

Fairhaven Elementary



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent - Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, October 10th through Friday, October 14th. Meeting with your child's teacher should help build strong parent - teacher partnerships. Partnerships that are needed if you and their teacher are to reach your common goal: helping your child get the best education possible. Each teacher will come prepared with samples of your child's work and with ideas to help them do even better in school. You should get ready for each conference, too. Be sure and talk with your child before the conference. Find out what they think are their best subjects, and what subjects they like the least. Find out why. Also, ask your child if there is anything they would like you to talk about with their teacher. Make sure your child doesn't worry about the meeting. Help them understand that you and their teacher are meeting together in order to help them. Before you go to the school, write notes to yourself about: personality, habits, problems, information about your child's home life, and hobbies that you feel are important for the teacher to know.

Some good questions to ask are these:

- Is my child in different groups for different subjects? Why?
- How well does my child get along with others?
- Is my child working up to his or her ability?
- Does my child participate in class discussions and activities?
- What strengths do you see in my child?

Don't forget dismissal is 12:40 every day during conference week.

Becoming Involved

It's hard to believe October is already upon us. Students are settled in and working hard. As we move forward into the school year, there are many ways that you, as parents, can get involved in your

Upcoming Events

October 5

Walk to school Day

October 6

School Site Council- 2:30

October 7

ELAC- 8:15

October 10

Conference Week

October 13

AVID parent night- 5:00

October 19

Parents -LCAP survey in computer lab

October 24-28

Red Ribbon Week

October 31

Spirit Day- wear orange and black

Please see the monthly calendar for more information and specific times.

child's education. Parent involvement is one of the building blocks of student success. A variety of studies confirms that parent involvement makes an enormous impact on students' attitude, attendance, and academic achievement. We encourage you to become involved in your student's education. I realize that many times our busy schedules prevent us from getting into the classrooms during school hours but there are many things you can do at home. Reading to your child, checking homework every night, discussing your children's progress with teachers, and attending parent teacher conferences are just a few things you can do. After school, ask your children, "How was school today?" But ask every day. That will send your children the clear message that school is important to you and you expect them to learn. Other ways you can get involved is by joining and getting involved in our wonderful PTA. Have your voice heard by attend School Site Council meetings, come to Principal's Coffee and parent education nights. We are a team here at Fairhaven and you are an important part of that team!

Another way to have your voice heard is by taking the **LCAP** survey. The survey is online. In order to assist you with taking the survey we will be opening the computer lab at 8:00 on Wednesday, October 19th.

We are proud to be Fairhaven Falcons!

Fairhaven is proud to continue the PBIS program this year. At Fairhaven, we have adopted the slogan "Fairhaven Falcons SOAR." We are ...

- **Safe,**
- **On Time**
- **Always Respectful**
- **Ready to Learn**

PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports. It is an application of evidence-based strategies and systems to assist schools to increase academic performance, increase safety, decrease problem behaviors, and establish positive school cultures. In PBIS schools, behavioral expectations are taught. We started the school year by reviewing the classroom, playground, and lunch bench rules. Then all the classes went to the playground and lunch benches to practice the appropriate behavior. We will continue to reward positive behavior with, "spotted" being good tickets and compliment cards. Students then have the opportunity to visit the student store. We also sing our spirit song every Monday morning. Ask your student to sing the song to you!

Red Ribbon Week Red Ribbon Week takes place October 24th-28th. Various activities will take place to encourage our students to be healthy.

Annual International Walk to School Day. Students, parents, and community members are invited to take part in this global event to bring awareness to the importance of practicing safe walking, biking, traffic skills, and physical activity on October 5, 2016. Come join us and walk to school!

