will also be listening to and analyzing "Uranus" in Holst's *The Planets* piece.

Please mark Wednesday, March 13th on your calendar!! Our Arts and Stem class will be attending a show at the AFA Planetarium that day to complement our space study this quarter! More information and permission slips to follow soon! Please email me at jill.foster@d49.org with any questions that come to your mind!

Ms. Amber

This week will be a great one with our Valentine's Day Exchange! We will be continuing our studies in space and life on the International Space Station (ISS), and how it is different from life on earth. We will be starting an engineering project to create something that would be helpful for the astronauts to

use on the ISS. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Email: amber.albrecht@d49.org

Ms. Stacy's Class (K-1)

Happy Love week! This week we will be taking part in lots of Valentines stories, a craft and a card exchange. We will be decorating a Valentine's bag for our card exchange but if your child has a box they would like to use instead please, send it with your student. This week in Science we will be learning about the graceful Sea Turtle that lives in the Sunlight Zone of the ocean.

Please continue to send those warm coats with your students as the weather in beautiful Colorado is forever changing. Have a wonderful week and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. stacy.kley@d49.org

Ms. Kassi's 2/3 Class

Wow, experiencing Ancient Egyptian social classes last week was a blast! This week we will be discussing the role of the Pharaoh a bit more. We will create a T-chart showing the role of the Pharaoh and other social classes. We will also learn about two of the most famous Pharaohs, King Tut and Cleopatra. In science we will learn about the last force in our unit, magnetism. In a mini-lab we will be measuring the invisible, non-contact force of a magnet.

Please do not hesitate to email me anytime with any questions or concerns at kassi.nemeth@d49.org.

Ms Leanne's Class (4-5)

Happy Valentine's Day, we will exchange Valentines this week in class. In art, we will continue to learn about Picasso and paint our friends! In our Civil War unit, we will start looking at what a soldier's life was like. We'll be reading biographies and looking at what the typical equipment a soldier had and how they spent their days. Now that students understand the role of an architect, they will put their skills to use and build a beam bridge in Science. We'll also finish our notes on beam bridges. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Ms Amber's Class (6-7)

Happy Valentine's Day! In Science Enrichment we will be continuing our studies of rock and minerals and the unique formation of crystals. We will be checking in on our crystal lab as well as starting a rock identification lab. In Social Studies Enrichment we will be continuing our travels across the country to mine for gold just like the pioneers of the gold rush days. We will be finishing challenges and staking our claims to mine for gold this week! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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PROGRAM REMINDERS

All School Social

FHP @ IVES Campus-Wide Social Friday, February 16, 2024

We hope you will be able to join us for our second social event of the school year on Friday, February 16th. Please join us from 1-230pm at the Penrose Heritage Museum located at 11 Lake Circle Colorado Springs, 80906. Please visit their website for more information

<https://www.elpomar.org/About-Us/museum-and-legacy-properties/penrose-heritage-museum/>

Valentine Exchange this week, February 13,14, and 15

Valentines Day will be celebrated at FHEP on Feb 13, 14, 15th. On your child's program day, we are inviting our students to exchange Valentine's Day cards with their classmates. If your child chooses to participate in the exchange, please be sure to include ALL students in the class. A link to class lists was included in your email for your convenience! **As always, please help us protect the health of our children with allergies by keeping your Valentines free of all food and candy items.** There will be no class parties. Thank you!

Re-Enrollment for 2024-2025 School Year

Thank you families for completing the re-enrollment survey for the 2024-2025 school year! The survey is now closed, and **we will be sending confirmation placement emails before or during Spring Break.** We appreciate the excitement shared for our existing options as well as our new additions, and

we're always looking for ways to best serve our families. Cheers to the wonderful months ahead chock-full of fantastic learning opportunities and to the next school year as well!

Information Sessions for Next Year

If you are eagerly awaiting learning about the options available for next year, we are excited to share these options with you. If you know of other families that are interested in enrolling, we are happy to announce that we have our information ready to roll for our Enrichment and Bridge Programs, and prospective families can begin by clicking [here](#).

To learn more about our Academic Program (grades 7-12), please plan to attend our Information Session that is scheduled below:

Tuesday, March 5 at 3:00

6113 Constitution Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80915

*Attendance is highly recommended for families moving from the Bridge Program to the Academic Program.

Homeschool Helpful Tips

Colorado Department of Education Proposed Changes

FHP families! We know many of you have heard that the Colorado Board of Education (BOE) will be deciding on a few *part time publicly funded changes* this February 2024 proposed by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). *These changes will not affect all publicly funded part time programs.*

Our FHP staff wants to reassure our community that none of these changes will affect us at the Falcon Homeschool Program no matter what the Colorado BOE decides. We hire fully credentialed teachers, follow CO State Standards, only loan curriculum, and do not offer asynchronous online learning in the K-5 grades.

Thank you to the many families that have brought your concerns to us; we always aim to serve our families the very best we can, and your input helps us do that. If you have any more concerns please feel free to contact me to discuss further.

Find Joy in your every day!
Ms. Kassi, FHP Home Based Education Specialist
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