



Farnsworth Elementary Newsletter

February 2021

Happy February to all our staff, students and parents! This school year feels like it has been moving at a snail's pace, yet at the same time it is hard to believe that we have just started the 3rd quarter. February is a month of many celebrations: Valentine's Day, Washington and Lincoln's Birthdays and Black History Month. We hope that with this pandemic and the long winter months that are upon us, that you find some time to celebrate all the good things that are happening in this world 😊.

SEP Week

SEPs will take place February 8th and 9th. Teachers will be reaching out to families to help facilitate those. The school is using an online scheduler again; parents if you haven't yet signed up you can do so by following this link: <https://www.canyoncreeksoftware.com/scheduler/ut/granite/>. Please contact the school or your student's teacher if you have any questions. As a reminder Thursday February 11th will be a distance learning day. There will be NO SCHOOL for teachers or students on Friday, February 12th (Teacher Comp Day) and Monday, February 15th (Presidents Day).

PTA No Fuss Fundraiser and Membership Drive

This February our PTA is doing a different kind of Fundraiser. For this fundraiser you do not have to buy or sell anything. Please help support our PTA with a contribution. 100% of the contributions go to our Farnsworth PTA to help support SEP dinners for teachers, birthday gifts for students, staff and faculty, 6th grade end of the year breakfast and tee shirt, and many more great things.

Teachers will be sending home blue forms this week that better explains the fundraiser. If you wish to donate you will fill out the form that is being sent home and return it to the office in an envelope marked "PTA Donation/Membership". If you prefer to use a debit/credit card you can donate by following this link: <http://farnsworth.new.memberhub.store/store>. Please note that all online donations are secure but there will be small fee charged for debit and credit card transactions. The Donation/Membership Drive will end on February 19th. EVERY DONATION COUNTS NO MATTER THE AMOUNT 😊

Farnsworth Community Food Pantry

If you are having food insecurity, 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) - mjohansen@graniteschools.org

Andrew Morgan (Assistant Principal) – amorgan1@graniteschools.org

Kathleen O'Donnell (Social Worker) – kkodonnell@graniteschools.org

Inma Burggraaff (Community Center Coordinator) - iburggraaf@graniteschools.org (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 each Friday. Students will now be sent home with breakfast and lunch every Thursday before they leave for the end of the day. For your child to receive breakfast and lunch for distance learning days you will need to 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



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 regarding 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. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher if you need to make distance learning accommodations during quarantine

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 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 your child. This will help us conserve resources and make sure we have enough masks in our supply.

Upcoming

All of February – Black History Month

February 5th – Distance Learning

February 8th and 9th – SEPs

February 11th – Distance Learning

February 12th and 15th – No school (Teacher Comp Day and Presidents Day)

February 14th – Valentine's Day (Sunday)

February 19th – Distance Learning

February 26th – Distance Learning