



Farnsworth Elementary Newsletter March 2021

Happy March! It is so hard to believe that we are coming up on the one-year anniversary of schools closing because of COVID. I think we all can agree that March 13th, 2020 is a day we will never forget in our lifetime. Hopefully 2021 continues on the positive path that it has been on and we can break free from all of this COVID stuff sooner rather later 😊

March 13th, 2020

On March 13th, 2020 schools across Utah were shut down and none of us knew what education would look like. COVID-19 has impacted all our lives in so many ways and school was no exception. With that in mind, our teachers and staff have done an AMAZING job working to educate our students in these unprecedented times. From the school closure last year, to the many challenges that this 2020-2021 school has brought us, our teachers and staff have worked so hard every day for our students. We just want to take a moment and say THANK YOU all our teachers and staff! We would not have been able to make this year work without you!

End of Year Testing

The State of Utah is requiring all students in grades 3-6 to participate in the end of year RISE testing. This will also be required of distance learning students as well. Testing will begin at the end of April and will continue through the mid to end of May. For students that are distance learning, the school will be in contact with you about scheduling times to come into test. Distance learners will take the test on Friday's. Students who are learning in person will take the test in the classroom with their teacher like it has been done in the past. Please reach out to the school if you have any questions. We will provide more information in April as the testing window approaches.

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.

COVID-19 Protocols

We understand as a school that CDC/State Health Department recommendations relating to COVID are always in flux and changing. As a school we follow the guidelines given by the district who is constant contact with the Utah State Health Department. Please know that any information we pass along to stake holders (parents, staff, students etc.....) come directly from the district and health department. We do not make the guidelines; we just follow them to ensure our school is safe 😊. If you ever have any questions about school COVID guidelines, please feel free to reach out to us.

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_sF2ITQ4hdoeilyCF0hQDN4rh45KmOwPuMBDT_huQ/viewform. You only need to fill out this form once. Thank you to those who have already done so



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

March 5th – Distance Learning

March 12th – Distance Learning

March 19th – Distance Learning

March 24th – Distance Learning

March 25th-26th – No school (Teacher Contract Days/End of Quarter)

March 29th – April 2nd – Spring Break No School