



Fernan STEM Academy
520 N 21st Street
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
Principal: Kathy Livingston
Assistant Principal: Jennifer Reyes

Principals Message

Wow! It is so hard to believe that it is already time to advance our calendars to October! The air is getting a little bit crisper, leaves are beginning to fall, and our students have been getting settled into their new school year routines already. Welcome back, and welcome to the beautiful autumn season!

We are so excited about the learning that is already taking place! Kindergarten classes are exploring 3-D shapes and learning their letters and numbers. First grade has been studying the designs of bird beaks and bird nests. Second and third grades are partnering with the Kootenai Environmental Alliance to study erosion, weathering and how run-off impacts our storm drains and local lakes. Fourth grade has been working on a writing project to share all about themselves. Fifth grade is studying decimals and fractional parts of numbers. And, all the while, we can hear evidence of students' thinking! Students are demonstrating their own metacognition, which means they are thinking about their own thinking. Research shows this practice helps deepen students' understanding and helps them begin to take on greater ownership of their learning.

This first month of school has been very exciting! We have participated in the Parking It on Sherman block party and danced the night away at our Fall Festival. Coming up on October 25th, we will be having our Spooky STEM Night. It is going to be a fun night! We hope you will be able to join us. Save the date!

Along with being safe, being respectful and being responsible, each month our school focuses on a particular character trait. Students who have demonstrated that trait throughout the month are recognized at a monthly award assembly. Our first assembly will be next week. Many students were quite RESPONSIBLE during the first month of school! We look forward to a magical year!

Important October Events

☞ 10/4– District Cross Country Meet

10/25– Spooky STEM Night

☞ 10/5– No School

10/31– Halloween

☞ 10/8– Character Trait Award Assembly



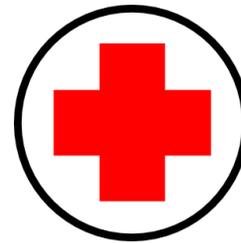
☞ 10/17– PTA Meeting

Office Reminders

- ✦ If your student will be absent, please call the office to excuse them
- ✦ Student drop-off is 9:30 on Mondays and 8:30 Tuesday-Friday. The front doors remain locked until this time and there is NO supervision on the playground until that time.
- ✦ Fernan is a secure building. Our doors remain locked from bell to bell. If you would like to come visit or volunteer, please sign in at the office and receive a visitor sticker before proceeding to classrooms.

News from the Nurse

- ✦ **If your student has a fever, they may return to school when they have been fever free for 24 hours.**
- ✦ **Please check in all medication with the school nurse.**



Parking Lot Update

Our new parking lot has gotten our year off to a great start. We appreciate your cooperation with new procedures. Just a couple reminders to keep things running smoothly



- ✦ Please follow instruction of all parking lot attendants. Their first concern is the safety of our students as well as getting families in and out of the parking lot as efficiently and quickly as possible
- ✦ If you are picking up your student in the car pickup line, you must remain in your vehicle at ALL TIMES
- ✦ If you would like to walk with your child, please park in our visitor lot and use the crosswalks to get to and from your vehicle.

Winter is Coming

Fall is upon us, and we can feel the chill in the air. Please make sure to layer your child, as our afternoons are still getting warm. Hats and gloves are limited in our closet so we would like to save them for the freezing temperatures.

Special Chorus

Special chorus rehearsal has begun.

Rehearsal takes place Thursday's from 8:00-8:45 in the music room.

Volunteer Opportunity

A lot of students enjoy breakfast in the mornings before school. If you might be willing to help volunteer in the cafeteria in the mornings from 8:30-8:55, our kitchen staff would be SO appreciative. Please let the office know, if you are interested.

School Pictures and Picture Retakes

School Pictures should be sent home in the next couple weeks. If your student missed picture day or you are unhappy with your pictures, we will have picture retakes on November 15th. Picture envelopes will be available at the office in November.

PTA News

Please join us for our monthly PTA meetings, the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 3:45 in the art room. Childcare is provided.

Our 2018-19 PTA Board is



President– Marie Nail

Vice President– Victoria McDonald

Treasurer- Ashley Yates

Secretary– Susie Brott

Fernan FAQ's

Q: What time can I drop off my student in the morning?

A: Students can be dropped off at 9:30 on Mondays and 8:30 Tuesday-Friday. That is when the cafeteria opens for breakfast, and there is supervision on the playground at 9:35 on Mondays and 8:35 Tuesday-Friday.

Q: Why are the doors locked?

