Fidalgo Falcons - Vision
Caring, inspired, productive lifelong learners.

Fidalgo Falcons - Mission
We educate all students to realize their individual potentials and contribute to their community.

Fidalgo Falcons - Pledge
I am a confident Fidalgo Falcon. I am caring, smart, and creative. I achieve my goals through effort. I am inspired by my hopes and dreams. I have ideas for the future. I am capable of success – Yes, I am!

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Week of 5/3/21

Fidalgo Family Flyer

Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday, May 6 – Starting on Thursday, all Fidalgo students attend from 9:15 to 3:45, four days a week (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays). Wednesdays continue to be remote learning days – teachers will communicate details for Wednesday learning.

Monday, May 10, 6:30 p.m. – PTA General Meeting – Everyone is encouraged to attend the PTA meeting on Monday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. to vote on the new board openings for the 2021-22 school year. For the Zoom link, please email fidalgoptapresident@gmail.com

Return to Full Days, for Four Days

The staff and I are looking forward to welcoming students back for full days, four days a week, starting this Thursday, May 6. We are able to do this for two reasons:

1. The Department of Health has reduced the distance that students have to be separated at school from 6 feet to 3 feet. (Exceptions include when students are eating, at which times the 6 feet rule remains.)
2. We are able to cohort. Instead of having a.m. and p.m. cohorts, think of your child's entire class as their new cohort. As much as possible, we will not be mixing cohorts together. For example, each classroom will have a designated area outside at recess where students will play only with students in their classroom. Also, we will not have activities that might mix classrooms, such as assemblies.

Please take a moment to review the information below. I think it will answer most of your questions, but if not, don't hesitate to contact me at tdowd@asd.103.org, or (360)503-1600.

Again, the staff and I are thrilled to be able to close the school year with more in-person time with students.
Fidalgo Elementary Returns to Full Days/ Four Days a Week: Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri.  
Wednesdays remain remote learning days.  
9:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. – Earliest drop off is 9:00 a.m.

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| Masks continue to be required.  
Please send your child with a cloth mask (no gaiters) that covers the nose and mouth.  
Opportunities for outside mask breaks during the day will be provided. | A health attestation will be emailed to you early each morning.  Please fill it out by 8:30 a.m. each day.  
Students without completed forms must stay in a waiting area until the form is complete. | We will continue our existing car procedures:  
- 9:00 a.m. is the earliest you can drop off your child.  
- In the afternoon at the 3:45 p.m. dismissal, remain in your vehicle, and display your numbered placard on your visor.  
- We will text your arrival to the waiting area in the gym, and your child will be delivered to you.  
- Thank you for your patience at pick up. Carline waits will be a little longer, but they should move quickly. | With the new hours, bus pick up/ delivery times will be adjusted.  For route and other transportation questions, click on this ASD Transportation link: https://sites.google.com/asd103.org/transportation/home then go to Bus Routes and drop down to Fidalgo. |

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| ▪ Recess is outside, rain or shine, so please send your child to school with a coat and hat.  
▪ Student play outside with their class group in designated zones during the three recesses:  
  1. During the outside lunch recess, students have free play with half of their class group.  
  2. During the outside ten minute a.m. and p.m. recesses, class groups are led in fun activities by a staff member. | 6-foot distance applies while eating. To achieve this:  
▪ Students eat in their classrooms.  
▪ Half of the students in the classroom go to recess first, while the other half eats. Then the two groups switch.  
▪ Free sack lunches are offered to all students – students just let their teacher know that morning. Or, students can bring their own sack lunch. Please, no messy foods, like fruit cups packed in syrup.  
▪ Breakfasts are not served at school. However, breakfast items for the next day are included in the free sack lunches for students to bring home. |
FAQ’s

Do I need to send additional school supplies to school? No, students will continue to use their district-provided school supplies. Please do not send additional items unless requested by your teacher.

Can I volunteer in my child’s classroom? What about afterschool activities? No, not at this time. The DOH recommends limiting non-essential volunteers and visitors. In-person instruction with existing staff is prioritized to minimize risk of transmission. Minimizing the risk of spread during extracurricular activities and social gatherings outside of school can help maintain in-person instruction.

What happens if my child gets sick during the school day? The school nurse and principal will be notified, and the proper procedures will be followed, including moving the student to a separate room and notifying parents immediately. Parents, or a designated person, must be available during the school day to pick up the student.

Now that students can sit 3 feet apart in the classroom, has the definition of “close contact” changed? No. Even though students are sitting 3 feet apart in the classroom, close contact is still within 6 feet. This means if a student in a classroom is found to have Covid, all students who sit less than 6 feet away from the infected student would be deemed a close contact and asked to quarantine.

How are parents notified when students test positive for Covid? When the district is notified of a positive case, our staff conducts tracing in partnership with Skagit County Public Health, and contacts individual families and/or staff as appropriate. Our communication protocol is linked here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ltzF_1CZysFANYdKCqvxxzDuMmybKgu/view

Paintings by 3rd Grade Artists in Mrs. Marinkov’s Room
Inspired by Robin Mead, Landscape Artist

Fidalgo PTA

Nominations Sought for PTA President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for 2021-22 School Year

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Dress Code Reminder

As we enjoy warmer spring weather, please review these guidelines with your children so that they come to school dressed appropriately:

- Shoes that protect feet for PE and recess – please no flip flops/sandals
- All skirts and shorts should be no shorter than 5 inches above the knee, or fingertip length
- No low cut or sheer tops, or bare midriffs
- Tops with ultra-thin or “spaghetti” straps are not allowed

Continue to send your child to school with a coat for recesses, as even spring days can be cool. Also, due to distancing requirements, even on rainy days students will take recess outside.

