

Frederick Post Learning Center

Post Falls Developmental Preschool



Learning Lions

STUDENT HANDBOOK

2022-2023

A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS and
PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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www.pfsd.com/content/developmental-preschool

Dear Wonderful Preschool Families,

We would like to welcome everyone to the 2022-2023 school year. We are excited about all the learning opportunities this year. We are looking forward to working with your child.

This is an update of what we know at this moment:

- We continue to be located at: 205 West Mullan Avenue, Post Falls.
- Our phone number is 208-777-0479.
- Teachers do not report to school until August 29. Please know if you call, calls or emails may not be returned until after August 29.
- Preschool is set to start on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.
- Our schedule will be Tuesday - Friday.
- If you have not pre-registered online, please call Sandi at Frederick Post Learning Center to schedule an appointment to fill out paperwork. The number is 208-777-0479.
- All preschool families, not accessing transportation, will need to drop off students at the side gate (near the portables, west of front entrance). Students will be escorted to their rooms by district staff.
- The district and families will be working together to make every attempt to have children at school who are healthy and ready for learning.
- At this point we are working on classroom assignments. Students who were with one teacher last year may be with another teacher this year.

Sincerely,



Colleen Taylor, Raini Cherry, Adrienne Madison, Leigh McOmber

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Post Falls Developmental Preschool Directional Statements

Post Falls School District #273 Mission Statement

*All students will have the attitude, skills, and knowledge
to be productive and responsible citizens.*

Post Falls Developmental Preschool Mission Statement

*Frederick Post Learning Center recognizes the unique gifts of every young child.
We pledge to nurture these gifts and provide a safe and stimulating environment.
Our goal is for each child to have a delight in learning and grow socially, emotionally and
academically.
We, the "Learning Lions" are committed to laying the foundation for a lifetime of learning.*

Free Developmental Screening

For all children in the Post Falls School District 0-5 years old who may have individual needs that result from a suspected or diagnosed disability and may benefit from special services.

- Friday, September 10, 2020: 8:30-11:00 AM and 1:00 - 2:30 PM
- Friday, October 22, 2020: 8:30-11:00 AM
- Friday, January 14, 2021: 1:00 - 2:30 PM
- Friday, March 18, 2022: 8:30-11:00 AM and 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Call (208) 777-0479 to schedule an appointment or email Colleen Taylor at colleen.taylor@sd273.com



Post Falls Developmental Preschool Staff

Preschool Teachers

Raini Cherry
Adrienne Madison
Colleen Taylor

Speech-Language Pathologist

Leigh McOmber

Physical Therapist

Thea Maristuen

Occupational Therapist

Heather Overoye

Behavior Specialists

Katie Kirkbride
Britton Brown

Teacher of the Visually Impaired

Mary Vetsch

School Psychologists

Amanda Harris

Office Staff

Sandra Wraith

Principal

Misty West

Daily Schedule

Office Hours- 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM when school is in session

Preschool Schedules

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

AM Session: 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM

PM Session: 12:30 PM - 2:45 PM



Pick up and Drop off Procedures

Please review this document and share it with any adults who may pick up or drop off your child.

Drop off: When dropping off your child, walk them to the gates to the west side of the main entrance to the building. A staff member will meet you at the gate. The staff member will walk your child to their classroom. If there is no one at the gate to greet you, please come to the main entrance and buzz the office and you will be assisted.

Pick up: To pick up your child, you will go to the gate to the west side of the main entrance to the building. Show your identification badge and sign out your child. A staff member will escort your child to you. You do not need to enter the building to pick up your child. If you do not have an identification badge, you will need to meet with the office secretary to have a badge made. Bring your driver's license. Only individuals identified on the student registration will be allowed to pick up students.

Student Policies and Procedures

All district policies may be accessed at www.pfsd.com.

Click on the “Board” tab,” and choose the “Board Policy Manual” link

Attendance

Post Falls Developmental Preschool recognizes that regular school attendance contributes to successful student achievement. Regular and punctual patterns of attendance are expected of each student. Missing school and instruction cannot be ‘made up’ with homework and/or worksheets. If possible, schedule dental and medical appointments before or after school or on non-school days. Students must be signed out at the office before leaving school grounds during the school day.

If your child will be tardy or absent, call the school office at (208) 777-0479 as soon as possible. You may leave a message on our answering machine before 7:15 AM or after 3:30 PM. Children who have fevers, unexplained rashes, or who are vomiting must stay home. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours *without the aid of fever reducing* medicines before returning to school. Children who vomit at school or have a fever, diarrhea, lice, or unexplained rash must be picked up immediately. If your child becomes ill at school you will be contacted in order to arrange transportation home immediately. **Please keep your child’s emergency card and all contact numbers updated.**

Harassment Policy

SD 273 Policy No. 405.17

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from harassment. All persons are to be treated with respect and dignity. Every student and parent or guardian shall have the right to a learning environment free of harassment based on race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or handicap. Every employee of the school district shall have the right to an employment environment free of harassment and intimidation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, and physical, mental, sensory disability. Unlawful harassment and discrimination will not be tolerated.

Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy

SD 273 Board Policy 504.10

Students attending Post Falls Developmental Preschool will not use, possess, sell, buy, or distribute drugs, including alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, or related paraphernalia, on school premises.

Weapons Prohibited on School Property

SD 273 Board Policy N. 504.12

In order to protect the safety and well-being of students and staff, the Post Falls School District prohibits the unauthorized possession, use or storing of weapons or other objects/substances used as weapons on or in school grounds, buildings, vehicles, equipment or property or while riding in any school provided transportation and for the unauthorized possession and/or use of the same at a school sponsored activity, posing a threat to the health and safety of the student or others or disruptive to the educational process. It is prohibited for any student to threaten by word or act to use a firearm or other deadly or dangerous weapon to do violence to any other person on school grounds.

Use of Personal Electronic Devices

SD 273 Board Policy 508.10

The Board of Trustees recognizes the value of various technological tools/devices that are currently available, such as cell phones, personal digital assistants (handheld), video cameras/phones, digital cameras, MP3 players, etc; as well as those that will be developed. Inappropriate use of the electronic devices will be cause for disciplinary action. The use of these devices to interfere with the instructional setting, harass, annoy and offend others or for cheating on class work/tests is strictly prohibited. Electronic devices are not to be used during class time for personal business. Students are not allowed to use cell phones during class and are not allowed to leave class to place or receive phone calls. The principal, his/her designee and the classroom instructor may prohibit or limit the use of electronic devices if they are being used inappropriately.

Developmental Preschool Cell Phone Rules

- Cell phones need to be in a backpack at all times and not used during school hours.
- Cell phones can come out of backpacks once off school property.
- If a student needs to call a parent during school hours, they will call from the school phone.
- The school is not responsible for any cell phone that is lost, stolen or damaged at school. We find that if students don't show off their cell phones, none of the prior things mentioned tend to happen to them.
- Students that have their cell phones out whether they are using them or not will have their phone confiscated, parents will be called and there may be cause for disciplinary action.
- If you want your child to have a cell phone at school, please talk to your child about the school rules around having a cell phone at school and the proper use of their cell phone.
- All other personal electronic devices must be turned off and left in backpacks while school is in session. Electronic devices that are used during school hours will be confiscated and held in the office for parents to pick up.

Checking your child out during the school day

It is our policy that you first check with the office and sign your child out. Students will not be released to anyone other than those authorized in our file.

Illness Policy

The potential for student/staff illness in our preschool classrooms can be significant. Many of our preschool students have fragile immune systems, which make them more susceptible to communicable disease. In an attempt to limit the spread of illness, we ask that you follow these guidelines regarding suspected communicable diseases.

Please keep your child home if they exhibit the following:

- *Fever

- *Vomiting

- *Diarrhea

- *Any illness which could be spread to another person, such as:

- Severe (chronic) cold symptoms

- Productive, loose cough

Also, please do not give an enema or laxative within 12 hours of the school day. This makes for a very uncomfortable day for your child at school.

Our district follows the guidelines set forth by the State Department of Health regarding the exclusion of children with communicable diseases for the best protection of your child. If your child is sent home with flu-like symptoms, they need to stay home until 24 hours after the last unmedicated fever.

Thank you for your support in working toward a healthy school year for everyone. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the nurses at 773-6976.

RECESS AND STAY-IN

Throughout the school year all children will be expected to go outside for recess when possible. The fresh air and a chance to unwind makes youngsters more productive in the classroom. We recommend that children be prepared each day for the weather. On snowy days, boots, hats and mittens are a must. In extreme weather conditions, children will be kept inside.

DRESS CODE

No: exposed bellies, spaghetti straps, exposed undergarments, roller shoes or flip flops. Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length or longer. Pajamas and slippers are allowed in the building on “Pajama Day” only.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

When the weather creates hazardous road conditions, school may close for the day. School closures are announced between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on the local news broadcasts. If you are signed up to receive school messenger alerts, you will also be informed via a text for school closures. Keep tuned on those snowy, icy days. When the weather is extremely cold, the students go out for a very short period of time.

2022-2023 School Calendar

Preschool Calendar:



First Day of Preschool	September 13
No School- Screener day	September 30
No School- In-Service Day	October 7
No School- End of First Quarter	November 4
No School-Screener Day	November 18
Conferences- No School	November 21
Thanksgiving Break- No School	November 22-25
Christmas Break-No School	Dec 26-Jan 6
No School- Screener Day	January 20
No School- End of Second Quarter	January 27
No School- Screener Day	March 17
Work Day/Conferences- No School	March 22
Conferences- No School	March 23
Spring Break/End of Third Quarter	March 24- 31
Last Day of Preschool	June 2