

Fairhaven Elementary

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Love is in the Air!

Greetings to our Fairhaven Families,

While February 14th may bring up visions of a romantic dinner date and flowers with a significant other, parents know this holiday can be about the entire family. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy time together and show how much you love each other. Try some of these family friendly ways to say, "I Love You!"

Serve up A four-course, special meal... with kids?! Why not! Break out the candles and create a memorable meal at home for the whole family. Make it festive by serving only red foods for dinner (pasta, tomato soup, berries, jello). Your children will undoubtedly feel loved by being included in this grown-up experience.

Surprise your loved ones the morning of Valentine's Day with personalized notes hidden all over their room, each one with a short snippet on why you love them and are thankful for them. Tape them to the door, roll notes in socks, hide them in pants pockets and stick a few in fun places like their hairbrush.

For a low-budget yet big impact idea, plan a scavenger hunt for your kids to follow clues to a small treat or token. Your kids will have to think a bit as they follow hints from the dining room to the kitchen and then ending with a [cringe!] big hug for mom and dad.

Prepare some yummy dishes, pack them in your basket and go for a picnic with your family. Fill your basket with games and goodies and enjoy some family fun!

Host a movie night. Grab the caramel corn for a sweet treat and snuggle up on the couch with the whole family. Watch family-friendly Valentine's Day movies like "Lady and the Tramp", "Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown" or "The Love Bug"

Years down the road, it's not the treats the kids will remember, but the rituals and time spent with their families. Build traditions now to create memories that will last a life time.



Upcoming Events

February 6

Pennies for Patients start

February 8

PTA meeting 8:15 am

February 16

Spring Pictures

February 17

Lincoln Day observed

February 20

Washington Day

February 24

Pennies for patients ends

February 26

Spirit Day- Twin Day

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



School Uniform Policy

Just a friendly reminder that Fairhaven is a school uniform school. All Fairhaven students are expected to follow the school uniform policy. We encourage full participation in the uniform program as studies have shown that a school-wide uniform policy helps to support a more positive and productive learning environment for all students. If for some reason your child is unable to wear the school uniform, you will need to meet with the Principal and provide reason for not adhering to the uniform policy. The school uniform consists of dark blue or khaki long pants, dark blue or khaki shorts, skorts, skirts, jumpers and polo shirts in solid white, red, dark blue and gray. Girls may also wear dark blue or plaid uniform skirts, dresses and rompers. White, dark blue and gray Oxford style button down long sleeve shirts are acceptable and must have a collar. Tee shirts are not acceptable. The clothing must be sized appropriate and fitted. Girls: shorts' hemline should not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee Boys: shorts' hemline should not be below the knee. Students may wear solid dark blue sweat pants (size appropriate). Stretch short pants may be worn underneath skirts and dresses Jeans are allowed for 6th graders only. A more detailed description of the school uniform policy and district dress code can be found on our school website. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

The Value of Parent Involvement

The Benefits of Family Involvement

Meaningful family involvement is a powerful predictor of high student achievement. Students attain more educational success when schools and families work together to motivate, socialize, and educate students. Students whose families are involved in their education typically receive higher grades and test scores, complete more homework, have better attendance, demonstrate better social skills, have higher self-esteem, and exhibit more positive attitudes and behaviors. Children of involved families also graduate at higher rates and are more likely to enroll in postsecondary education programs. Studies found that the academic benefits gained from family involvement with elementary school students continued through the middle and senior high school levels. Furthermore, studies have observed these positive outcomes regardless of students' ethnic or racial background or socioeconomic status.

When families become involved in their children's education, they have a better understanding of what is being taught in school and of teaching and learning in general. They gain more information about children's knowledge and abilities, as well as the programs and services offered by the school. Research has found that when parents are involved, their confidence in their ability to help their children with classroom assignments increases.

We welcome and encourage families to get involved at Fairhaven. You can do this by volunteering in your child's classroom, helping at school events, joining the PTA, attending School Site Council meetings, and ELAC.

Hope to see you at school!

SCHOOL SMARTS COMING SOON!!!

Be a part of this exciting parent academy starting on March 3rd. Get helpful information about how you and your child can succeed at school and beyond. Sign up on the flyer that was sent home or just drop by the office to sign up. You won't want to miss it!