

Families New to Fairmount FAQs

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1) Question: How do I drop my child off in the mornings at school (as well as pick them up)? What is the procedure, and what can I expect?

Answer:

Buses – the buses drop the students off before school and between 7:35-7:50 students proceed directly to their classroom; in the afternoon, bus buddies assigned by the Kindergarten teachers escort the Kindergarteners to their respective buses.

Non-Bus Drop-off in the morning – parents can park and walk their student(s) to the front door between 7:35-7:50, or if your student(s) can exit the car quickly, pull up in the drop zone and let your student(s) out.

Pick up for Kindergarten – please park and meet your student right outside their exterior classroom door (you do not enter through the main school entrance but instead on the east side of the building).

Pick up for all other students – pull up in the hug and go zone, and your student will get in the car.

2) Question: How does my child get from the bus to their classroom? How does my child get back to the bus at the end of the school day?

Answer:

For all students, the bus drops off between 7:35-7:50, and students proceed through the front doors and directly to their classrooms.

Kindergartners have bus buddies assigned by their teachers who take them to the bus. All other students walk to their bus in the bus loop. Buses are designated by number and a colored cone.

Staff is always outside from 7:35-7:50 in the morning and after school to help the kids make their way into the school and at the end of the day. The K-2 teachers will meet the students out front for the first day to help their students to their respective classrooms. Staff are also in the interior hallways to help students find their way in the mornings and afternoons.

3) Question: How does my child make purchases in the school cafeteria? Also, if my child brings their lunch to school, how does their lunch make it to the school cafeteria?

Answer:

Upon arriving in the classroom in the morning, students place their lunch box in a marked cart/bucket (located by the classroom entrance). The cart/bucket is taken to the cafeteria after the bell and is placed in the same marked area of the cafeteria each day. This area never changes. Students then locate their lunch boxes when they enter the cafeteria.

Meals are free for everyone this year. We recommend completing the Meals Benefit Application if it applies to your family so fees are waived also. We encourage parents to use their electronic lunch accounts for students to pay for the snack cart items if you wish your child to participate. You can set up and refill these accounts on the School Cafe website at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/JEFFCOSD>. There is also an app for your phone. Parents can put money in via credit card on the site or send in a check or cash in to the cafeteria. The office cannot put credit card information in for parents or take credit card payments over the phone. Your child will use a student card to scan when “checking out” in the cafeteria.

4) Question: Where can I find a menu for the cafeteria?

Answer:

You can find a link to the menu on the JeffCo website (http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/food_services/index.html). It shows the daily choices for lunch by day/month.

5) Question: What is the role of the Para-Professional in the classroom?

Answer:

The Para-Professionals assist the teachers with students on academics in the classrooms. They supervise lunch and recess. They also teach art, music, and PE for Kindergartners.

6) Question: What are the “Specials” for Kindergarten through 5th graders? How does it work?

Answer:

The Specials consist of Music, Art, P.E. , and STEM. The students attend each one for a week and then rotate to the next the following week, etc. These are taught by licensed teachers. A schedule by grade level and teacher is posted on the Fairmount website.

7) Question: What is the best form of communication with my child’s teacher?

Answer:

The best form of communication for most teachers is email. However, you may also call their voicemail. Both are listed on the Fairmount website.

8) Question: What is the best form of communication with the front office?

Answer:

You can call or email the office (303-982-5422). Of course, you can also always stop by the office. Office hours are 7:00am-3:30pm.



9) Question: How do I contact the school if my child is sick and not attending school that day?

Answer:

Call the school attendance line (303-982-5400) and leave your name, your child's name, grade, teacher, the reason for absence, and dates of absence. Please call before 9:00 a.m.

10) Question: If my child becomes ill at school, what is the procedure for handling this situation?

Answer:

Your child's teacher will send them to the clinic. The clinic aide will call home if the child is too ill to return to class.

11) Question: How do I know if school is cancelled due to inclement weather?

Answer:

The district will call/email/text (whatever you have indicated as a preference) in the event school is cancelled for weather or any other reason.

12) Question: How do I volunteer to help in my child's classroom?

Answer:

You can email your child's teacher. Most teachers will request helpers when needed. PTA also has volunteer opportunities, check out www.FairmountPTA.org.

