

# Finn Hill Middle School Matters

January 22nd, 2021  
Twenty-First Edition



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Principal, FHMS

## **Dear Falcon Families,**

As we rapidly approach the Chinese New Year, I am quite confident that many of you are sharing stories, facts, and traditions for the upcoming holiday. I took it upon myself to learn a little more about the Chinese New Year!

Here are some interesting facts about Chinese New Year. In Chinese culture and East Asian countries, the festival is commonly referred to as the Spring Festival as the spring season in the lunisolar calendar traditionally starts with lichun, the first of the twenty-four solar terms which the festival celebrates around the time of. Marking the end of winter and the beginning of the spring season, observances traditionally take place from New Year's Eve, the evening preceding the first day of the year to the Lantern Festival, held on the 15th day of the year. The first day of Chinese New Year begins on the new moon that appears between 21 January and 20 February. In 2021, the first day of the Chinese New Year will be on Friday, 12 February, which is the Year of the Ox.

## **Where we're heading next**

We are in the THIRD phase of formulating our FHMS Equity team member roster. Next week we will begin interviewing for the parent/guardian team members and then finally, add students to the Team!

**Like many other LWS Middle Schools, FHMS is in the infancy stages of bringing students into the building. The Superintendent has given all building principals the go-ahead to bring students back in small numbers. We are in the process of creating the criteria for bringing students back soon!**

## **Attendance Reminder:**

Don't forget to contact the school office if your student is absent for any number of periods. You can report absences by calling the attendance line: 425-936-2341, or by emailing: [FinnHillMSAttend@lwsd.org](mailto:FinnHillMSAttend@lwsd.org).

During Falcon Time important school information is provided to students, including any schedule changes, or class registration information and students are still required to attend.

Please note that students are required to be on time and to stay till the end of class. Parents can check your student's attendance on skyward. Please contact the Attendance Specialist, Heidi Davidson at: [heiddavidson@lwsd.org](mailto:heiddavidson@lwsd.org).

## **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>

## **Content Library Links**

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

[6<sup>th</sup> Grade OneNote](#)

[7<sup>th</sup> Grade OneNote](#)

[8<sup>th</sup> 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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## MESSAGE FROM FHMS PTSA

Congratulations to two of the FHMS PTSA Reflections Art competition for advancing their entries to the state level. FHMS Student- Charlotte Thompson- Award of Excellence-Dance Choreography and Kamiakin Student- Abbie Hinnebusch- Outstanding Interpretation- Photography  
There is a lot of Parent Information and self-care sessions coming up, Keep up to date with what is happening with FHMS PTSA and events around the district by following the Finn Hill Middle School PTSA Facebook page.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### January

**25<sup>th</sup>- Second Semester Begins**

### February

**3rd - Juice With Joseph <http://bit.ly/3mujknl>**

**4th - Java With Joseph <https://bit.ly/2KvdV21>**

**11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Winter Break- NOSCHOOL**

**15<sup>th</sup>- President's Day- NO SCHOOL**

## FHMS Shout-Outs- 1.22.2021

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

**“Shout-Out” to the 'Classified team for working with each other to find coverage to keep student support consistent during mandatory training release.'**

**“Shout-Out” to Sandi Hill, Dan Decker, Daniela Morosan, and all staff and community members who helped a lost duck find its way home.**

**“Shout-Out” to Katelyn, Luke, Siri, and Beth for supporting the in-person students and class**

**“Shout-Out” to the FHMS Faculty and staff for supporting each other during the siege of the U.S. Capital**

**“Shout-Out” to FHMS-PTSA for their tremendous support!**

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



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## Helpful Links

[Latest Updates on COVID-19 for LWSD Families / Información C-19 actualizada](#)

[Community Resources / Recursos Comunitarios](#)

[Child Care Resources / Recursos sobre Cuidado de Niños](#)

[Mental Health Resources / Recursos de Salud Mental](#)

## TSA (Technology Student Association):

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1602257238/lwsdorg/siwehl29wqllefo2tcsq/TSAAnouncement.pdf>

[G.L.O.W. Club Flyer \(Gay, Lesbian, or](#)

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1602005563/lwsdorg/pvqlza7m2zuozz8gohs0/GLOWPster.pdf>