



# THE PAW PRINT



**Absence Line (510) 656-5121 Extension 22901 or email: [tchalfant@fusdk12.net](mailto:tchalfant@fusdk12.net)**

**All absences should be reported daily**

### Principal's Message

Welcome to our 2020-21 school year! As you know, we started this school year in the Distance Learning format. I know that for many of us, this is not the way to start another school year - virtually greeting our teacher and friends. Nonetheless, our teachers and staff are happy to begin another school year! And no matter the format of our learning, we are all in this together and we will persevere! For now we need to practice social distancing, wear a mask and wash our hands constantly - this will help us all be able to return to our school much faster.

Virtual school hours will remain the same as in person school hours. Students are expected to be up, changed, fed and ready to learn by their bell schedule. Attendance will be taken every day. Likewise, minimum days schedules remain the same.

Lastly, please be aware that our school office is currently closed. However, the office staff is working remotely and you may reach them by calling and leaving a message at (510) 656-5121 or emailing (emails can be found on the top of this newsletter). Also, please make sure we have your current phone number and email as this will be our mode of communication during distance learning. Thank you and stay safe!

Let's go Bobcat!

Mr. Hernández

### IMPORTANT DAYS



#### SEPTEMBER 2020

- 15 Back to School Night (Virtual)
- 16 **Minimum Day**
- 22 School Site Council (SSC) meeting 6 - 7 pm (Virtual)
- 23 **Minimum Day**

#### OCTOBER 2020

- 1 Superintendent Cammack Meet & Greet at 6 pm - more information to come
- 7 **Minimum Day**
- 9 1st Trimester Progress Reports to go Home
- 13 **Bobcat Booster Virtual meeting 7 - 8 pm via Zoom**
- 14 **Minimum Day**
- 20 English Language Advisory Committee meeting 6 - 7 pm
- 21 **Minimum Day**
- 28 **Minimum Day**

#### NOVEMBER 2020

- 10 **Bobcat Booster Virtual meeting 7 - 8 pm via Zoom**

### Wednesdays and Other Minimum Days Schedule

- Grades 1st - 6th - **8:24 am - 1:20 pm**
- TK/AM Kinder - **8:24 am - 11:44 am**
- PM Kinder - **10 am - 1:20 pm**

### ATTENDANCE - EVERYDAY COUNTS!

This is our district and school motto. It is very important that students attend live instruction classes on time every day!



Nothing can replace classroom time. However, from time to time we realize that your child must miss class for illness and medical/dental appointments. If your child is going to be absent from live instruction class, please call:

**(510) 656-5121 extension 22901 or email: [tchalfant@fusdk12.net](mailto:tchalfant@fusdk12.net)**

For absences please provide:

- Student's First & Last Name (please spell)
- Reason for absence
- Student's room and/or teacher
- Your name and relation to student

Any absences not cleared by a parent/guardian will be considered unexcused. Please note, all absences and tardies become part of your child's attendance record. Excessive absences and/or tardies, excused or unexcused, may result in a truancy warning.

### SAVE THE DATE



Virtual BACK to SCHOOL NIGHT  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

Session 1 (6 - 6:30 pm) Session 2 (6:35 - 7:05)

### CLOSED CAMPUS

Please note that nobody is allowed in school grounds  
**Monday through Friday from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm**  
our campus is closed during school days.  
Please help us spread the word to our community.

### FREE MEALS AT BLACOW



FREE meals will be available at our school to ALL children 2-18 years old. Monday through Friday from 11:30 am to 1pm. Meals will be free of charge for all children, but please continue to fill out online meal applications at: <https://fremont.rocketscanapps.com>

[Grab-and-go flyer](#)

# Parent/Guardian Protocols During Distance Learning

As we move into a new full distance learning model this year, it's important for our parents/guardians and their families to understand and respect the legal aspects pertaining to students, teachers, and staff.

## Student Confidentiality

- All students have the right to confidentiality, which extends to distance learning.
- Exception: By law, staff members are mandated reporters and required to report suspected child abuse, as well as safety concerns related to danger of self and to others.
- To the extent possible, all students should remain in a confidential setting while viewing in-classroom teaching.
- [Per Education Code 51512](#), it is illegal to record teachers and/or students. This is a violation of student and staff privacy.
- In-classroom teaching is for the personal use of the student for the sole purpose of distance learning.
- Parents/guardians and family members of early elementary students may support students as they learn how to use online platforms to access learning.
- We ask that parents/guardians who need to communicate with their student's teacher schedule a meeting with the teacher so that the live instructional time can proceed without interruptions. All teachers have identified office hours to support students and families.

## Academic Integrity

- FUSD places a high value on academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to use only the resources and references allowed by their teachers in completing assignments and assessments.
- While collaborative work with other students is often encouraged and acceptable, students must follow teacher directions when told to work independently.
- Students who cheat on assignments or assessments will be penalized.

