

# Farnsworth Elementary Newsletter

January 2021

Welcome back staff and students. It was great to say goodbye to 2020 and welcome in 2021. Hopefully you all got plenty of rest and relaxation over the break. As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns please contact the office. We are happy to help in anyway we can.

## End of Quarter 2 Schedule

The schedule for the week of January 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> will look a little different. In person learning will take place on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Distance learning will take place on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. January 13<sup>th</sup> is a makeup day for when school was cancelled in early September because of the school power outage. There will be no school for students Thursday and Friday of that week. Also, remember there is no school on Monday January 18<sup>th</sup> because of Martin Luther King day.

### Farnsworth Community Food Pantry

If you are having food insecurity concerns, we are happy to help! 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) - <u>mjohansen@graniteschools.org</u> Andrew Morgan (Assistant Principal) – <u>amorgan1@graniteschools.org</u> Kathleen O'Donnell (Social Worker) – <u>kkodonnell@graniteschools.org</u> Inma Burggraaff (Community Center Coordinator) - <u>iburggraaf@graniteschools.org</u> (Español)

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

## Friday Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch for distance learning days are no longer distributed by the school on Friday. Students will now be sent home with breakfast and lunch on Thursday before they leave for the end of the day. If you would like your child to receive breakfast and lunch, please fill out this form online: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWs5Cyh\_sF2iTQ4hdoeilyyCF0hQDN4rh45KmOwPuMBDT huQ/viewform. You only need to fill out this form once. Thank you to those who have already done so ②.

#### **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 quarantine, 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 nurses, and the health department. Students under quarantine can participate in distance learning to ensure the student continues to receive their education.

#### 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.

#### Upcoming

January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> – Distance Learning January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> – No school (End of Term) January 18<sup>th</sup> – No school (Martin Luther King Day) January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Distance Learning January 29<sup>th</sup> – Distance Learning