

Firebirds Newsletter

Folwell Community School

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Principal's Message

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Happy October;

Last Thursday, we had 150 people come and enjoy popcorn, dancing performances, and meeting staff; it was the Folwell Meet and Greet! This was truly a wonderful evening of warm weather and rich diversity of families. We will endeavor to have more family activities throughout the school year.

Conference are October 19th and October 20th, more information is below. This is a great time to connect with your child's teacher and reestablish partnership.

Construction update, most of the construction is complete; there will be some final work next week on Thursday and Friday. Our hope is to have a small ribbon-cutting event towards the end of October or the beginning of November.

A reminder about COVID prevention protocol:

- Please wear a mask when any person enters the building
- If your child is sick, please keep them home

Lastly, we are looking for 100% of the educational benefits forms to be filled out by guardians the link is below:

[Titan School Solutions \(titank12.com\)](https://titank12.com) Click the Apply Meal section

You can call the school and have someone help you fill out the form as well.

Lacy Cannon

Learn More About Folwell

Please visit our School Website and learn more about who we are as a school. Folwell is a Title 1 School and we receive resources for all students to achieve academic success. Look for the State of the School power point. We will also have a Family Involvement/Engagement plan posted with all of the ways we hope to connect with families this school year. Lastly, please view the McKinney Vento power point that details how we meet the needs of all students; including those that are highly mobile or temporarily homeless. It is our goal to have all excel in academic achievement.

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Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fall conferences will be held on **Tuesday, October 19th from 4-8:15 pm and Wednesday, October 20th from 8:30-11 am and 12-3 pm**. You can sign-up for a conference time at <https://www.myconferencetime.com/folwell/>. When you sign-up you can choose to meet in-person, online or by telephone. You will also be able to request an interpreter. If you need help signing up contact your student's teacher or Miriam Maples at 612-668-4592 or Miriam.maples@mpls.k12.mn.us. If you choose to meet in-person, please arrive at the Main Office (door 5 on 20th Ave.) at least 10 minutes before your scheduled time.

What to expect at conferences:

- The purpose of conferences is to talk about your student's educational progress.
- You will be asked to share information about your student. What are their strengths and interests?
- You will have time to ask questions. It's a good idea to write down your questions.
- The teacher will talk about your student's strengths and growth areas.
- Conferences are no longer than 20 minutes; it is important to be on time.
- Teachers meet with all parents twice a year.

Get Your Free Flu Shot

Help protect yourself and your community from the flu by getting your FREE flu shot this fall!

Where: Folwell Community School Room 103

Date: Tuesday October 19th

When: 4pm-7pm (during parent-teacher conferences)

The FREE flu shot is available to any child or adult that is interested in getting a flu shot. There is no appointment needed for the flu shot clinic, however it is encouraged to complete the registration form ahead of time to decrease wait time. If you are interested in completing a registration form ahead of time, please contact the Folwell Health Office at 612-668-4558 or email rachael.popp@mpls.k12.mn.us to get a copy. Insurance is not required, but if you have insurance, please bring your insurance card.

For more information about the flu shot please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2021-2022.htm>.

Parent Academy/Connecting Parents to Educational Opportunities (CPEO)

Want to get involved with your student's education? CPEO is a free program designed for parents that brings schools, parents, and the community together as equal partners in education so that all students can achieve their greatest academic potential. The program is taught in four languages (English, Spanish, Hmong, and Somali) and classes will be virtual.

The program runs for a total of 5 weeks with classes occurring one evening each week. The curriculum for the program was adopted from the Parent Institute of Quality Education (PIQE). Topics in this model help parents with the following; create home learning environments, develop skills for collaborating with school staff, support parents in understanding the emotional and social development of their child(ren) and help parents navigate the school system

Classes start **Thursday, October 28, 6-8pm** and will be held virtually. If you would like to attend, please contact Miriam Maples at 612-668-4592 or Miriam.maples@mpls.k12.mn.us

Meet Folwell Staff

My name is **Jonna Cardena**, and I am excited to be a **Licensed School Counselor** at Folwell. I earned my Master of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota. I work with students in Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade. I also help support students and parents who speak Spanish. I have lived in Minnesota for many years and currently live in Crystal with my family. Before becoming a counselor, I worked for non-profits in Arizona & Minnesota and taught social-emotional learning classes in schools. I decided to join this profession when some of my BIPOC students shared that their counselor told them college wasn't an option for them. I learned from this what a big influence a school counselor can have on the students they work with. I want your student(s) to feel good about themselves and dream big. I believe in their potential and am dedicated to supporting them to be successful.



What do Elementary School Counselors do?

We are educators trained in child development, learning strategies, self-management and social skills, who understand and promote success for today's diverse students. We implement a school counseling program to support students through this important developmental period. Our School Counseling Program provides education, prevention and intervention activities. We teach knowledge, attitudes and skills students need to acquire in academic, career and social/emotional development, which serve as the foundation for future success. (Adapted from the American School Counseling Association, 2019).

I can be reached at 612-668-4581 or jonna.cardena@mpls.k12.mn.us

My name is **Linda Azure** and I have been a **School Social Worker** at Folwell Community School since 2018. I enjoy working with the students and their families. I am originally from Montana where I grew up and I still have family members that live there. My interests are traveling, spending time with family, and attending Native cultural activities.

I can be reached at 612-668-4563 or linda.azure@mpls.k12.mn.us

My name is **Ms. Swanby** and I am excited to be your new Media Specialist at Folwell. Thank you for sharing your precious child with us. It is my pleasure to work with all the wonderful students and caring staff at Folwell Community School. I grew up in southern Missouri with four brothers and loved it. When I am not working on my Media classes, I am walking my two dogs, enjoying being in nature, taking photographs of the outdoors, or reading an exciting book. I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education, a Master of Science degree in Educational Technology and a Library Media License.



In Media our third, fourth and fifth graders are learning about speaking with their own voice to go along with the book 'Say Something'. We will be finding a saying that represents us and adding it to a picture frame. First and Second graders are learning how to care for a book, how to check out a book and how to read a book. Hi 5 ECSE and K classes are learning about the sounds of the alphabet. We are learning to write the letters of the alphabet and act out objects that start with the letters we are covering.



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After School Activities

Reminder: There are no After School activities on Monday, October 18th and Tuesday, October 19th due to Parent-Teacher Conferences and the MEA break. We will resume After School activities the week of October 25th. 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.



Family Engagement Space

Folwell's Family Engagement Space is now open in room 154. Visit Mondays & Wednesdays, 9am-11am or Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12-2pm. Staff can help you; support your student's education, use a computer, learn about community resources, apply for economic benefits, practice English and meet other Folwell families. Questions? Contact Miriam Maples, Family & Community Liaison at 612-668-4592 or Miriam.maples@mpls.k12.mn.us

Volunteering at Folwell

Many of you have asked about volunteering at Folwell. Due to COVID concerns, we are limiting the number of people in the building. Hopefully we can start welcoming small numbers of volunteers soon. The first step in the volunteer process is to complete the District volunteer application and background check available at <https://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/>. You are encouraged to complete this process soon so you can start volunteering as soon as we open things up. Once you are an approved volunteer our Family & Community Liaison, Miriam Maples will contact you about specific volunteer opportunities.

Upcoming Events/Important Dates

October

19 & 20 - Teacher Conferences
21 - State Conference Day
22 - Conference Conversion Day (Flex)
28-Parent Academy Starts

November

4 - First Quarter Ends
5 - Teacher Record Keeping Day
8 - Second Quarter Begins
24-26 - Thanksgiving Holiday

December

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)

