Principal Message from Mr. B.

Greetings Families!

Parent-Teacher Conferences are just around the corner. Conferences for all students will be held on March 17 and 19 from 5:00-8:00pm and on Friday March 20 from 9:00am-3:00pm. As always, our goal is to have 100% participation from our families to meet with our staff during conferences to discuss the wonderful learning that has taken place this school year. It’s also a time to set goals and put plans in place to ensure your child will be successful for the remainder of the school year. We know conferences are just as important for you as it is for us. See each of you at conference time!

John Bjoraker

Conversation Corner

A conversation with your child is a great way to encourage children to increase vocabulary and gain confidence with speaking. These ideas may help you get more than a “yes”, “ok” or “no” answers when asking your child about their school day. On the way home, at dinner or even before bedtime is a great time for these simple questions:

- What is one thing that you are learning in Math?
- What is something that you like about Math?
- What is one thing that you still need more practice with in math?

Parent Information on Website

Please check out our website at www.spps.org/farnsworth. You can find our school calendar, important information, and classroom webpages. You can also find our Family Friendly School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP), Title I compacts, and our Family Engagement Plan. These documents are also available in our main office.

FSO Meeting Date

March 9th at 6:00PM at the Lower Campus

Movie Nights @ Plaza Theater

March 4th at 6:00PM at the Plaza Theater

Book of the Month

March 27- 10:00AM
April 30- 3:15PM
June 5- 10:00AM
Student Health Information
If your child becomes ill while at school, staff will attempt to notify you. Please keep contact numbers up-to-date in case we need to reach you.

Parents/guardians are typically notified if:
- Temperature is over 100 degrees
- Vomiting has occurred
- Recurring bouts of diarrhea

Please follow our district guidelines for Student Wellness by going to the following link: https://www.spps.org/studentwellness

Coronavirus Update
At this time, the risk of becoming sick with COVID-19 is low, including for students and staff in Saint Paul Public Schools. As always, we recommend our students and staff stay home when sick, cover their cough and practice good hand hygiene. These recommendations are especially important during the cold and flu season. The District Student Health and Wellness Department sends out weekly COVID-19 updates to SPPS Licensed School Nurses and Health Assistants. We follow recommendations and guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC. Earlier this month the District also sent information to all staff members via email on how to prevent the spread of infectious illnesses.

We continue to monitor the situation and are prepared to appropriately respond if or when an outbreak occurs.

What’s happening in STEAM?
Here’s what we are up to in Integrated Academics/STEAM:
Kindergarten-External parts of animals and categorizing animals.
1st Grade-Balance and Motion
2nd Grade-Habitat Dioramas
3rd Grade-Physics of Sound and Light
4th Grade-States of Matter

Scholastic Book Fair
The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the library during Conference times on March 17th, 19th, and 20th. Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair theme is: Book Fair Jungle. Watch for a flyer to come home that will show some of the items that will be coming to our book fair.

Volunteers & Chaperones on Field Trips
Parents/Guardians are welcome at Farnsworth Aerospace PreK-4 at any time. Parents/Guardians wishing to volunteer in classrooms and during activities in the building need to fill out a volunteer form each year. Parents/Guardians who want to go on field trips will need to have an approved background check to chaperone. Background checks require a completed background check form and $15 cash submitted to the school. Please let Mr. B. know if assistance is needed for the background check payment. We have scholarships available. Please allow two weeks for processing.

Read Across America Spirit Week
We will be celebrating Read Across America with the following activities in your child’s classroom.

| Monday 3/2/20 | Read a silly story and wear a silly outfit. |
| Tuesday 3/3/20 | Read a book about a famous American and dress like them! It can be an inventor, celebrity, educator, or more. |
| Wednesday 3/4/20 | Read about an influential athlete and wear something to represent your favorite sports team. |
| Thursday 3/5/20 | Read a book about a different culture. Wear something to represent your family’s culture or hometown. |