

FREMONT
New Family Orientation

August 11, 2022

5:30pm

Fremont Mission Statement and School-wide Theme

- **Mission Statement:** John C. Fremont Elementary School is committed to educating and empowering all students to become critical thinkers and collaborative citizens with a strong academic foundation.
- **Theme for 2022-2023 - EXPLORE, LEARN, GROW, REPEAT!**

Fremont is a special place where staff, families, and community members work together to create an exceptional and safe learning environment for our students.

Health and Safety Protocols

Hand hygiene schedule



at school arrival



before eating



after using the toilet



after breaks



when sharing school items



after changing a mask or touching it

Masking

- Masks are highly encouraged, but optional.
- Students who ask for a mask will be provided one.

Covid Testing

- Optional Testing (Rapid Only) Available at Toll, Crescenta Valley, and Glendale High School
- At-home tests available upon request
- At-home tests are good for 6 months after expiration date

Health and Safety Protocols (Cont.)

If COVID-19 Positive:

- Isolate at home and contact the health office 818-249-3241.
- Isolate at least five days from the onset of symptoms
- May return if fever free without medication, symptoms are resolved and test negative
- If continue to test positive, may return to school on day #11 from the onset of symptoms

Close Contacts:

- Must wear a high grade mask indoors for 10 days regardless of vaccination status. If identified as a close contact, student will not be required to quarantine, but must wear a mask.
- If there is a positive case in a classroom, the entire class will be masking while indoors for 10 full days regardless of their vaccination status.

TK/Kindergarten Sneak Peek

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 2-2:30 pm

TK/K class lists will be posted by 1:45 PM
at entrance on Las Palmas

Bring your TK/K student to meet their new teacher and see their
classroom

First Day of School

- Parents are allowed to come on campus to line up with their students on the first day of school only.
- After the first day of school, we will have “TK/Kinder Buddies” (6th grade students) who will walk younger children to their lines as needed.
- There will be signs with teacher names for line up on the lower playground. Note: 1st-6th graders may find their teacher assignment on ParentConnect around 4:30pm on 8/16/22.
- Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the PTA Howdy Coffee in the Auditorium starting at 8:15 am.

Back To School Night

- August 18, 2022 (Adults Only) - In Classrooms
 - TK/K-1st 5:00-5:40 PM
 - 2nd-3rd 5:45-6:25 PM
 - 4th-6th 6:30-7:10 PM (6th grade will meet in the auditorium)
- Teacher will review important information regarding curriculum, expectations, routines, homework, etc.
- Curriculum is aligned to California Standards www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/

Daily Schedule/Minimum Days

Grades	Line Up	Dismissal	Min. Days
TK	7:55	12:03	10:15
Kinder	7:55	12:13	10:25
1 st -3 rd	8:05	2:03	11:30
4 th -6 th	8:05	2:23	11:50

MINIMUM DAYS

August 18, 2022 - Back To School Night

November 18, 2022 - Parent Conferences

March 3 2023 - Report Card Prep

May 25, 2023 - Open House

June 7, 2023 - Last Day of School

Daily Schedule - Snack/Recess & Lunch

Grades	Recess	Lunch	Lunch Recess
TK/K	10:45-11:15	N/A	N/A
1st-2nd	10:00-10:18/10:20	11:30-11:50	11:50-12:12/12:15
3rd	10:00-10:18/10:20	11:55-12:15	12:15-12:37/12:40
4th	10:25-10:43/10:45	11:55-12:15	12:15-12:37/12:40
5th-6th	10:25-10:43/10:45	12:20-12:40	12:40-1:03/1:05

Note: Students who need more time to eat are allowed to stay at lunch benches with supervision.

Note: Mr. Verano's SAI Self-Contained TK/K/1st class will follow the 1st grade schedule for recess and lunch. Mr. Verano's TK students will dismiss at 12:58 and his K students will dismiss at 1:08

Inclement Weather

- **Rainy Day Mornings**
 - TK/K Students gather in kinder hallway
 - 1st-6th Grade students gather under the lunch shelter/auditorium
- **Rainy Day/Scorcher Day (temp above 89°):** Students eat lunch under the lunch shelter or in the auditorium and recess is spent indoors.

Food Services

GUSD is asking that ALL families fill out the [Meal & Other Benefits Application](#) in order for our district to receive important state and federal funding. Qualifying families may receive other additional benefits from completing the application.

Free snack (at recess) and lunch are available for ALL students as well as after school snacks for students attending CDCC. Students may also bring food from home.

If students would like a second snack or lunch, they may purchase one. A la carte items (ex. bottled water, baked chips, etc) are also available for purchase.

Food (Continued)

- Please **do not** include candy, junk food or soft drinks in your child's lunch.
- Prepare lunches that your children like, and have them participate in packing their lunch.
- Pack lunches that are easy to access and easy to eat (e.g. a sandwich as opposed to soup in a hard-to-open container and no spoon) and practice opening food containers with your children.
- Check the cafeteria menu (www.gusd.net under family resources: lunch menu) and decide if there are days your child wants a school lunch.
- If there is an item your child is allergic to, you may add an alert on the point of sale with a doctor's note.
- Students should not bring glass containers of any kind, play or run in the eating area; trade, share, or collect food.

School Communication

- Websites: Fremont = www.gusd.net/fremont; GUSD = www.gusd.net
- Fremont Sunday Message: Written weekly, Phone as needed
- Thursday Folder
- GUSD App
- ParentSquare (new this year - replacing BlackBoard)
- FaceBook: John C. Fremont Elementary Parents Page (Glendale, CA)
 - Request to join and include teacher and grade
- Instagram: Fremont_PAC and coming new this year fremontbears
- Class Konstella run by Parent Room Reps: Sign up on www.konstella.com



ParentSquare

Register in ParentSquare and download the app!

- [ParentSquare Overview Video](#)
- [ParentSquare training videos for parents/guardians](#)
- [Answers to common questions](#)
- QR codes to download the ParentSquare app for [iOS](#) and [Android](#)



Communicating Questions/Concerns

- Start with the person who can best answer your questions/address your concerns
- If you would like to meet with the Principal, please schedule an appointment through the school secretary, Marina Balasanian, mbalasanian@gusd.net.
- School Number: 818-249-3241

General Information

- **Attendance:** Students are to be in school, on time every day they are not sick
- **Parties/Invites:** Invitations should not be given out at school. Please do not bring any food items to celebrate birthdays. You may arrange with the teacher to bring non-food item (i.e. pencils, books, etc.)
- **Lost and Found:** Please label jackets, backpacks, lunchboxes, water bottles, etc. with your child's first and last name. Lost items that are not picked up will be donated at various times during the year.
- **Classroom Interruptions are not Allowed.** Please make sure your child is prepared for school each day with their materials prior to dropping them off.
- **Phones/Smart Watches** must be turned off and put away in backpacks during the school day unless a student has permission from a staff member to use for a specific reason.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Behavioral Expectations

- **Behavioral Expectation:**
Fremont Bears are **Respectful, Responsible, and Safe**
- Schoolwide and classroom expectations are posted in classrooms and around the school campus.
- Teachers will review the expectations and students earn “Bear Bucks” for following expectations
- Students can spend Bear Bucks at the Bear Store
- Parent Brochures with more information will be sent home through Thursday Folders





Friday Spirit Days

- Every Friday, students are encouraged to wear Fremont Spirit wear or school colors of green and white.
- Spirit wear will be available for purchase through the PTA.
- Spirit/Award Assemblies once a month

School Safety

- Visiting Campus: Must Be Scheduled; Must Sign In
- Monthly Safety Drills (Fire, Earthquake, Lockdown)
- Make sure your child dresses appropriately for the weather and wears closed-toed shoes good for PE and recess
- When your child is in your care at school, please make sure you are supervising them.
- Safety is a priority during drop off and pick up. **DO NOT block** or **park** in **driveways, double park**, or make **U-turns** in the middle of the street. Do not park illegally in handicapped spots. Make sure to always use crosswalks.

Safety and Volunteering

- Complete the Volunteer Agreement Form (being updated)
- Provide Proof of Negative TB Clearance
- Provide Proof of Covid vaccination OR negative COVID test within 48 hours
- Follow all GUSD safety requirements and visitors code of conduct.
- Must Be Scheduled; No “drop-ins”

Drop Off

- You may either park and walk or drive up in the drive-thru lane on Paloma. If your child needs assistance exiting the car, please park and walk.
- Student walkers may enter through the gate on Las Palmas or Paloma. The drive up lane is only on Paloma. The Arlington gate is for SAI Self-Contained classes only.
- 4th-6th Grade Students riding a bike/scooter must enter through the Las Palmas Avenue entrance and walk their bike/scooter to the racks by the lunch benches. Bikes should be locked up. Helmets must be worn.
- Gates will close promptly at 8:05. Late students need to enter through the office and get a late/tardy note.

Pick Up

- Student in the after school program will be picked up by CDCC staff
- **TK:** All pick up will be in front of the school on Las Palmas - Please park your car and walk to the grass area in front of the school for pick up.
- **Kindergarten:** All pick up is on Paloma (K Teachers will give more information during Sneak Peek).
- **SAI Self-Contained Classes:** All pick up will be at the Arlington Ave gate

Pick Up 1st-6th Grades

- **Drive Up – on Paloma (1st-6th Grades):** Please make an easily visible [Car Sign](#) with your child's first and last name and display on your dashboard.
- **Walking Gate – on Las Palmas only (1st-6th Grades):** Teachers will walk students to the front gate and release students to waiting caregiver.
- **Students Walking Home on Their Own (4th-6th Grade):** If you would like your child to walk home on their own, please send an email to your child's teacher and the school secretary, Marina Balasianian mbalasianian@gusd.net, giving permission to do so.

Look Out for Information for Getting Involved

- PTA – Make sure to become a member (Goal is 100%+ membership)
- PAC - School Site Foundation
- School Site Council - Nomination forms will come through Thursday Folders
- Volunteer for Events

Afterschool Programs

- Child Development and Child Care (CDCC): 818-430-0773
- Head Teacher: Christina Painter