## Student Dress Code and Behavior

- Students should keep to the dress code as they would in a physical classroom, and avoid inappropriate clothes during a live session.
- The District has the right to monitor behavior, identify bullying, and set expectations for good behavior while using these platforms.
- The District may use audio or video recordings when investigating possible inappropriate behavior.

## Visiting the School Site

Our school sites are closed to the public but there may be instances when the site administrator will contact you or students to come to the site. In order to follow health and safety guidelines provided by the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH), we ask that all visitors:

- Maintain a social distance of six feet with anyone around you. In addition, we will only allow a maximum of two visitors at a time in all school offices.
- Wear face coverings at all times. Those without a face covering will not be allowed on any school property.
- Limit their movement on campus to the school office only. Visitors, including parents/guardians, are not allowed to enter the school grounds or classrooms.
- Adhere to the drop off/pick up schedules for packets and assignments as determined and communicated by each school site.

## Best Practices for Students and Staff during Distance Learning

- With an eye towards these privacy issues, we have put together the following shortlist of best practices when using distance learning platforms:
  - ◆ Avoid uploading sensitive, confidential, or personally identifiable information to these platforms whenever possible.
  - ◆ Always access these platforms from the same device (e.g., designate one computer for distance learning; do not use multiple computers or devices).
  - ◆ Regularly clear your internet history, including your browsing history, cache, and cookies.
  - ◆ Do not share your login credentials or meeting links with anyone.
  - ◆ Use an advertisement blocking program while accessing these platforms.

# School Counselor SPOTLIGHT

www.schcounselor.com

Hello Blacow Elementary School Community. As with any life change, can bring struggle. You are not alone, we are here to help families thrive during this time. As Blacow's Elementary School Counselor, I can help parents connect with community or school resources, to support students' ability to thrive in school and in life. I can provide recommendations to help support students' needs. I provide opportunities for students to gain coping skills for social emotional well being. My role is to help students succeed in school & thrive in life. Please don't hesitate to connect with me.

Please check out our website for a plethora of resources [School Counselor Resources](#)

Have your kids explore [Student's Virtual Calming Room](#) to practice calming and relaxing coping skills. This is a great tool for brain breaks or when needing to redirect self.

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## Moving? Moved?

Fremont Unified School District Board Policy 5111 states that if you move, you must notify the school within 5 days. If you do not, your enrollment may be revoked.



## Automated Phone Calling System:



Our school currently uses an automated phone calling system. Please listen to your messages prior to calling the school. Messages received during the school day will be regarding your student's attendance. Messages received after 4:00pm will be regarding special events, etc.

## FUSD is on Facebook, Twitter & YouTube!

Stay up to date with all the news and happenings throughout the Fremont Unified School District.

- Facebook - Fremont USD
- Twitter - @USDFremont
- YouTube -Fremont Unified School District FUSD's



Social Media pages are the best resources for the latest information and photos from all 42 schools and District Departments.

## IMPORTANT PARENT RESOURCES/TOOLS

A copy of the 2020-2021 Parent/Guardian & Student Handbook may be found on FUSD website. Please go to the FUSD home page at: <https://fusd-ca.schoolloop.com/handbook>

## Booster Corner:

Please consider joining the Bobcat Boosters Club (Blacow's Parent Teacher Organization). Boosters supports the Blacow community in various ways, even during Distance Learning. All donations stay in the Blacow community. You can find information about Boosters on the website: [sites.google.com/view/blacowboosters](https://sites.google.com/view/blacowboosters). We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7 - 8 pm via Zoom.

To join Boosters online you can visit this site: <https://bobcatboosters.cheddarup.com>. Please also consider joining our private Facebook Group: Blacow Bobcats Booster Club at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BlacowBobcatBoosters/?ref=share>

If you prefer a paper membership form please use the attached form.

Thank you,  
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## Slow the Spread of Covid-19



Do your part in slowing the spread of Covid-19:

- ◆ Wear a mask
- ◆ Social distance, at least 6 feet apart
- ◆ Wash hands, with soap and water for 20 seconds or longer
- ◆ If feeling sick, stay home, call the doctor, get tested

You and your family can take steps now to help slow the spread of Corona Virus. Stay safe and healthy!

## School Site Council

The purpose of School Site Council (SSC) is to oversee the school programs that include the curriculum and best instructional practices. SSC is made up of the principal, parents and teachers, and ensures that the needs of every Blacow student is met. The SSC monitors the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) Plan. This group also oversees the spending of certain funds provided through LCAP. SSC is made up of an equal number of parents and staff. Parents are elected by parents, and staff by the staff. These members represent the entire school community.

## English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)

Each California Public School from Kindergarten through grade 12, with 21 or more English learners, must form a functional English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). The purpose of the ELAC is to advocate for student English Learners and to advise the principal and school staff on programs and services for English learners as well as the School Site Council on the development of the SPSA (see School Site Council page for SPSA information). ELAC reviews the school's program for English learners, including the school's needs assessment, reviewing the school's annual language census, and makes efforts to increase parents' awareness of the importance of regular school attendance. The committee may elect at least one member to the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC).