



## **Farnsworth Elementary Newsletter**

**November 2020**

Happy November Farnsworth community 😊. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we as a school would like to thank our whole Farnsworth community (Teachers, Support Staff, Students, Families, etc....) for all of your hard work and dedication in making this different school year better than we could have ever imagined. While this year has been presented many different and new challenges, our Farnsworth community has answered the call and made this year a special one. We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Fantastic November.

### **COVID-19 Protocols**

If you or someone in your household test positive for COVID-19, please alert the school immediately. The district and health department will communicate with us the proper recommendations for quarantines etc..... **Please keep your child at home until we have been given direction from the health department on how we should proceed.** Absences related to COVID-19 do not count against a student's attendance record. Any information shared remains private between school administration, the district and health department. Students under quarantine can participate in distance learning to ensure the student continues to receive their education.

### **Distance Learning**

Please remember that at the end of each week students will be participating in distance learning. While this usually falls on Friday's we have a unique situation coming up with Thanksgiving break. The week of November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> students will be in the building on Monday, Tuesday will be distance learning day and school will be out of session Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

### **Farnsworth Community Food Pantry**

As the Holiday's approach please reach out the school if you have any food needs. Through the Granite Education Foundation, we have the ability to order food to help families in need. You can call the school, reach out to your child's teacher, or email the following people:

Marianne Johansen (Principal) - [mjohansen@graniteschools.org](mailto:mjohansen@graniteschools.org)  
Andrew Morgan (Assistant Principal) – [amorgan1@graniteschools.org](mailto:amorgan1@graniteschools.org)  
Kathleen O'Donnell (Social Worker) – [kkodonnell@graniteschools.org](mailto:kkodonnell@graniteschools.org)  
Inma Burggraaff (Community Center Coordinator) - [iburggraaf@graniteschools.org](mailto:iburggraaf@graniteschools.org) (Español)

We are happy to help and will do our best to accommodate your food needs.

### **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.

### **Book Fair**

Our annual school book fair will take place virtually. Parents and student will have the opportunity to purchase book fair items online. More information will come out very soon about the book fair date and the website where you purchase items.

### **Upcoming**

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Distance Learning

Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – Distance Learning

Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – Distance Learning

Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – Distance Learning

Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday November, 27<sup>th</sup> – No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving