

Firebirds Newsletter

Folwell Community School

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Principal's Message

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Happy May,

We have just over a month of school left; this school year has been unlike any other. Despite all the peaks and valleys, it has been our pleasure to collaborate with you for the success of your child's education.

We have been encouraging students about the importance of reading, how reading can open many future possibilities and understanding in many other areas. We do still have reading logs where students can write down the reading minutes. Once the reading logs

are turned in; the students are eligible to receive a prize or reward.

Lastly, if you have a summer dish recipe to share with the Folwell community, please send it to the Family Liaison, Miriam Maples.

We will choose one of the recipes to add to our next Newsletter.

Just a reminder, students are welcome in the building at 8:15am, if students are brought to school earlier than 8:15 am there will be no one to supervise.

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Folwell Family Fun Night

Join us on **Wednesday, June 15 5:00-7:00 p.m.** for Folwell Family Fun Night. We will gather on the playground for fun activities and Folwell music students will

perform. Snacks will be provided. We hope to see you at this fun community building event!



Attendance Reminder

Call the Attendance Line in advance, or every day your child is absent, 612-668-4553.

Feel free to leave a message. Leave the message in English or your native language. We can interpret your message. If we don't receive a call, we will call the home number.

Please send a note when your child returns to school after an



Attendance Line
612-668-4553

absence. Give the following information in the phone call or note: **Child's name, homeroom number or teacher's name, and reason for absence.** If you are sending a note, also include parent name/signature, and telephone number.

What are excused absences?

Please visit our website to learn about excused absences,

<https://folwell.mpls.k12.mn.us/Attendance>

5th Grade Band & Orchestra Concert

The 5th grade band and orchestra will perform for students on **Tuesday, June 7** at 2:45 p.m.

There will be a second performance at 6 p.m. for family and friends. We hope you can join us!



Coffee With the Principal

Join us on **Thursday, May 26** for an informal time to visit with Mr. Cannon and Ms. Enck. They will be available in



room 154 at 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m. Coffee and treats will be provided.

Save Your Seat on the Bus

It is time to request your student's bus transportation for next school year. MPS will be contacting families to have them complete an online transportation request form. The form is **due by May 30.**

You can complete the form here:

English: <https://forms.gle/AWH13v5q1KWszcyF8>

Spanish: <https://forms.gle/mpNoDEqmG6Fqz7HKA>

Somali: <https://forms.gle/RzDAzEimJkaDGxzP6>

Hmong: <https://forms.gle/hn5Nym2MCrnpnem7>



COVID Update

We are starting to see a higher rate of transmission (number of people getting COVID) in the community. This is reflected in our school community at Folwell. We are seeing a slight increase in the number of positive COVID cases at Folwell, for both staff and students. Since we are no longer doing universal contact tracing, you may not know if/when your student may have been exposed to COVID.

We can help keep our Folwell community safe by continuing prevention strategies. This includes:

- Getting your student fully vaccinated for COVID-19
- Encouraging your student to wear a mask (even when they are optional)
- Getting your student tested for COVID when they are sick or have symptoms of illness.

- Frequent hand washing
- At-home COVID tests are available for families in the Main Office.

For more information, please contact the school nurse at 612-668-4558 or Rachael.popp@mpls.k12.mn.us



Field Day

We are planning a Field Day for students during the school day on **Friday, June 10**. Volunteers are needed throughout the day to help with activities and lunch.



Please contact Miriam Maples if you can help all or part of the day. She can be reached at Miriam.maples@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-4592.

Media Center Happenings

Kindergarteners are learning about different holidays. We will be starting to work on the desktop computers in the Media lab. 1st Graders are starting a new unit on dinosaurs this month. They

will pick a dinosaur and do research online. 2nd Graders are finishing up their reports on a mammal and will present it to class. 3rd and 4th graders are working on finding books on our Destiny catalog. They are finding

the call number of a book to see if they can locate the book in our Media Center. 5th Graders are researching two Minnesota Tribal Nations and doing reports on them.



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For more information and to register visit, <https://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/> or call 612.668.0730

- [Discovery and Learning Academy](#) (Grades K-5)
- [GEMS/GISE STEM Academy](#) (Grades K-8)

Upcoming Events/Important Dates

May

17 - Food Shelf, 3:00-5:30 p.m.
26 - Coffee with the Principal
30 - Memorial Day, No School
31 - 1st-3rd grade book fair

June

1 - 1st-3rd grade book fair
7 - 5th grade band and orchestra concert, 2:45 and 6:00 p.m.
10 – Field Day
15 - Folwell Fun Night, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
20 - Juneteenth, No School

June (cont.)

21 - Food Shelf, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
24 - Last Day for Pre-K-12
27 - Teacher Record Keeping Day

July

July 5 - 28 - Summer school
(Fridays off)

September

6 - First day of school grades 1-12
8 - First day of school PreK-K

