

January 2021

FALCON FOCUS NEWSLETTER



From the Principal

Growth Mindset Quote of the Month

Great works are performed, not by strength, but by perseverance. (Samuel Johnson)

Dear Forest Avenue Families,

I hope that everyone enjoyed a very happy and safe holiday season as well as a smooth transition to the Remote Learning Model. Currently, the plan for Hudson Public Schools is that we will remain in the Remote Learning Model until Tuesday, January 19th. This is of course dependent upon the state of the pandemic here in Massachusetts and in Hudson. During this time, all of our students, with the exception of those in the Therapeutic Support Program, will be learning from home. Our staff will be working from the building and information concerning material drop off and pick up will be forthcoming from your son/daughter's teacher. During remote learning, free breakfast and lunch will continue to be available for all students. Meals will be distributed at Quinn Middle School on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Additional information about free meals for students can be found in this newsletter or on the Hudson Public School's website.

While our students are learning from home, we will be hosting our next Leaves of Citizenship Virtual Assembly to introduce them to the character trait of Outstanding Citizenship. Here at Forest Avenue School, our definition of Outstanding Citizenship is I will do my share to make the school community better for everyone. I will build a good reputation for the school community by working together and cooperating. We look forward to teaching our students all about citizenship and recognizing them for being good citizens both virtually, and in person when they return to the building. During the month of January we will also be recognizing some of our students for the fabulous job they did learning all about the character trait of Fairness by inviting them to virtual luncheons. More information on the upcoming Fairness Luncheons will be available soon.

In closing, I have a confession to make. Those of you who have followed me on Twitter in the past, know that since the start of the current school year my account has been dormant. Well, thanks to a New Year's resolution that I plan to keep, I am back on Twitter and will look to send out regular tweets to keep all of you updated on our school community here at Forest Ave. I encourage you to follow me at HPSForestAve to help me stay true to this resolution.



I hope that you all have a very happy, healthy, & safe January!

Sincerely, David Champigny
Principal, Forest Avenue School



School Nurse

From the Nurse

January

Happy 2021. I hope everyone had a restful and quiet holiday season. Mine was very different from past years but hoping that 2021 will bring back a sense of normalcy.

It is still very important that everyone follows the social distancing guidelines, wears a mask, stays home from work/school if they are not feeling well, and get a COVID test.

Mass.gov has all the latest information and guidance listed on their website:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information>

Please also refer to previous listservs where I had attached COVID and Kids document.

State public health officials announced that influenza immunization will be required for all children 6 months of age or older who are attending Massachusetts childcare, pre-school, kindergarten, K-12, and colleges and universities. The new vaccine requirement is an important step to reduce flu-related illness and the overall impact of respiratory illness during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students will be expected to have received a flu vaccine for the 2020-2021 influenza season, unless either a medical or a religious exemption is provided. Also exempted are K-12 students who are homeschooled and higher education students who are completely off-campus and engaged in remote learning only. **Elementary and secondary students in districts and schools that are using a remote education model are NOT exempt.** The deadline has been extended until February 28, 2021 from December 31, 2020.

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Cohort D Update

Cohort D Picture retakes will occur at Farley Elementary School on 1/20/21 from 9-2:30. Pictures will be taken in the gym so families can drive up like they did last time. Students will get out of the car, go inside for a picture, and return to your car. Cohort D Teachers are being made aware of this date and will not mark students absent while they are at picture retakes. More information about signing up for picture retakes will be added to Cohort D website in the next few weeks. As you have shared, some of you were not happy about the pictures that were taken. We have shared all concerns with the home school principals.

We have been updating our pictures on the Cohort D website. If you have a picture of your child working remotely, please feel free to email it to Rachel Scanlon or Judy Merra. We had some great pictures from our spirit week before vacation! Here is our website link if you would like to take a look:

<https://sites.google.com/student.hudson.k12.ma.us/cohortdelementary/home?authuser=0>

Free Meals for ALL Students, Regardless of Income, for the Entire School Year!

- * 7 days of food available, breakfast & lunch
- * Get healthy meals and save \$66.50+ per student per week on food expenses
- * In-School, no ID or cash required, free breakfast and lunch every school day for all
- * Remote and weekend meals will be distributed in bulk at Quinn Middle School (at loading dock)
- * Meal distribution (breakfast and lunch) is on Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 am -10:00 am at Quinn Middle School
- * If you cannot make it to Quinn, email Shane Riordan sfriordan@hudson.k12.ma.us or call 978-567-6100 x42147 for optional delivery
- * Check Hudson Food Service website for updates throughout the year
- * Apply for Free/Reduced lunch and if qualified, you will be enrolled in P-EBT benefits, which periodically will have debit cards for food assistance mailed to you. Get application online or at any of the schools.

January Calendar

1/1	No School – New Years Day
1/4	Virtual School Council Meeting @ 6:00pm
1/4 – 1/15	Remote Learning
1/11	School Improvement Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
1/18	No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/19	Return to In-Person Learning for Students in Cohorts A & C
1/21	Return to In-Person Learning for Students in Cohort B
1/25	January Birthday Lunch for Students in Cohorts A & C
1/28	January Birthday Lunch for Students in Cohort B
	Virtual Home & School Meeting @ 6:00pm

From the Home & School

Virtual Home & School — Thursday 01/28 @ 6:00pm, Google Meet

Forest Avenue School will be holding its next virtual Home & School Meeting on Thursday, January 28 starting at 6:00pm. The meeting will take place via Google Meet.

Parents who wish to join the meeting must email Mr. Champigny by noon on Monday the 25th sending him their name and email address. His email address is dchapigny@hudson.k12.ma.us. The invitation to join the meeting will be sent approximately 5 minutes before the meeting, so please make sure we have the correct information for you.

We hope to see you then!

Ski Ward



Are you looking for a new program to add to your winter offerings? Something that is safe but also lets the kids socialize and participate in an activity? We have just the answer! Ski Ward!

Ski Ward's program consists of a 1 hour group lesson, once a week, for 5 consecutive weeks. Skiing is available for ages 4-7 and both skiing and snowboarding are available for ages 8-14. Those ages 8-14 will also receive free ski or board time after their lesson. Programs are offered Tuesday through Friday with multiple schedules to fit your schedule and start the week of January 4, 2021. If you are interested, select Forest Ave when registering online or over the phone, the best part is Forest Ave will receive 5% back on all registered participants!

Savers Fundraiser—THANK YOU



For all who helped to donate items and for those who helped to load the truck, we want to say THANK YOU for your sup-

Hudson Holiday Coalition for Giving—THANK YOU (Assabet Valley Chamber of Commerce)

THANK YOU for your generous donations to help those in need in our community!

