

# FALCON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Bird's Word

A ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOL

## April 20, 2023

## In this week's Bird's Word:

- Message from Mrs. Behnke
- Last chance to order a yearbook! *Voices* -- A call for submissions
- FFEJ Open Gym/Playground night
- Family Fun Night baskets
- Roseville School Nurse Job OpeningsFlyers
- April lunch menu

Reminder: No school tomorrow: Friday, April 21st (Teacher Workshop Day)



Message from Mrs. Behnke Hope you are all doing well. Spring is playing some tricks on us and yet, that is not unusual for Minnesota.

Eventually we will have warmer weather and sunshine. In the meantime there is sushine in our halls and classrooms through smiles and interactions with the students. They are all amazing!

Last night the FFEJ committee hosted an evening to talk about School Safety and How to talk with your child about School Shootings. There seems to be a report about gun violence in the news daily. It makes me sad that this is something our families need to be worried about as they raise their child/ren in today's world, which made last night's

presentation relevant. Those in attendance found the information helpful and informative. Jill, from the Be Smart organization, shared how "gun violence is the leading cause of death for kids in the US. The best way to be sure kids can't access firearms is to store them securely." She also talked with us about how to talk with friends and neighbors about gun safety. Here are more resources <u>besmartforkids.org</u>

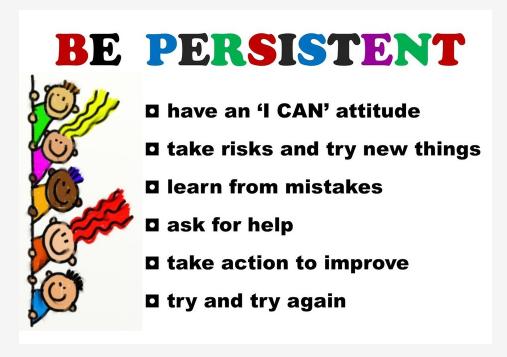
I shared with the group about Falcon Heights Security, Safety plans and our response to emergencies. We walked through what reunification would look like at FHES if there was an emergency. Then Natalee, school social worker, and Julianne, school psychologist, shared with the group thoughts and resources on how to talk with your child. Here is a copy of <u>their presentation</u>. If you have any questions/concerns feel free to contact any one of us. We are here to support our students, staff and families. We will also consider hosting something like this again in the fall.

On another note, here is an update on our School Improvement Goals for the school year. We use the FAST screeners to measure our growth and the screeners are conducted 3 times a year. This data is from the FAST spring (March) screener:

- Literacy- Increase percentage of students in low risk and college pathway from
- 71.5% to 74.4% (Spring data Literacy K/1 72% and Gr2-6 78% on track)
- Math- Increase percentage of students showing typical or aggressive growth from 74.9% to 77.4% (Spring data Math Schoolwide 68% below target)
- School Climate- Reduce office referrals of Black students (Spring data Behavior data currently reflecting similar referral rates as last year)
- The final screener will be done in May.

Now we are getting ready to administer the Math MCAs next week in Grades 3-6. Here are a few ways you can you help your child be prepared: have them get enough rest, remind them to do their very best, and bring a healthy snack. These tests are only one data point that informs the staff on student growth and instruction around the standards. We also consider classroom assessments, FAST-which we administer three times a year, and staff observations to inform our planning and preparation for instruction.

Students practice PERSISTENCE everyday!



## Yearbook

FINAL CHANCE! All yearbook orders are due tomorrow. Order online at <u>https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob</u> and enter ID Number 10763923. Email <u>falconheightsyearbook@gmail.com</u> with any questions. Thanks!

#### A call for Voices submissions

Voices is a student literary publication that will be mailed to the Roseville Area Schools community in summer 2023. The theme of the 2023 edition is WHO WE ARE. Our students all have unique strengths and talents. We will celebrate our backgrounds, our stories, and who we are through the pages of *Voices*.

- We're looking for student writing and artwork to publish within the summer issue of 623 Today.
- Writing can include poetry, prose, short essays, etc., and should be no longer than 300 words.
- Artwork can include painting, drawings, photography, digital artwork, photos of 3D art, etc., and if possible, should be scanned at 300 dpi for high resolution.

Students should write or create artwork related to the theme of WHO WE ARE.

• Here are some questions related to the theme:

- What makes you, you?
- What is your story?
- What makes you proud?
- Who is your community and what do they mean to you?

Pieces that aren't selected for print publication may be included online, so we're encouraging wide participation across the district, from preschool to 12th grade.

<u>Click here</u> to make a submission to Voices.



## Let's Play! with FFEJ

Wednesday, April 26th 6:00pm-8:00pm

Join us for some outdoor fun on the playground. Feel free to bring your own balls or other outdoor toys (no toy weapons please).

If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move inside to the gym.

Freeze pops will be provided for the kids. \*Please let us know if your child cannot have a freeze pop and we'll arrange for a different treat.\*

Contact us with questions at falconfamiliesforequityjustice@gmail.com



## Grade Level Baskets

Family Fun Night is coming! The Falcon Heights PTA's biggest fundraiser is going to be held on Friday May 19th and in preparation for it we will once again be having Grade Level Basket raffles. Please see below for the theme for your classroom's basket. In order to make the baskets as amazing as possible we are asking for donations that correspond to the theme. At Family Fun Night people may buy tickets (\$1 each) to enter a raffle for the basket(s) of their choice. Items for the basket must be new but they can be of any value. Items can be small or you could go together with another family or families and donate a larger item if you would like. Please ensure that any items have been sent to school by **Friday May 12th** to ensure inclusion in the basket. <u>THEMES</u>

KINDERGARTEN: SUPERMARKET SWEEP: Grocery Store Gift Cards

FIRST GRADE: LEGO MANIA

- SECOND GRADE AND MRS BARTH: COLOR YOUR WORLD: Arts and Crafts
- THIRD GRADE: LET THE GAMES BEGIN: Sports and Games
- HUGHES, SCHROEDER, SIMONSON: DON'T COOK FOR A WEEK: Restaurant Gift Cards HAUSMAN, KAKALIOURAS: COZY UP WITH A BOOK
- SIXTH GRADE: GIFT CARDS GALORE



### **Roseville School Nurse Job Openings**

Are you interested, or know someone who is interested, in working as a school nurse? School nursing is aligned with public health nursing and is an opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of our students.

Positions available now and in fall for health services:

- Two full-time school nurse openings for fall. A licensed school nurse position requires a BSN. You can be in the process to get your LSN license.
   Experience is preferred, but not required. Experienced school nurses will mentor new school nurses and new school nurses will receive support from the whole nurse team.
- A school nurse on-call substitute opening now and in fall. BSN required. We will
  offer training to nurse subs. This position does not have a set schedule so the oncall nurse works as needed and based on availability.
- Health assistant on-call subs now and in fall. We will train health assistants and they will initially work together with a school nurse in a school. This position does not have a set schedule, work as needed, and based on availability.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> and go to "Health Services" to view job openings and apply. For more information, please contact Taylor Anderson, assistant director of student services, at 651-635-1636 or <u>taylor.anderson@isd623.org.</u>



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