

Ferson Creek eNews
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Illinois 5Essentials Survey

Every year, District 303 conducts a satisfaction survey eliciting feedback from our students, teachers, and parents. This year, as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), we are now participating in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. As a parent or guardian, this survey will provide you with the opportunity to share your thoughts on important elements of school effectiveness about your child's school.

We value your feedback and appreciate you taking the time to provide us with your suggestions for improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. To take the parent survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey.

Outside Activity Reminders



As a reminder, all students will be going outside for physical activity, unless the temperature is below zero degrees with the wind chill, as noted in the *Community Unit School District 303 Elementary Student Handbook*. Therefore, please be sure your child packs his or her cold weather bag with necessary winter gear --- warm coats, snow pants, boots, hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens, so he or she is ready to enjoy the cooler temperatures & snow.

Also, in support of safe interactions on the playground, all students have been reminded we can have fun without throwing snow & ice at school.

Science Night



Come on out on **Wednesday, January 30, 2019, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** for our PTO Science Night --- Explore science through a variety of fun, free, hands-on science experiments!

Sign up to lend a helping hand → [PTO Science Night - Volunteer Sign Up](#)

January PTO Meeting

Please join us for our PTO meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 9:30 AM, in the staff lounge. If you are unable to meet in person, you are invited to participate via phone by calling our dial-in number and entering the access code (see below):

- Dial-in number: (605) 472-5529
- Access code: 722574

PTO After School Enrichment (ASE) - Sign Up Information



The Ferson Creek PTO is pleased to offer another year of exciting After-School Enrichment (ASE) classes beginning Monday, February 4th! We hope these classes give our students an opportunity to try something new, to improve a skill, or simply to have a little fun!

A link to register online through *SignUpGenius* will be sent home via a special edition eNews, Thursday, January 17, 2019 at approximately 7:00 PM.

Classes run four days a week from Monday, February 4, 2019 to Thursday, February 21, 2019, from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM, unless otherwise noted in the class catalog which will be made available via the SignUpGenius link. Please note, there will be no classes on Monday, February 18th, as it is a non-attendance day for students & staff.

2019-2020 CUSD 303 Community Preschool Program Lottery

General Information:

For the 2019-2020 school year, District 303 will offer a five-day-a-week, ½ day, morning or afternoon preschool program. Families will have the option to choose from the following locations: Fox Ridge or Ferson Creek Elementary School. The program will be open to 3-5 year old children who reside within the D303 school boundaries and who are not eligible for kindergarten.

The fee for the program is \$285 per month. Also, a \$100 annual, non-refundable registration and materials fee will be required.*

**All fees are pending board approval.*

Enrollment Procedure:

Since space is limited, an enrollment lottery for new preschool students will be held. The enrollment lottery will be offered online on the district website from Tuesday, January 22, 2019 to Monday, February 4, 2019 --> Names will be drawn on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 and parents will be notified by email that day if their child was randomly selected. Registrants not chosen will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified when a space becomes available.

Please contact the Early Childhood Office at (331) 228-4834 with any questions.

2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration

District 303 parents and guardians are invited to register their child(ren) for Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at all District 303 elementary schools. Times & locations are as follows:

9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

- Bell-Graham
- Corron
- Ferson Creek
- Lincoln
- Munhall
- Norton Creek
- Wasco
- Wild Rose

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

- Anderson
- Davis Primary

Per state law, a child must be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2019 to be eligible to attend Kindergarten during the 2019-2020 school year. Reliable proof of a child's identity and age (birth certificate, passport, visa, etc.) will be required at the time of registration as will verification of the identity of the parent or guardian.

In addition, families must provide two (2) documents as proof of residency when enrolling children. New student residency and enrollment information, including links to required notices and Kindergarten enrollment forms, can be found on the District 303 website --> [Kindergarten Registration Documents](#).

Important Date(s):

- Tuesday, January 15th
 - 9:30 AM - PTO Meeting - Staff Lounge
- Thursday, January 17th
 - Approximately 7:00 PM - PTO After School Enrichment (ASE) Registration Opens
- Friday, January 18th - Institute Day
- Monday, January 21st - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
- Tuesday, January 22nd - 2019-2020 Preschool Lottery Opens
- Wednesday, January 30th
 - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - PTO Science Night
- Monday, February 4th - 2019-2020 Preschool Lottery Closes
- Tuesday, February 5th - 2019-2020 Preschool Lottery Notifications Sent via Email
- Wednesday, February 6th
 - 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM - 2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration