



Falcon Homeschool Program Newsletter

May 21, 22 and 23 2024

UPCOMING DATES:

May 21, 22, and 23: FHEP PEP Hat Day

May 21-23 Last Days of School (**early release, dismissal at 12:15**)

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Class Updates:

Arts and STEM Exploration

Ms. Jill

What an amazing year of Arts! We learned how to read the language of music while enjoying playing percussion instruments. We also discovered the elements of art. We related music, art, and drama to science topics as we explored animals, the solar system, and the orchestra. Today we are going to have lots of fun at the park and reminiscing about our year together. I want to thank you again for all your support and encouragement this year! I have truly enjoyed teaching all your children! I wish you a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing many of you again before we know it! Please email me at jill.foster@d49.org with any questions that come to your mind!

Ms. Amber

Unfortunately, Ms. Amber continues to deal with some health problems and will be out this week. We thank you for your patience, grace, and understanding. We also thank you and your children for a wonderful year of STEM! Your students showed lots of growth and demonstrated lots of learning throughout the year! We are looking forward to spending time together at the park this week, and we wish the students and families a wonderful summer!

Ms. Stacy's Class (K-1)

I don't know where time has gone but I do know it's been a fantastic year. A special thank you for sharing your amazing children with me this year. It truly has been an honor to partner with you throughout this year.

This week we will be enjoying our last day as a classroom family. We will be playing in the classroom, heading to the park for more play time and eating pizza together for our last lunch. Watching these wonderful children enjoy time together is such a gift. Please be sure to send students with a hat today for FHEP PEP day, sunscreen for play at the park, water bottle and a snack. If you choose for your child to not eat pizza make sure you send in lunch.

To those families that will be joining us next year I am looking forward to August already. To those who are leaving us I wish you well on your journey.

Regardless, have a wonderful summer making memories. Remember park days are a day to get together and reconnect with friends and families before school starts again.

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

Time flies when you are having fun and wow did this school year fly by!!

Thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of your homeschool journey. I have thoroughly enjoyed learning alongside your students this year. It was amazing to see our classes thoughtfully learn about our wonderful country in America the Beautiful and ponder the similarities and differences in the Ancient civilizations of Egypt and Rome. Through our geology and physics units, students learned more about our world and how it functions. Your students enthusiasm and interest helped our units come alive! I am so excited to be able to welcome our returning families back to FHEP in August and wish the best to families not returning and heading towards a new adventure. Have a wonderful summer filled with lots of sun, laughs, and memories.

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

Ms Leanne's Class (4-5)

Afraid your child will be bored this summer? Don't know what to have them read. Grab the Battle of the Books list from my door. I know there is a book on that list that your child will love! Also, as a reminder

to my 5th graders next year, if you like to read (or even listen to books) consider having your child sign up with me to do the Pikes Peak Battle of the Books competition. 5th graders from around the region try to read as many of the 40 books listed and do a competition in the Spring. A lot of these books make great read-alouds. Don't forget to join the Summer Read program at the library too.

Thanks for sharing your kids with me, it has been a wonderful year. I love your kids dearly and they have all grown so much. Thank you and hopefully I'll see you at a summer park day. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Ms Amber's Class (6-7)

Unfortunately, Ms. Amber continues to deal with some health problems and will be out this week. We thank you for your patience, grace, and understanding. We also thank you and your children for a wonderful year of science and social studies! Your students showed lots of growth and demonstrated lots of learning throughout the year! We are looking forward to spending time together at the park this week, and we wish the students and families a wonderful summer!

PROGRAM REMINDERS

Last Days of School–May 21, 22 and 23–Early Release at 12:15

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 dismissal/pick up from classroom (parents please pick up your students from the classroom as always)

FHEP PEP Wear a Hat the Last Week of School

For your last week of school we'd like to do a FHEP Pep. Everybody is invited to wear a hat next week. Since we are going to the park that day, we thought it'd be fun and helpful 😊 Please remember that the hat should still be school appropriate with no references to drugs, alcohol, weapons, etc... We will be having classroom time that morning too, so it shouldn't disrupt the teaching learning process either.

