

Family Newsletter: September 6, 2019

Hello FDS Families,

FUSD Superintendent News: The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on September 9, 6:30 p.m., at FES. In order to ensure continuity and smooth transitions for our FDS 8th graders moving forward to Foresthill High School (FHS), their Principal and I have been meeting and plan to continue meeting throughout the school year to collaborate and serve in the best interests of our collective students. Additionally, FUSD and Placer Union High School District (PUHSD) will have a Joint Board meeting on September 17, 6:00 p.m., in the Library at FHS. We look forward to your attendance and participation.

FDS Principal News: Teachers and staff are mostly into our full routines and moving forward with providing world class education to our students. September will be the official start of our leadership, teacher, line-up, and 1X1 meetings that will significantly improve our ability to collaborate and work timely, efficiently, effectively, and cohesively as a team.

Below is information regarding current matters.

Upcoming Important Dates: September 9 @ 6:30 p.m. – Board meeting, September 12 @ 3:00 p.m. – Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), September 17 @ 6:00 p.m. – Joint FUSD/PUHSD Board meeting @ 6:00 p.m., September 19 – Picture Day, September 19 @ 3 p.m. – Health and Safety Committee,

Bus Transportation: I rode on bus route 8 and 9 respectively earlier this week on Wednesday and Thursday to gain better understanding of our students' transportation experience. Though all went well on both routes, I was able to observe and learn quite a bit from the experience. I will discuss possible improvements with Durham at our September 12th meeting. Based on communications to the front office, I believe that service has improved greatly over the last two weeks.

Health and Safety Committee (H&S): At our September 3rd meeting, specific sub-committees (Perimeter Fencing and Security, Video Security, School Safety Drills, Students Drop-off/Pick-ups, Full Evacuation, and Safety Plan 2019-20) were formed to begin their research and collaboration to make recommendations for each matter. The sub-committees will meet individually but will share out at each H&S Committee meeting (next meeting is September 19). Committee Co-chair, Stephanie Watkins, and I will be attending the District Safety Committee meeting hosted by Placer County Office of Education on September 10. Please contact the front office or me if you are interested in joining the H&S team to keep our students healthy and safe. If you need daycare provided during the meetings, it would be appreciated if you notify the front office in advance.

Student Safety (Early Dismissal): In order to best protect our students, only adults listed on the Emergency Card along with required acceptable photo ID will be allowed to pick up students at school.

Student and Staff Safety (Visitors on Campus): In order to best protect all students and staff on campus, all visitors must have prior invitation from staff or authorization from the Principal along with acceptable photo ID (adults only).

Student and Staff Safety (Volunteering on Campus): In order to best protect all students and staff on campus, all volunteers must have confirmed clearances and be on the approved list. Additionally, all volunteers must have prior invitation from staff or authorization from the Principal along with acceptable photo ID (adults only) and check in with the front office before entering the campus.

Student Drop-Offs: Please be sure to drop off your student no later than 8:00 a.m. (earlier if they eat breakfast at school) as they are expected to be in class at 8:05 a.m. for the start of school and instruction. As usual, we

definitely appreciate those that are able to drop off students earlier at 7:45a. I will soon be working with school staff and teachers to have instruction in each class start promptly at 8:05a.

We look forward to seeing our students arriving to school on time every day as well as happy, healthy, and ready to learn. All of us are committed to serving your children and you.

Thanks. Jack

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "J.K.", written in a cursive style.

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