



Farnsworth Elementary Newsletter September 2021

Greetings Farnsworth Family! October is finally here, and Fall is in the air. It has been nice to a break from the heat we have had so much of this year. The changing color of the leaves is also another great perk to Fall. We would like to take a moment to thank our wonderful teachers and staff for their hard work during SEPs. It was fun to see the many family and friends stop by to learn more about their student's academics. We hope you all have a wonderful and spooky October!

Fall/Halloween Activities

We are anticipating having a Halloween/Fall Parade at Farnsworth Elementary on Friday, October 29th at 9:30 am. Participation is optional. Classroom parties are allowed but that will look differently depending on the grade level and teacher. As always guidelines regarding COVID if there any changes that need to be made, we will communicate with you immediately.

Pick up drop/off area

Parents/Guardians, we GREATLY appreciate the efforts that you all put in to make sure your student gets to school on time and picked up in a timely manner. Please know that the faculty parking lot/bus pickup area is for busses and day care only, **it is not for individual student pickup**. Please help keep our parking lot safe by using the crosswalk in front of our school and not double parking to pick up your child. These actions make it harder to keep everyone safe (students and adults). Our wonderful safety patrol students and faculty work hard each day to maintain parking lot safety. Please be respectful of them and adhere to all parking lot rules. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation 😊.

Faculty Spotlight: Ms. Elegante (School Secretary)

1. What is your favorite thing about Farnsworth Elementary?
The Students and sense of community even though we are in the middle of west valley.
2. What do you love to do when you are not working at school?
Love to spend time with my family, watching movies & sport occasionally! When I'm +feeling up to it YOGA and Hiking. 😊
3. If you could meet anyone from today or in the past, who would it be?
I would love to meet – I don't know. So many!
4. What is your favorite food??
I love Pasta and Mexican Food
5. Why do you love helping the students at Farnsworth?
I love helping the students because they are the best!! We have such an awesome diverse student body that brings so much to the school.

School Safety

Farnsworth Elementary as well as the Granite School District are HIGHLY ENCOURAGING students and staff to wear masks, while also recognizing masks are a personal choice. The only exception to that rule are school buses and public transportation. Any student who rides a school bus is required by Federal Law to wear a mask. Student's riding a bus may remove their mask when they get to school if they desire to do so. If you want to send your student to school with a mask and it was lost or forgotten, please reach out to your student's teacher or the main office and we will gladly provide them with one (We have plenty). A student being bullied for wearing a mask, or not wearing a mask will not be tolerated. Farnsworth Tigers are a T.E.A.M and we respect the rights of all students' opinions on this matter. We also encourage anyone who is eligible to get a COVID-19 Vaccine to help stop the spread of this terrible virus.

Due to legislation that was passed by our state legislature, individual schools and school districts are not allowed to implement masks mandates at this time. If that legislation changes, we will let you know as quickly as possible. Please note that we are following County Health Department and Granite District guidelines when it comes to keeping our kids safe in school. Farnsworth will be continuing our daily sanitation and ventilation protocols to ensure our school is as clean as possible for our students and staff.

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 protocols or guidelines, please feel free to reach out to the school. We are happy to address any questions you may have. You may also view the State of Utah's K-12 School Recommendations on COVID-19 by following this link:

<https://coronavirus.utah.gov/education>

Schedule

As a reminder, this year, school will be in session 5 days a week with a short day on Friday's. The bell schedule is as follows:

Monday -Thursday

9:00 - School starts

9:05 - Tardy bell

12:00 AM - Kinder dismissed

12:45 - PM Kinder begins

3:45 - School is dismissed

Friday

9:00 - School Starts

9:05 - Tardy Bell

11:00 - AM Kinder dismissed

11:40 - PM Kinder begins

1:40 - School is dismissed

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:

Ann Kane (Principal) – akane@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 accommodate your food needs.

Upcoming

October 1st – No school

October 8th – Short Day

October 11th – 15th – Red Ribbon Week

October 12th – Last Day of School Fundraiser

October 21st – 22nd – Fall Break (No school)

October 25th – Teacher Contract Day (No school for students)

October 29th – Short Day