



Farnsworth Elementary Newsletter

October 2020

We have been so excited to have everyone back and learning here at Farnsworth! We as a school wanted to take a quick moment and recognize our student body for how amazing they have been with wearing masks and following school safety measures. We know this year looks a little different and our students have done a fantastic job of adapting to this most unusual year.

New Faculty

Farnsworth Elementary would like to take a moment to introduce some of the new faculty members that we have this year 😊. If you see any new staff members outside or in the school, please feel free to say hello!

Marianne Johansen – Principal
Andrew Morgan – Assistant Principal
Kathleen O’Donnell – Social Worker
Julie Galli - Psychologist
Chris Hurzeler – Teacher
Kim Lewis – Speech
Mary Rapp – Preschool Teacher
Mitsuko Fyffe – Assistant Preschool Teacher
Sharon Wiley – Kindergarten
Jessie Tanner – 1st Grade
Bonnie Franchina – 4th Grade
Rebecca Goleniewski – 4th Grade
Barbara Knowlden – 5th Grade
Savannah Brain – Student Teacher
Ingrid Griffee – Student Teacher
Sandra Borceguin – Student Teacher
Allysa Elegante – Aide/Para
Kaleb Leford – Aide/Para
Gabby Fog – Aide/Para
Ami QaQaanilawa – Aide/Para
Shandra Aguilar – Aide/Para
Steven Burggraaf – Aide/Para

SEPs

We wanted to take a moment to thank all teachers and parents who participated in SEPs (Parent Teacher Conferences). We know these meetings were very different than in years past, but we are so proud of teachers, parents, and students for navigating these unusual circumstances. We also want to send a special shout out to Chik-fil-a for helping to feed our teachers during SEPs.

Farnsworth Community Food Pantry

We are currently working with the Granite Education Foundation to get a food pantry set up that will serve our Farnsworth students and families. We will update you with more information as we get closer to having our pantry ready to serve.

School Safety

Please continue to have ongoing dialogue at home with your students about important safety practices relating to COVID-19 (examples include properly wearing a mask, hand washing, social distancing etc....). One question we get a lot as a school is: "What can I do to help keep my child stay safe at school?". A very effective yet simple answer is to model for your child and have them participate in these practices away from school. Wear a mask when you go out, regularly wash and sanitize your hands, and practice social distancing. The more your child sees you practice these good habits away from school, the more routine it will become for them at school.

Parents, please remember that if you are coming to the school masks will always be required. This includes being with your student on the blacktop before and after school. Please try to send an extra mask with you child. This will help us conserve resources and make sure we have enough masks in our supply.

Halloween

Students are permitted to wear costumes to school on Thursday, October 29th. As per usual, no full facial masks or face paint are to be worn that are a part of a student's costume. Students will still be required to wear their usual face covering. Classroom celebrations will be at the discretion of the teacher. Because of COVID-19 concerns there are two restrictions we are having to put in place this year to help keep our students and staff safe.

- We are asking that students follow their individual teacher's instructions for contributing candy to their class.
- We will not be having our annual Halloween parade.

We are hopeful and crossing our fingers that next year we can resume Halloween at Farnsworth as it was done in the past. As a school we did not come to these decisions lightly, but we feel these steps will help our school community stay safe.

Upcoming

Friday, October 2nd – Distance Learning

Friday, October 9th – Distance Learning

Tuesday, October 13th - Picture retakes

Wednesday, October 15th – KUED night (School will send take home bags for activities to do at home)

Tuesday, October 20th – Distance Learning

Wednesday - Friday October 21st – October 23rd– No school for students (End of Term/Teacher Workdays)

Thursday, October 29th – Halloween celebrations

Friday, October 30th – Distance Learning