



Faris Elementary



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Fall Happenings - Dan Ackland

Can you believe it's already October? Next week we will welcome parents and families into our building for parent-teacher conferences to share all the great things going on in our school and about your child. If you haven't had the chance to schedule your

conference yet, please contact the front office at 620-615-5000. Conferences are on Wednesday, October 4th from 3:30-6pm, and Thursday, October 5th from 8:00am - 7:30pm.

Parents will also have the opportunity to take the annual parent survey during conferences. In addition, you will receive a variety of information about happenings the next few weeks including the Halloween Parade and parent feedback about adopting two building-wide Core Values.



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Counselor's Corner - Tracy Goracke

Be Yourself! is a book written by Charles Shultz. In this book, the Peanuts, Charlie Brown's group of friends, focus on things that make them happy. During our counseling lessons we are reflecting on happiness by discussing the book and how it relates to our own happiness. We enjoy learning more about the characters of Charles Shultz by watching some video clips about Charlie Brown's friends. These clips are great lessons used to teach character traits such as trustworthy, honesty, caring, responsible, respectful, etc. This leads into our brainstorming session in which we are considering two new guidelines for success. Currently our three guidelines for success include: Be Respectful; Be Responsible; Be

Safe. The kids have had fun making suggestions for the two new guidelines. Many of the children are choosing words related to kindness. Mrs. Goracke



Students at Faris enjoyed listening to music from movies, cartoons, and video games during the School Swing Assembly Concert

Nurse and Health - Erika Barnes

When should your child stay home from school? You don't want your child to miss school; but neither do you want to send a sick child to school and endanger him or her and other children as well. Here are a few guidelines you should follow:

If your child is ill and has a fever of 100.4 or above, they must stay home for 24 hours after the fever breaks – WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION – this means that if they don't have a fever, but they have had Acetaminophen (Tylenol) in the last 4-6 hours, or Motrin/Advil (Ibuprofen) in the last 6-8 hours, they are NOT considered to be fever free. Remember, many of the over-the-counter cough and cold medicines contain Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen them – be sure to read the labels.

If your child vomits – even if you think they ate something, or they were jumping around too much - they must stay home for 24 hours after the last vomiting episode. If your child is not running a fever or

vomiting, but they are feeling poorly and listless, having difficulty with runny nose, sneezing & coughing uncontrollably or otherwise just not right, think hard before you send them in to school. Would you want your child sitting next to someone feeling like your child? Would you want to try and concentrate all day if you felt that way?

Good hand washing and covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing are the most effective and simple ways to prevent the spread of contagious illnesses. As always, call the school and report contagious illnesses to the nurse/office.

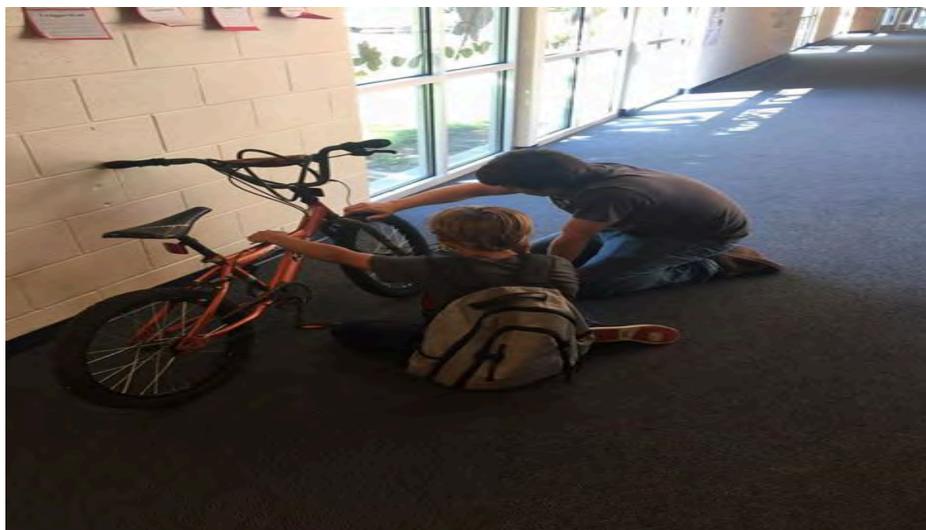
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PTO and Site Council - Sherry Treece



Students from Faris skating the night away at Skate Night at Skateland

A variety of fundraisers are planned for the upcoming school year including Skate Nights, Gambino's Pizza Nights, Dillon's Plus Card, and more. Watch for information to come home, our school Facebook page, and the Faris Elementary PTO Facebook page for more info.



One of our focuses this year is on "family". Here one of our custodians is going above and beyond by helping a student with their bike.

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Finally, just a few items of Reminders from the last importance: newsletter:

* I, along with a few teachers, will be gone the week of October 9th on a trip to learn about Professional Learning Communities. A substitute principal will be in the building that week along. Mrs. Goracke, our counselor, will also remain in the building that week.

* Students should not bring toys or trinkets from home that distract from the learning environment in the classroom.

