



Farnsworth Elementary Newsletter

April 2021

Happy April Farnsworth community! It has been so refreshing to see flowers on the tress starting to bloom, the grass coming back to life and the temperature warming up. We hope that all of you had a restful and relaxing spring break. We excited to finish the school year strong!

Masks

Parents, please be aware that masks are still required to be worn at school. Please know this is not a school or district decision. The school mask mandate comes from the Utah State Legislature. When the bill to lift the statewide mask mandate was written, it stated that schools are still required to have masks worn at all times. We have been extremely proud of our students for how well they have done this year with wearing their masks. We do not know if masks will be required next school year or not. When we have that information, we will make sure to inform you as soon as possible.

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. We know that our students will do awesome and we are excited to get our testing going. Our teachers and students have all been working hard all year preparing for them and we know all that hard work will pay off 😊. Parents, please make sure your child gets enough sleep so when they come to school, they are well rested and focused so they can do their absolute best. Please encourage them and remind them how awesome they are and that they will do great!

For students that are distance learning, the school will be in contact with you about scheduling times to come in to 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 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.

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

Book Fair – April 12th – 15th 3:50-6:00 pm.

April 9th – Distance Learning Friday

April 16th – Distance Learning Friday

April 22nd – PBS Night (Virtual)

April 23rd – Distance Learning Friday

April 30th – Distance Learning Friday