

Finn Hill Middle School Matters

November 20th, 2020
Twelfth Edition



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New Information

FHMS Interests Groups -Some interest groups have already begun, and some will start up after the Thanksgiving break. Interest groups will range from cooking and baking classes to discussions on current social matters. Also, in the upcoming days, students will be receiving a survey to complete asking them about their preferences. Finn Hill Middle School teachers and staff feel strongly that Falcon students are missing out on peer socialization. Hence, they a fourth of the teachers committed to creating social spaces that will foster peer engagement. The link below will take you to an attachment that delineate what's available to FHMS students currently.

<https://fhms.lwsd.org/activitiesathletics/activities>

Where we are headed next!- While we are ecstatic that Finn Hill is offering more choices and opportunities for students to engage with each other, we will continue to focus on increasing classroom engagement for students as well. We have listened to your concerns ranging from how we could challenge some students more, make sure other students are feeling connected, and a host of other questions and concerns. We are developing a document that will contain best practices and strategies to engage students in smaller groups. Also, we are revamping our Falcon-Time periods to provide more intervention time with students.

Finn Hill Middle School Weekly Schedule Link

Upcoming Event:

The LWPTSA Council,
in conjunction with
LWSD is offering
upcoming events for
families : LGBTQ+
Panel – 12/2
IPCP Cultural Identity and
Diversity Takeaway:
[https://www.lwsd.org/fs
/resource-
manager/view/c6fb15e7-
a3b2-4bc5-9813-
2910bd33cdef](https://www.lwsd.org/fs/resource-manager/view/c6fb15e7-a3b2-4bc5-9813-2910bd33cdef)

Announcements and Updates

Please review the three-day, no Thursday and Friday schedule. The upcoming week's schedule is in the link below!

<https://teams.microsoft.com/#/school/files/General?threadId=19%3A01e5646ef587472690004de50580b5a5%40thread.skype&ctx=channel&context=Schedules&rootfolder=%252Fsites%252FFinnHillMiddleSchool%252FShared%2520Documents%252FGeneral%252FSchedules>

Upcoming Dates of Importance

November

23rd- Full Day

24th –Full Day

25th – Half Day

26th-27th- Thanksgiving Observance

December

2nd – Juice w/ Joseph- 12:00-12:30 pm

3rd – Java w/ Joseph – 11:00- 11:45 am

Content Library Links

You can visit each of these OneNote content libraries for grade level information and weekly overviews for core classes.

[6th Grade OneNote](#)

[7th Grade OneNote](#)

[8th Grade OneNote](#)

Library News

“No-contact book check out is now available. Please follow the instructions Mr. Strong has posted on the library Teams page. All holds must be placed by Friday, pick-up can only occur on Mondays from 2 to 4 per district safety guidelines.”

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And Now, A Message from our PTSA!

Dear Finn Hill Families,
With the Holiday season quickly approaching, we wanted to let you know that the Finn Hill PTSA will be holding a holiday gift card drive to support families in need at Finn Hill. Last year, thanks to our amazing community, we were able to support 38 Finn Hill families! This year, more than ever, there is a need for support. We are so grateful for the thoughtfulness and generosity of our community. If you would like to donate, please see details below. Thank you!

Your Finn Hill PTSA

PTSA Holiday Gift Card Drive:

What: Holiday gift card drive to provide holiday help for students and families.

How: Drop off gift cards to Fred Meyer, Target, Visa, or AMEX

Where: Please drop off cards at Finn Hill. Ring the doorbell and let the office staff know you have a gift card.

When: November 16th-Dec 11th

Questions: Contact Diane Devlyne-Thompson, PTSA President at fhmsptsapresident@gmail.com or Kirstin Doughty, FHMS Counselor at kdoughty@lwsd.org

Shout-Outs-

Please forward any shout-out to me by Thursday of each week!

- **Shout-Out to FHMS-PTSA for their tremendous support !**
- **Shout- Out to the Front Office Staff for organizing a safe, process for families to visit FHMS!**
- **Shout-Out to FHMS Staff for supporting students with your collaborative spirit and brilliant thinking!**
- **Shout-Out to Jenna Schulz for creating workout videos for PE and including FHMS staff cameos , to increase student engagement!**
- **Shout-Out to Adell Bergum and Kiersten Humble for developing a positive behavior system for students in their co-taught class!**

Helpful Links

FHMS -Counselor's Link

<https://www.lwsd.org/fs/resource-manager/view/bbd0bf89-c4db-4df3-8c95-158a23c18214>

TSA (Technology Student Association):

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1602257238/lwsd.org/siweh129wqllfo2tcsq/TSAAnnouncement.pdf>

G.L.O.W. Club Flyer (Gay, Lesbian, or

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1602005563/lwsd.org/pvqlza7m2zuo zz8gohs0/GLOWP oster.pdf>

Once again, we thank each of you for helping to make remote learning successful. Have a great weekend!



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