* The lost and found is located across from the gym. As the weather turns colder, the pile will grow bigger. Be sure to check the lost and found frequently for your items.

* Students are expected to provide their own bike locks for the bike rack.

* Students eating breakfast should arrive prior to 7:30am to ensure they have enough time to eat.

* Students arriving after 7:50am will be counted tardy.

* Students not picked up by 3:20pm will be taken to the front office.

* Please call the office to let us know if your child will not be attending school. Students not called in will be counted as unexcused.

* There are several 1pm Early Release Friday's this year. We have signs out front on these days, reminders on the sign, phone call reminders, this newsletter, Facebook, and calendar magnets as ways to help you remember.

* Anyone wishing to volunteer in the school or attend field trips **must** attend a Communities that Care training prior to doing so.

* If you are looking for other ways to get involved, attend a PTO meeting to learn more.

* Office hours are 7:00am - 3:30pm. Phones will be answered during this time. The nurse arrives to school at 7:45am and teachers are on duty by 7:35am.

October Calendar

Wednesday, October 4th - Fall Pictures

Wednesday, October 4th - Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:00pm

Thursday, October 5th - No School, Parent-Teacher Conference 8:00am - 7:30pm

Friday, October 6th - No School

Wednesday, October 11th - K-3 Celebration of Learning, 1:15-1:45pm

Wednesday, October 11th - Kindness Club, 3:15 - 3:45pm

Thursday, October 12th - 4-6 Celebration of Learning 1:15-1:45pm

Friday, October 13th - Early Release 1pm

Monday, October 16th - Flu Shot Clinic, 2-4pm

Tuesday, October 17th - Student Birthday Lunches

Tuesday, October 17th - PTO Meeting, 6pm, Library

Friday, October 20th - Early Release 1pm

Friday, October 27th - Early Release 1pm

Tuesday, October 31st - Halloween Parade 8am

Fall Pictures

Wednesday, October 4th

Begins with 6th grade at 8:00am, then work through Kindergarten up to 5th grade

Afternoon Dismissal

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After-school dismissal can be a hectic time. Please show patience and courtesy to others during afternoon dismissal. This past school year, 20mph school speed-zone signs were put in around the property. Our Safety Patrol students will soon be standing on the corners of 9th and Maple and 10th and Maple. Vehicles are expected to stop for any student displaying the stop flags.

The front area of the building is a drop-off zone only. Please do not park in this area, even to run into the building or front office. Students in Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade Ms. Davis, and 3rd grade Ms. Boese dismiss on the south courtyard. 6th grade students dismiss from the south-west doors. 2nd grade Mrs. Mourn and 3rd grade Ms. Gurney dismiss from the west doors. 4th and 5th grade students dismiss from the north-west corner of the building.

On the south side of the building, please park and walk to pick up your students. Do not pull up and wave your students over as it creates unsafe situations. The curb has been painted blue/white on the north side of 9th street. The handicapped blue curb area is for the handicapped bus **only**. The white curb area is for the Hadley daycare van and buses only. Do not park or pull up in this area.

Following these procedures will ensure that everyone is able to leave school quickly and safely. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.



**HUTCHINSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NURSING SERVICES**

**EXCLUSION POLICY FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIFIC CONTAGIOUS DISEASES
(KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT)**

CONDITIONS FOR EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL	CONDITIONS FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL
1) Oral temperature of 99.6 degrees or above with headache, sore throat, nausea, coughing/sneezing or other symptoms.	1) Free of fever for 24 hours. Without fever reducing medications.
2) Oral temperature of 100.4 or above will be sent home even when there are no other symptoms.	2) Free of fever for 24 hours. Without fever reducing medications.
3) Severe cough where student gets red or blue in the face or makes high-pitched “croupy” or “whooping” sounds after coughing.	3) Symptom free or physician’s written approval to return to school.
4) Diarrhea, maximum of two watery stools in a four-hour period.	4) Free of diarrhea for 24 hours.
5) Confirmed and/or repetitive vomiting.	5) Free of vomiting for 24 hours.
6) CONJUNCTIVITIS, BACTERIAL (Pink-eye). Inflammation of the conjunctiva of one or both eyes, swelling of the eyelids, and a purulent discharge.	6) Excluded from school until 24 hours AFTER treatment has been initiated.
7) Infected areas of the skin with crust, yellow, dry area or rash, e.g. impetigo, ringworm, etc.	7) Return to school 24 hours AFTER treatment has been initiated.
8) Severe itching of the body or scalp or constant scratching of the scalp, e.g. head lice or scabies.	8) After treatment, including free of live lice.
9) Fainting or seizures (other than pre-existing conditions) or general signs of listlessness, weakness, drowsiness, flushed face, headache, or stiff neck.	9) Symptom free or physician’s written approval to return.

Parents/Guardians are requested to report the physician's diagnosis to the school. Conditions are subject to staff assessment prior to dismissing home. As required by law, nursing services will report communicable diseases to the Kansas Department of Health and/or Environment and Reno County Health Department.