A: All schools in the Coeur d'Alene School District are secured entry buildings. The doors unlock in the morning from 8:30-9:00 (9:30-10:00 on Monday) and then remain locked until 3:30. If you are trying to enter the building during this time you must press the white button and the office will buzz you in.

Q: Am I allowed to visit during the day?

A: We love parent participation at Fernan. Any time you visit our building, we ask that you sign in at the office and get a visitor sticker while you are in the building. Once you are finished, please sign out as well.

Q: Can I volunteer in my child's class?

A: Parent volunteers are handled on an individual class basis. If you would like to volunteer, please contact your student's teacher. We ask volunteers to fill out a volunteer application that is processed through our district office.

Q: What do I do if my student is sick?

A: If your student is sick, please call the office 208-664-2659 each day of their absence to excuse them. If you do not call, we will call to verify that they are safe and accounted for. If your child has a fever, they must be fever free with no fever reducing medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

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Q: What time is my students lunch?

A: Our lunch schedule is as follows

Kindergarten: 11:25-12:10

1st Grade: 11:55-12:35

2nd Grade: 11:35-12:15 (MONDAY 12:05-12:45)

3rd Grade: 12:05-12:45 (MONDAY 11:35-12:15)

4th Grade: 12:15-12:55

5th Grade: 11:45-12:25

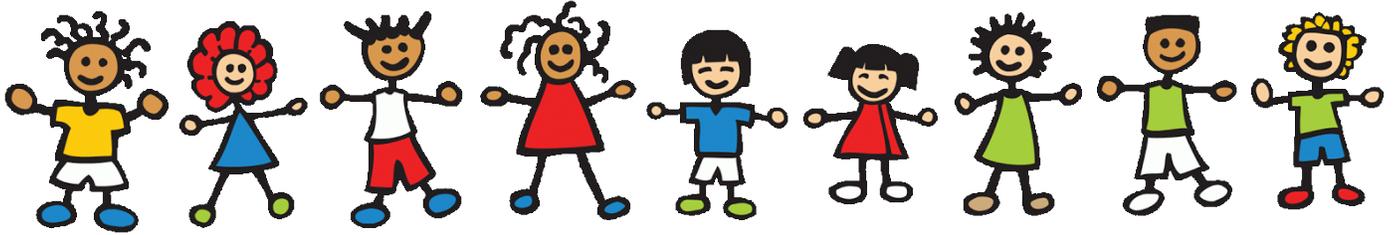
Lifeskills: 11:45-12:25

Q: What time does the bell ring?

A: On Monday, the tardy bell rings at 10:00. If your student is not in class when the bell rings, they will be marked tardy. The tardy bell rings at 9:00 Tuesday-Friday. Dismissal is at 3:30 every day for grades 1-5. Kindergarten dismisses at 3:20 outside their classroom door.

Q: How do I stay connected with my students' academic progress?

A: In addition to communication with your student's classroom teacher, you can also access information on Skyward Family Access. This website gives you information regarding attendance, account balances (School plus, lunch money, etc) as well as test scores and much more. If you need your login information, please contact the office (208) 664-2659.



Fernan STEM 2018-19 Teams

Administration

Principal: Kathy Livingston

Assistant Principal: Jennifer Reyes

Kindergarten

Ms. Canale

Ms. McClintock

Mrs. Dixon

1st Grade

Mrs. Lund

Mrs. Chan

Mrs. Hennig

2nd Grade

Mrs. Higgs

Mrs. Ruchti

Ms. Kapugi

3rd Grade

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Webb

Ms. Butler

4th Grade

Ms. Critchfield

Mrs. Cooper

5th Grade

Ms. Cove

Mrs. Durocher

Special Programs

ALP: Mrs. Mangini

Title: Mrs. Randklev

Specialists

STEM: Ms. Zimmermann

Library: Mrs. Murray

P.E.: Mrs. Meredith

Music: Mrs. Selfridge

Art: Mrs. Morgan

Special Education

Lifeskills: Miss Susie

Lifeskills: Miss Robyn

Resource: Miss Jennifer

Resource: Miss Sarah

SLP: Mrs. Lane

Counseling

School Psychologist: Mrs. White

School Counselor: Mrs. Vanderlouw

Behavior Specialist: Ms. Loomis

Office Staff

Office Manager: Miss Amber

Registrar: Miss Angie

Custodial Staff

Mr. Frank

Mr. Kirk

Mr. Steve

Kitchen Staff

Miss Chandra

Miss Ricki

Miss Heidi