

Firebirds Newsletter

Folwell Community School

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Welcome New Staff



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Spotlight on Community Resources

PACER Center provides parent support from multicultural advocates in multiple languages, workshops, publications and other resources to help families make decisions about education and other services for their child with disabilities. PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center® provides resources designed to benefit all students, including those with disabilities. Pacer is also for parents of all children and schools working

together to encourage family involvement in education.

You can find a full list of PACER resources at www.pacer.org. Here is one of PACER's upcoming workshops:

Working Together: Supporting Your Child's Mental Health Needs at School

Webinar Tues., Nov. 16,
2021 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CST

This training will discuss how mental health challenges can impact children and youth engagement at school and strategies for working with schools when educational progress becomes a concern.

To register: PACER Center
PACER.org/workshops

Holiday Assistance Programs

Salvation Army Angel Tree-toys.
Register at saangeltree.org or call 651-746-3595

Joseph's Coat-new and gently used winter clothing and gear. Call 651-291-2472 to schedule an appointment

Shiloh Cares Food Shelf Turkey Giveaway-first come, first served turkey giveaway November 17-19. 1201 West Broadway, Minneapolis 55411. Questions can be directed to (612)302-1463 or email shilohcaresfood@gmail.com



Tru Breed and Eternal Kingz MC Turkey Giveaway-Open to all; first come, first served **on** Saturday, November 20, 2021, starting at 1 pm at 2038 West Broadway, Minneapolis

Life Center Thanksgiving Outreach- Free to-go hot meal, food box, and frozen turkey; one to a household, while supplies last. Saturday, November 20, 12 noon - 3 pm; walk up; doors open at 12 noon. 1812 Park Avenue South, Minneapolis 55404, (612) 870-0000

School Attendance

Call the Attendance Line in advance, or Every Day that 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 absence. Give the following information in the phone



Attendance Line
612-668-4553

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>

Check and Connect

I'm Ms. Jerilyn, and I'm excited to join the Folwell community working for the Check & Connect program! **Check & Connect** is a program developed to engage students in their education. We help students find **academic success** and a **sense of belonging in school** by working

with them regularly in their classrooms. We support students as mentors, tutors, listeners, problem-solvers, and advocates.

At Folwell, Check & Connect serves students in **kindergarten through second grade** (and any of their siblings in grades 3-5 who also attend Folwell). I believe strongly

that **ALL** students are talented, gifted, and capable of achieving great things. I can't wait to see what's in store for them this year!

You can contact me at 612-668-6839 or

Jerilyn.rogers@mpls.k12.mn.us

After School Update

Reminder: There are **no After School activities** on Monday, November 22 and Tuesday, November 23. We will resume After School activities the week of November 29th. If your child is not yet enrolled in After School at

Folwell and would like to be, please complete this online registration form: <https://forms.gle/iGRBzkhgNwbwCP379>, scan the QR code, or contact alicia.robey@mpls.k12.mn.us 612-668-4590.



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Kindergarten, First and Second Grade

In Kindergarten, First and Second Grade, students are learning about the different holidays from other cultures of the world. Most classes participated in doing the Mexican Hat Dance during their Media class. We also learned about a custom from India – ‘Diwali’ called the Festival of Lights.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade

In Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade students are drawing a self-portrait and adding a phrase that represents them. This phrase will help make the world a better place. They continue to check out great library books to read.

Picture



December 1 and 2 will be picture days at Folwell. More information will be sent home with your student soon.

Upcoming Events/Important Dates

November

4 - First Quarter Ends
5 – No School, Teacher Record Keeping Day
8 - Second Quarter Begins
15-19 Native American Awareness Week
24-26 - Thanksgiving Holiday

December

1-2 Picture Days
20-31 - Winter Recess

January

17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
27 - Second Quarter Ends
28 - Teacher Record Keeping Day
31 - Third Quarter Begins

February

21 - Presidents Day
22 - Parent Teacher Conferences

March

31 - Third Quarter Ends

April

1 - Teacher Record Keeping Day
4-8 - Spring Break
11 - Fourth Quarter Begins

May

30 - Memorial Day

June

10 - Last Day for Pre-K-12

13-14 - Possible Make up days
15 - Teacher Record Keeping Day

June 20-July 28 - Summer school (Fridays off)