14) Question: How do I purchase Fairmount apparel for my family?

Answer:

The Fairmount PTA will have apparel selections available in September. There will be an email notification when ordering is available. You will need to go to the PTA website (www.FairmountPTA.org) to place your order!

15) Question: What kind of fundraisers does Fairmount do throughout the school year?

Answer:

We have a golf outing fundraiser on September 29th, Books with the Birds in the winter, and the Fairmount Firebird 5K Chase in the spring. We always have the grocery card program and monthly restaurant nights and encourage all families to participate!



16) Question: What is Curriculum Night?

Answer:

Curriculum Night takes place the second week of the school year and is for Grades 1-5. Curriculum Night is currently scheduled for Wed, Aug. 30 for Grades 1-3 and Thurs, Aug. 31 for Grades 4-5.

Curriculum Night gives parents the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and learn about the curriculum and classroom management procedures. It is an opportunity to find out about the curriculum and homework expectations, review parent participation guidelines and receive information about individual teacher expectations. Individual parent/teacher conferences are not held at this time. There are separately scheduled curriculum sessions for parents with more than one child.

17) Question: What are the "Friday Folders"?

Answer:

The Friday Folders are a form of communication with each child's family and the school. At the conclusion of each week, the "Friday Folder" is placed in their backpack. Please check your child's backpack weekly, as the content of this folder is important. The contents range from graded school work, notes from the teacher, permission slips, PTA information, and various before/after school programs. Please review each weekend and return it on Monday (with any forms that need to be returned) to be ready for the next week.

18) Question: What kind of announcements does the school make to the Fairmount community?

Answer:

The primary form of communication is a weekly email (on Sundays) sent via the Messenger System from Principal Mills. If you are not receiving these weekly email communications, please call Sue in the office. The PTA communicates via email. You may register on the PTA website (<https://fairmountpta.org/>). This is where you will also find volunteering opportunities as well as make PTA-sponsored purchases (Fairmount Apparel, etc.).

19) Question: Do I need to pack my child a snack or water bottle each day?

Answer:

It is optional but highly recommended. If you would like further information on this, please see your teacher on Curriculum Night. There are 2 water



fountains in the school building, and students are welcome to bring a healthy snack in their backpack. As a friendly reminder, Fairmount encourages all students to eat more fruits and vegetables voluntarily under the Healthy Schools grant. So – pack healthy!

20) Question: What does the PTA do for the school?

Answer:

PTAs benefit everyone. Strong schools mean stronger communities. PTA membership is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference in the education, health, and welfare of children and youth. PTAs improve children’s well-being by focusing on what students need to be successful in their learning, including proper nutrition, safety, and healthy environments. PTAs keep families informed. Involved families can understand schools’ challenges and become part of the solution. PTAs support education through active participation and advocacy.

The Fairmount PTA provides a range of programs and events for the Fairmount community. With your help, we will be able to offer the following programs this year:

- *Events: Firebirds on the Fairway Golf Outing, Restaurant Nights, Books with the Birds, Fairmount 5K Run/Walk, Talent Show, 5th Grade Continuation, Staff Appreciation, and Valentine and Halloween Parties*
- *Programs: Grade Level support, Music/PE/Art support, Special Education support*
- *Other: Newsletters, Yearbooks, Directory, Apparel Sales, Summer Bridge Books, Scholarships, and an Angel Fund*

Each year we also identify “bigger ticket items” to enhance the Fairmount Elementary experience. In past years these items have included a new marquee, iPads and “smart boards” for every classroom, new playground equipment, Fundation supplies, school safety equipment, an outdoor classroom, the learning garden, improvements to our running track, and the electronic marquee at the school entrance.

21) Question: How can I join and help the PTA?

Answer:



You can join the Fairmount PTA by going to the PTA website at www.FairmountPTA.org and registering. You will be able to join the PTA and volunteer for numerous opportunities that fit your schedule!

PTA meetings will be held at 6:30 pm in the Fairmount Library on:

22) Question: What are the before/after school enrichment programs?

Answer:

We partner with outside educational programs to enrich our students' love of learning. Cooking, art classes, foreign languages, and chess clubs are among some of our programs. A complete list of the enrichment programs is located on the PTA website under Programs. You will find links and telephone numbers needed to enroll your child.

