



FJA Newsletter • September 2022

Not Getting Important Email and Text Updates?

Perhaps not all the adults in your family are receiving FJA messaging via email and texts? Or, perhaps you're receiving one method of communication, but not the other? Please let us know and we'll remedy the issue in our Student Database so you can stay in the know. **Just email FJA Office Manager, Jeanne Hink, at jeannehink@fjademy.com and she will help you out!**

Join Us for Peace Day Ceremony at Cedar Campus on Wed. 9/21

There will be new peace flags, student speakers, singing, and more at 306 West Cedar Avenue on the morning of Wednesday, September 21st as FJA students join with countless others around the globe to celebrate peace. The short ceremony will start promptly at 10:30 a.m. in the courtyard. Families are invited. Hope you can join us!

Picture Days

You can order you child's pictures ahead of time at www.mylifetouch.com or you can send the paper form and payment to school with your child on Picture Day. Cash or a check payable to 'Lifetouch' will be accepted on the following scheduled days below:

Thursday, September 22nd—Bonito Campus—Online Order Code: **EVTNBZ4W8**

Friday, September 30th—Cedar Campus—Online Order Code: **EVTNV2ZBT**

Monday, October 3rd—Sports Teams Picture Day at Bonito

Thursday, November 10th—Make-Up's for Both Campuses

Bonito Campus Middle School Clubs

Middle school clubs are in full swing! Click on the link below for more details:

<https://fjademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/FJA-Athletics-and-Clubs.pdf>

Two new additions: Chess Club for grades 5-8; Wednesdays 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Comic Club for grades 7 & 8, Mondays & Wednesdays at lunch

Free Disc Golf Program for Cedar Students!

A four-week disc golf program provided by FJA and hosted by Discing 4 Kids! The program is limited to 25 students. Sign up by clicking on the correct link below. For planning purposes, aftercare students will need to sign up to participate.

Please note that signing up does not guarantee that your child has a space. Families will be emailed by Sunday, September 25th with confirmation that they were one of the first 25 to sign up. If your child does not participate this session, we will prioritize them next session. We hope to offer this program again in the spring. Thank you!

Kinder, 1st, & 2nd Grades: Tuesdays, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. (9/27, 10/4, 10/18, and 10/25

<https://forms.gle/b6koDg5dPMQk7uYH6>

3rd and 4th Grades: Thursdays, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. (9/29, 10/6, 10/20, and 10/27

<https://forms.gle/QjANA89o1peUeJCx8>

Bonito Campus Afternoon Pick-Up

Students can be picked up 3:15-3:30 p.m. daily and 12:15-12:30 p.m. on Fridays. Students who are not staying after for a sport or club with an adult sponsor, need to be picked up by 3:30 (or 12:30 p.m. on Fridays) cannot stay on campus as there is no staff supervision. Please pick up your child on time. If you cannot pick up your child within that 15-minute window, please coordinate with your child to walk and meet you off campus (library, Tree Park, etc.). Thank you!

Calling All Artists for the Yearbook Cover Contest!

Students, we invite you to submit your original works of art for consideration in this year's Yearbook Cover Contest! The 5th – 8th grades winning artwork will be featured on the front cover, and the Kinder – 4th grades winning artwork will be featured on the back cover. This year's theme is "Organically Grown" and entries are due to the office by October 5th. Click below for more artwork criteria and submission information:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iG6E3oBmXtjcZPTtpiRQKj12Plq6emfi5LbaO_Of8XM/edit?usp=sharing

Student Bikes at Bonito

We had a student bike stolen from our Bonito Campus. To help prevent future thefts, we ask that all students park their bikes on the east side of the building on Bonito Street and secure their bikes with a quality lock, like a U-lock. For students who do not have a U-lock, the school has purchased loaners and they will be available to students in a week or so for sign-out.

Sign Your Child Up for Optional Pooled COVID Testing

Pooled testing has begun for all students (even Pre-K). Click below to sign up your child:

<https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/minor-consent/>

Enter the following access code: FJA2021

How It Works: First, families of students will “opt-in” their child(ren). Then, as part of pooled testing, students each do a simple short nose swab each week. All swabs from one classroom are sent out to the lab for screening. The results for each classroom pool of swabs comes back usually within 24-36 hours and provides valuable information about the status of COVID health and wellness in our school.

FJA Is Looking for Substitutes: Do you or someone you know have a flexible schedule? Have a bachelor’s degree? Enjoy working with children? Want to be more involved in the FJA community? If you answered yes to any of these questions, consider substituting for our school! You can sub as frequently or as infrequently as you like. You can specify which grade levels you prefer. Please contact Assistant Director Kristin Patterson at kristinpatterson@fjadecademy.com for more details.

FJA 2022-2023 Safe Return to School Plan

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the state of Arizona requires that each school develop a Safe Return to School Plan and have its school board revisit the plan no less than every six months through September 2023. The FJA Governing Board revisited our Safe Return to School Plan at its August 3rd meeting. You can find the plan in its entirety on our website, or just click the link below:

<https://fjadecademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Flagstaff-Junior-Academy-Safe-Return-to-In-Person-Instruction-Plan-Rev.-8.3.22.pdf>

We ask that all families take the time to read the 2022-2023 FJA Safe Return to School Plan as it outlines logistics and COVID-19 mitigation measures. The plan may be adjusted depending upon our community’s needs.

Upcoming Important Dates

Oct. 5th: FJA Governing Board Meeting, Cedar Campus or via Zoom, 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 10th—14th: Fall Break—No School—

Oct. 19th & 20th: Parent Teacher Conferences—Early Dismissal from School (Cedar-12:00 p.m./Bonito-12:15 p.m.)

The Month in Pictures



Our fifth graders work with the Arizona Trail Association all year long. Here they are getting sworn in as Junior Rangers!

Thanks to everyone who made it to Bushmaster Park for the Annual BBQ. Thanks for being patient as Mr. Cola and Ms. Jackson improvised on the small grill...everything was delicious, and it was fun to relax together on a Friday evening!



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Students getting creative with Ms. Betsy in art class!



Students being recognized at the Cedar Campus weekly Paw Draw!



Fifth and sixth graders getting silly while seventh and eighth graders are away on County Fair field trip!