



Falcon Homeschool Program Newsletter

December 12, 13 and 14 2023

UPCOMING DATES:

December 12, 13 and 14: FHEP PEP: PJs/holiday wear

December 18-January 1st: District Closed

Front Desk Number: (719) 495-5373

Class Updates:

Arts and STEM Exploration

Ms. Jill

Thank you for an amazing first semester in Arts! We have learned about instrument families and how to create dramatic characters using animal adaptations as a theme. We've also learned to read music and play bucket drums, as well as completed art tasks related to color and line. This week we will be playing lots of fun holiday percussion music, doing a creative art challenge, and participating in some holiday rotations in the afternoon with the whole school. Don't forget that you can wear PJ's or holiday wear for FHEP Pep week!

I wish all of you a restful holiday season with lots of great memories! I am looking forward to next semester when we will learn about how musicians compose music to represent the planets and our solar system! See you soon and please email me at jill.foster@d49.org with any questions that come to your mind!

Ms. Katrina

It was so fun to see you all at the student showcase! We are celebrating all of our hard work this semester this week. We will have some winter themed STEM challenges to complete this week. We will also be participating in large group rotations in the afternoon where the students can make holiday gifts/crafts, play games, listen to stories and have hot cider, and even have an indoor snowball fight! I hope you all

have a wonderful Winter break and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Email: katrina.trujillo@d49.org

Ms. Stacy's Class (K-1)

Thank you so much for joining us for our first Showcase night of the school year. It was great to talk with you all and brag on your children. It's hard to believe winter break is upon us and it makes me think about how much growth your sweet children have made already this year. Watching them form friendships and become a class family warms my heart.

This week is fun as your child can wear their PJ's or holiday wear for FHEP Pep week! We will be taking part in fun holiday rotations this week including Christmas stories, hot apple cider and enjoying time together. I want to thank each of you for sharing your beautiful children with me each week and making my job one of joy. Wishing you all a beautiful holiday and a Happy New Year.

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

Yay, it is almost time for our holiday break! This week is one of my favorite weeks of the school year. It is

FHEP pep week so you can wear your PJ's or Christmas clothes to celebrate!

This week we will be making a special gift for parents, participating in fun holiday rotations that include a special story read by Ms. Katie, and hot apple cider!!!

Your students do not want to miss this fun week!

I hope you and your families have a wonderful holiday break filled with laughs, love, and family during this season! I look forward to seeing all of our families in January. We will be jumping into two new units: Forces and Ancient Egypt when we return.

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 a great Showcase night we had. It was fun to see so many families celebrate a fantastic first semester here at FHEP. It got really crowded at one point, so if I was unable to say hello, I apologize. Know that I'm so proud of each child in our class. This week the fun continues. We will have special rotations in the afternoon with games and activities to kick off the holiday break. We will also have the pleasure of watching the 6th and 7th graders Greek play. And now I just have to say, how can it be Winter break already?? Enjoy the season, and your friends and families. We will see you next year 😊 Don't

hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. leanne.mckinney@d49.org

Ms Katrina's Class (6-7)

It was so fun to see you all at the student showcase night! We will be having our final performance of our Greek play this week. We will be performing for all of the FHEP students. Please look for the email sent last week by Ms. Heather with directions on how to view the performance on Schoology. We are celebrating all of our hard work this semester this week. In addition to performing our play, we will be having hot cocoa with Ms. Heather's class. We will also be participating in rotations in the afternoon where the students can make holiday gifts/crafts, play games, listen to stories and have hot cider, and even have an indoor snowball fight! I hope you all have a wonderful Winter break and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. If your child cannot have hot cocoa, please let us know. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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PROGRAM REMINDERS

FHEP PEP: this week December 12, 13 and 14th

Join in the fun and kick off our holiday break with our all school FHEP Pep. Next week, students may come in their **holiday wear**: students can wear their holiday PJs, shirts, sweat shirts, ugly Christmas sweaters, elf hats or more. Remember we don't do holiday classroom parties, please don't bring in treats.

Winter Break

Enjoy/classes will resume...

December 18-January 1 D49 Christmas Break (district closed)

January 2, 3, 4-FHP staff Professional Development Days

January 9, 10, 11-FHP classes resume

Thank you for an amazing first semester! Our students and families are always what we're most grateful for, especially during the holiday season. We hope you and your loved ones enjoy a wonderful Christmas Break, and we'll see students for classes January 9, 10, and 11.

Student Showcase–Thank You!

Wow! What an outstanding night! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! We love seeing our families support their homeschoolers by attending the evening and allowing your children to share their enrichment and academic experiences with you even more. If you weren't able to make it, I suggest talking with your child's teacher to see if they can share their work with you after school one day this week. Your children learn so many wonderful things in our program, and they practice so many meaningful skills—I'm so grateful for your support in their learning when they're with us!

Parents, please remind your children to be sensitive to other children's Christmas and holiday beliefs. We don't want the magic of the season spoiled at school.

Information Sessions for Next Year

We'll be sharing information about our upcoming Information Sessions slated for early January, and we're hoping to start with our first sessions on **Wednesday, January 3 or Thursday, January 4**. We'll send emails and promote on social media this week, so be on the lookout.

Also, for our new families, we will be sharing our **Re-Enrollment Survey in early January. This survey is how you reserve your child's/children's spot/spots for the 2024-2025 school year.** We are hoping to add some new and exciting options, so stay tuned and be sure to complete the survey when we release it!

We would love your feedback: College, Career, and Technical Programs

Hello wonderful FHP community! FHP is in the early planning stages of connecting high school homeschoolers in our district to programs within D49. We would like to hear from our FHP community, in addition to all other D49 homeschool families. This survey will help us understand the most popular interests and pathways our homeschool middle/high school student population may consider in the future. If you have a few minutes to take a short survey to provide us feedback we would appreciate your time. If you know a homeschool family that resides within D49 please pass this survey along!

[Click to fill out the Google form survey](#)

Have an amazing holiday homeschool season!
Ms. Kassi, FHP Home Based Education Specialist