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School Climate and Culture:

## FALCON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Bird's Word

A ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOL

## September 23, 2022

## Message from Mrs. Behnke

We are off to a very nice start. In so many ways it feels a bit more like "normal". I hope you and your children are feeling something similar. The students are doing an amazing job settling into classroom and school routines. They are learning and adapting to new schedules and meeting new friends in their classes.

I want to share with you our school goals. Each year we set schoolwide goals through our School Improvement Planning process. The 3 goals that will dirve our learning and instruction are:

Literacy: The percentage of all students in grades K-6 at Falcon Heights Elementary school who are in the "low risk" and "college pathway" categories on the Fastbridge earlyReading/CBMr standardized assessment will increase from 71.5% in spring 2022 to 74.4% in spring 2023.

We have started our FAST assessment with the students. All students grades K-6 participate in this formative assessment three times during the year. Each student will meet with an assessor one on one to assess reading and/or will take online assessments in both reading and math. Teachers will use FAST data to inform their instruction. Our focus throughout the year is student growth as measured through this FAST assessment.

To further develop our instructional practices our staff will be involved in professional development in the Science of Reading through the LETRS program over the next couple years. Several teachers began this new learning last spring while others are starting this fall.

The typical or aggressive growth percentage of all students in 2-6 at Falcon Heights Elementary will increase from 74.9% in spring 2022 to 77.4% in spring 2023 as measured on the FastBridge aMath standardized assessment.

One way we work on this goal is through our PLC process. Teachers meet in "CT" Collaborative Teams to develop common assessments, review data, share instructional practices, and sometimes share students to meet student needs through intervention and enrichment. They continually monitor and adjust instruction along the way.

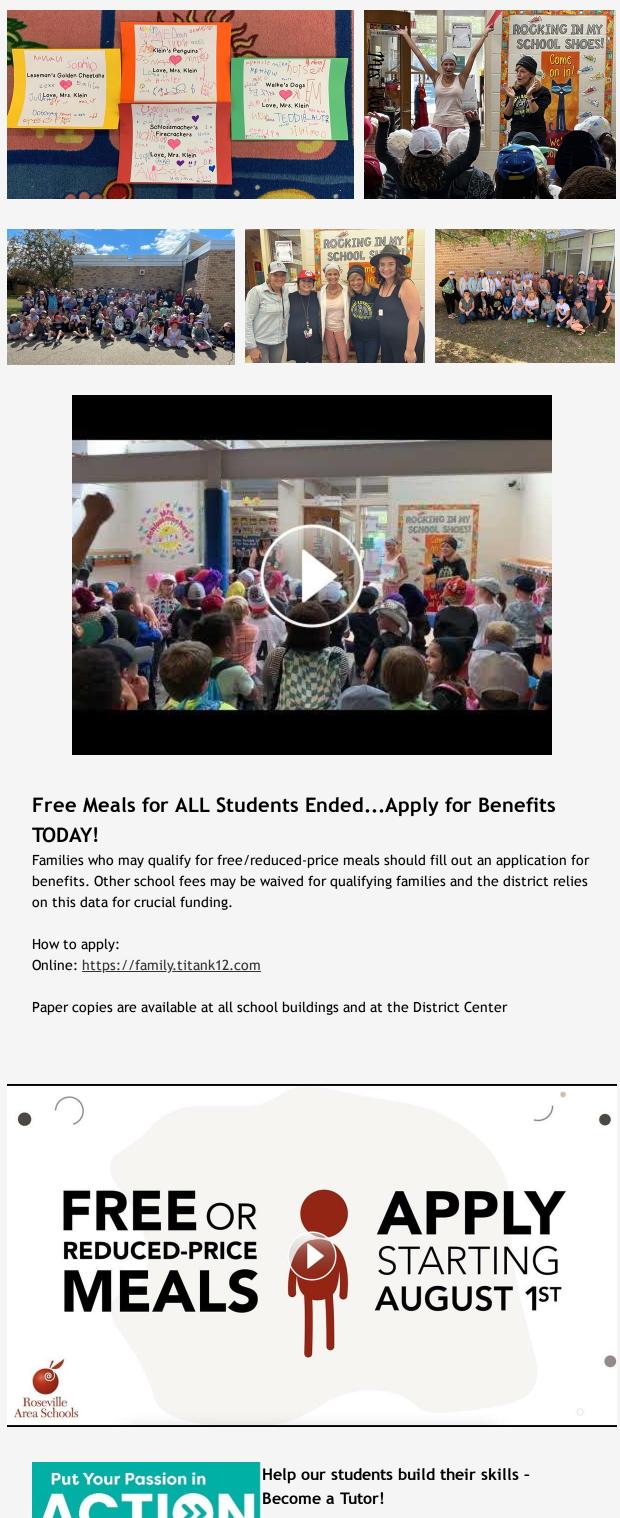
By June 2023 the risk of office referrals of Black students will decrease from 1.73 to 1.47.

