

Finn Hill Middle School Matters

December 4th, 2020
Fourteenth Edition



Dr. Joseph Smith
Principal, FHMS

Safety Night Webinars

The LWPTSA Emergency Preparedness Committee is taking the COVID-cancelled district-wide Safety Night Event from last Spring online into a webinar series for parents, students and staff. Join us for several webinars throughout the year on a variety of safety and emergency preparedness topics. **Please RSVP for the second webinars here.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AFAA2DA1F9CF8-safety> Links to join the meetings will come in the reminder email 2 days prior.

Emergency Preparedness for the Family by Pattijeon Hooper, PhD, City of Redmond Emergency Manager. Learn ways to keep the whole family prepared for disasters that you might experience while at home such as earthquakes, wildfires, and winter storms. Thursday, December 10th, 7:00-8:00 pm -

Winter Donation Drive:

FHMS has families in need and PTSA is trying to help. Please donate Gift Cards or items from <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0545A9A92DAAFE3-gift> Donations can be dropped off at FHMS, Friday, December 11 11 am-1 pm, December 16 11 am-1 pm and Friday December 18th 11am-1pm or make other arrangements with Diane Devlyne-Thompson at fhmsptsapresident@gmail.com

Announcements and Updates

FHMS Peer Engagement Team and Interest Groups –

Interests Groups are in full-swing! The Peer Engagement Team has been the catalyst behind FHMS teacher's decision to create student groups during different times in the school milieu. Interest groups will range from cooking and baking classes to discussions on current social matters.,

Students recently completed a survey asking them about their preferences. Finn Hill Middle School teachers and staff feel strongly that Falcon students are missing out on peer socialization. Hence, a fourth of the FHMS teachers committed to creating social spaces that will foster peer engagement and increase peer connectedness. The link below will take you to an attachment that delineates what's available to FHMS students currently.

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

FHMS GRADE Policy Team –

In an effort to provide equitable and consistent grading, earlier this week, the Grading Team surveyed FHMS teachers to ascertain what grading practices they are currently employing. The Grading Policy Team will sift through the responses. Next, we will present a comprehensive grading plan that is not only fair for all students but reflective of students' understanding of the subject matter. The Grading presentation will happen over the course of several venues. More information will be forthcoming!

Finn Hill Middle School Weekly Schedule Link

Upcoming Event:

IPCP Cultural Identity and Diversity Takeaway:

<https://www.lwsd.org/fs/resource-manager/view/c6fb15e7-a3b2-4bc5-9813-2910bd33cdef>

Winter Donation Drive:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0545A9A92DAAFE3-gift>

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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Pre-Arranged Absence Form

If Families have prior knowledge that their student will be absent, they may pre-arrange for the absence to be excused. If the pre-arranged absent will result in the student being considered chronically absent the pre-arrangement process must include a plan indicating how the student will maintain sufficient educational progress. Teachers are not required to provide classwork or assignments in advance of an absence.

A pre-arranged absence from can be found:

[Pre-Arranged Absence Form](#)

Important Upcoming Dates

December

10th -Thursday, 7:00-8:00 pm – Safety Night Webinars

11th - Friday, 11 am-1 pm, December 16 11 am-1 pm and Winter Donation Drive:

16th- Wednesday, Juice w/ Joseph- 12:00-12:30 pm–

17th – Thursday, Java w/ Joseph – 11:00- 11:45 am

18th - Friday ,11am-1pm Winter Donation Drive:

PTSA Holiday Gift Card Drive:

- What: 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 - On Dec 4th and 11th there will be a counselor out front taking donations if you would like to donate curbside.
- Questions: Contact Diane Devlyne-Thompson, PTSA President at fhmsptsapresident@gmail.com or Kirstin Doughty, FHMS Counselor at kdoughty@lwsd.org

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/siweh129wqllefo2tcsq/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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