Know Someone who might be interested in our Program?

If you know someone interested in learning about our program for next year, please share this information with them. Our information is ready to roll for our Enrichment and Bridge Programs, and prospective families can begin by clicking [here](#). We update our website as often as possible to keep our information updated, so you can always direct interested families [here](#).

Families Not Returning Next Year

What a wonderful year we have had here at FHP this year. With summer approaching we know that plans to move or changes in your educational avenues happen. If you are currently enrolled with us for the 24-25 school year, and you realize that you will NOT be returning, please contact Nancy Carder at nancy.carder@d49.org as soon as you know. This way we can officially withdraw your student from FHP and District 49. Our classes are filling quickly and we need to know how many available spots we have in each class. If you would also complete this withdrawal form and return it to Nancy, she won't have to track you down later. Thank you. [FHP Withdrawal Form](#)

Summer Park Days: Come Join Us!

- **Vista del Pico Park (park by our school, next to Vista Water Park)**
 - [8833 Vista del Pico Blvd Colorado Springs, CO 80927](#)
 - **10:00 am – 11:30 am**
 - **Dates - June 6, June 27, Jul 18, 2024 (Thursdays)**

Farewell Ms Rachel

As many of you know, Ms. Rachel's time with us is coming to an end in these last few days. We are so very sad to see her go, and we know our families are too. Please join us in wishing her the very best in her next chapter that is sure to be filled with fun, travel, and family. We are so grateful to Ms. Rachel for her many years of service with us, and she has left such a beautiful mark on our program

and on each of us. Ms. Rachel, you will be sorely missed and fondly remembered. Thank you for your kind words, warm heart, hard work, and playful spirit.

Ms. Rachel's position is posted on D49's website, and we are hosting interviews tomorrow (Tuesday, May 21) from 12:30-3:30. If you or your student are interested in serving on the interview committee, please send a quick email to Ms. Nancy (nancy.carder@d49.org) letting her know the first name and last name and any relevant qualifications of who is interested in serving on the committee. We will then reach out with further details if you are selected.

Interviews for our 6th/7th Enrichment and 4th/5th STEM Teacher

We will be posting the 6th/7th Enrichment and 4th/5th STEM Teacher position soon, and we hope to host interviews in the near future. If you or your student are interested in serving on the interview committee, please send a quick email to Ms. Katie (kathryn.boal@d49.org) letting her know the first name and last name and any relevant qualifications (child is in one of these classes, parent has been a part of our community for a long time, etc) of who is interested in serving on the committee. We will then reach out with further details.

Thank You for a Fantastic School Year

To our wonderful families, thank you so much for a truly enjoyable school year! We learned a lot, and we know your delightful children did too! Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your homeschool experience. We wish you a beautiful summer, and we will be happy to see our students back in the building in August!

Tentative Calendars for 2024-2025 School Year

Please see below for our **tentative** calendars. Please note that these are only **tentative** and may change. We will send our finalized calendar via email over the summer with our other important information such as the supply list.

[Enrichment Calendar](#)

[Bridge Calendar](#)

Homeschool Helpful Tips

Looking Ahead to Next Year: Part 6- Challenges to tackle: Teacher/Parent Care

Homeschooling is an amazing way of life, however it can be extremely difficult and exhausting for parents doing double duty as teachers. For my last homeschool challenges of the school year I would love to provide encouragement for your journey and say congratulations on a job well done. You have committed your loving time to your children and it is time they will never forget. Do not compare your year to any one else and be proud of the small moments of success.

This summer, even if you continue school, take some time for yourself to refresh, refocus, and continue this thoughtful process of evaluating how you can make changes to take back your homeschool. The culture of your home is shaped and formed by you! Make sure to take the time you need to recharge yourself. Always remember your “why” for homeschooling.

I look forward to seeing everyone in August! I will be thoughtfully preparing our Homeschool 101 sessions when we return for the new school year. I hope to see you all there whether you have homeschooled one year or 10 years.

Thank you for allowing our team to come alongside you on your homeschool journey! Have a blessed summer with your family filled with unforgettable moments!

Find Joy in your every day!

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