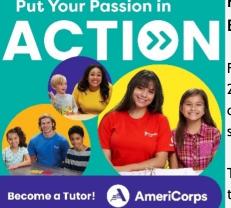
You may be hearing your child speak about the The Falcon Way and wonder what they are talking about. This is our school culture -- The Falcon Way is creating classrooms and school community where students feel safe and loved, and experience the healthy control they need to be able to function and learn. We use strategies and procedures to build relationships, share control, teach positive behaviors and hold students accountable. As a result, students will learn pro-social behaviors and habits necessary to be successful and happy at school and in life.

School Safety is a Top Priority! Last week in the district Raider Reader communication they addressed our commitment to school safety. Our building Emergency Response Team meets monthly to review our practices and address concerns. We have a partnership with Falcon Heights United Church of Christ as our local evacuation site. We meet with them every year to review this partnership and the protocols. We also have a district plan should there be a need to move to a secondary site then it would be the Roseville Area High School. If you are interested in being on the District Safety and Security Team, please contact Assistant Superintendent Melissa Sonnek at Melissa.Sonnek@isd623.org.

Fall Conferences - Teachers will be setting up a conference with you over the next several weeks. This is an opportunity to share hopes and dreams along with setting goals for the year. The conferences can be held in person or over zoom. It is our goal to meet/connect with every family because when we work together we can set students up for a great year of learning. 

Today was a beautiful day to stand in love and support for Mrs. Klein, Kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Klein is a cancer survivor who is undergoing chemo treatments to keep cancer in check. Students and staff wore their hats and stopped by to give her hugs. It brought her to tears.





Tutors Receive A stipend paid every two weeks

Falcon Heights is looking for 3 tutors for the 2022-23 school year. You can take action in our community by giving your time and talent to help students build their skills and confidence!

Tutors work with students during school hours throughout the school year. No matter if you're a recent grad, career changer, stay-at-home parent or retiree, you can make a great tutor. With training and on-site coaching, we'll prepare you to help kids succeed.

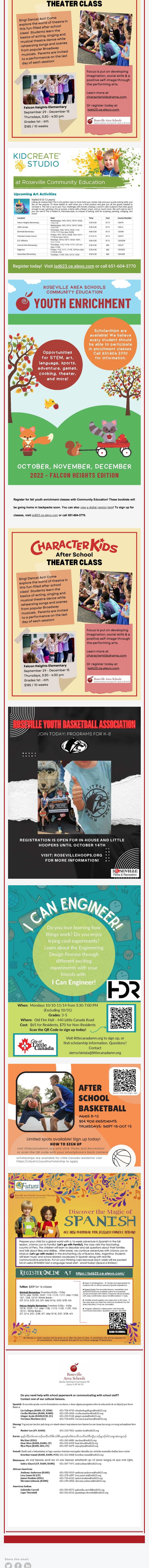
Part-time and full-time positions are available with upcoming start dates in October (apply by October 5) and January (apply by December 14).

Up to an additional \$3,500 in tuition assistance or student loan repayment. Tutors 55 and older may gift the award to their child, grandchild, stepchild or foster child.

Free health insurance and child care assistance for those who qualify

Please help us spread the word by sharing with anyone you know who may be interested! Learn more and apply at <u>Join.ReadingandMath.org</u> . Questions can be sent to join@ampact.org or call 866.859.2825.
Scholastic Book Fair
<b>October 25-27</b> <b>Seeking volunteers</b> We need volunteers to help run this fun event! Please sign up <u>HERE</u> to volunteer for a couple of hours. For more information about our book fair, click <u>here</u> . Thank you!
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