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

Join me in gratitude for our wonderful Fidalgo teachers! Teaching and learning first remotely, then in hybrid (and soon back to in-person!), has been new learning for us all. Teachers have adapted on short notice, and have worked hard to learn how to best use technology to create engaging lessons and connect with students when learning has been remote. Thank you for partnering with us to make this work.

During Teacher Appreciation Week, we also appreciate parents, our students’ first and foremost teachers, for taking on an additional instructional role over the last year. Thank you for the time you spend during remote learning to ensure that your children are engaged in learning and completing assignments.

Finally, an advance Happy Mothers’ Day on May 9 wish to all moms! It is probably no coincidence that Mothers’ Day lands during Teacher Appreciation Week, as mothers (and fathers) are doing so much to support their children’s learning during this time.

Student Placement

Careful consideration is given each year to build fair and balanced classrooms for the benefit of all students. If parents/guardians of K-3 students have input regarding their child’s educational needs that they would like considered as part of this placement process for the coming school year, they may submit it in writing between May 1 and May 15 using the assignment preference form that is available in the school office. Regarding students in 4th and 5th grades, these grades will be departmentalized, so students will see all the teachers at their grade level for an equal amount of time. Thank you for understanding that parent input is considered but requests are not a given as several other factors also need to be taken into account when creating balanced classrooms. All forms received between May 1 and May 15 will be given equal consideration, regardless of date received. In order to be fair and to ensure that we have accurate information, verbal requests (phone calls, conferences, etc.) cannot be considered; only information submitted in writing on the assignment preference form. Because we do not have final information regarding student enrollment and staff transfers, retirements, and resignations until well into the summer, teaching assignments and student placement decisions are not finalized until late summer.

Worth Repeating

Planning Ahead?

Click on the following links to view the Anacortes School District calendars for 2021-22 and 2022-23

2021-22 School Calendar
2022-2023 School Calendar

Kindergarten Enrollment, and Enrollment for New Students, is Open for Next Year!
Register your child today by clicking on this link: 

Enrollment is now open for all incoming kindergartners (and newly enrolling students at all grades) for the 2021-22 school year. Children entering kindergarten must be age 5 on or before August 31, 2021, in order to register. We urge families to enroll early to support our placement process, and to help us ensure that siblings can be placed at the same school. Anacortes is a non-boundary district; students are placed following certain criteria and guidelines, per board policy 3131. Priority is given to families who enroll prior to May 15.

More information can be found in our Kindergarten Registration Packet. Register your student online. Before you register, you’ll need:

- Child’s birth certificate, passport, or other age verification document
- Completed Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) (https://wa.myir.net)
- Child’s Immunization Record
- If applicable, parenting plan/court order, and/or proof of guardianship

Don’t have access to a computer for registration? No problem! Contact the district office to schedule an appointment: (360) 503-1212 or aberard@asd103.org

Placement Overview: Per state law, students must be 5 years of age on or before August 31, 2021 to enter kindergarten. Students must be 6 years of age on or before August 31, 2021 to enter first grade.

We recommend enrolling your student in their age-appropriate grade level, despite any unmet learning due to the coronavirus pandemic. The district can help provide screening questions to determine your child’s best developmental placement. If you have questions about your child’s development, please contact our Teaching, Learning and Inclusive Services Department at (360) 503-1212 or aberard@asd103.org

Assignment Timeline: Families will receive their elementary assignment by email mid-August.

Questions? Contact Anne Berard, Elementary Registrar: (360) 503-1212 or aberard@asd103.org

From Food & Nutrition Services

We offer Grab-n-Go meals during the school week for ALL students and children age 1-18 at no cost to families. For more information, and for an order form, please visit our website: 
http://www.asd103.org/departments_and_programs/food_and_nutrition_services

Community Bulletin Board:
Your Source for Opportunities in the Community for Your Family

Each week the Anacortes School District shares information from our community partners on our website. This is the place to find and post non-school related community events and information that benefits students and families. All notices are submitted by outside organizations to keep your family informed. The Anacortes School District does not endorse or sponsor these activities. Please visit our Community Bulletin Board to see new postings for this week: http://www.asd103.org/for_community/community_bulletin_board

Ongoing Safety Resources for ASD Families: Reporting Online

Quick Tip is a system that allows students, parents, staff, and community members to submit information to school administrators anonymously.

We encourage people to contact their building principal directly with questions or concerns, but we recognize the sensitive nature of some circumstances, such as bullying, harassment or intimidation, and want to provide this avenue for anonymity.

- This is not a crisis line; report any emergencies to 911
- The reporting tool can be downloaded as a mobile app or accessed online: https://asp.schoolmessenger.com/anacortes/quicktip/
- Administrators receive the tip via email and take action or investigate as appropriate
• Be specific in your submission; photos can be included if appropriate
• False reporting is subject to disciplinary action
• Include your contact information if you would like a response

If you have a question, and don’t know who to contact, please email anacortessd@asd103.org and your email will be routed as appropriate.

Reporting by Telephone
If you do not have Internet access, you can also report unsafe or threatening activities related to Anacortes School District schools by calling the following anonymous, toll-free telephone number at any time day or night: 1-866-live-tip ext. 175

Website Address for Skagit County’s Sexual Offender Notification
http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Sheriff/sex_offenders.htm

Link to OSPI – Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) oversees K-12 public education in Washington state. Its School Report Card is a parent-friendly resource for data on student demographics, performance, and staff. To access this information, go to http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us, or request a hard copy at the school office.

Nondiscrimination Statement
The Anacortes School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

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