

# THE ABC'S

## A Guide to Farragut Programs & Events (2023-2024)



### **Artworks!**

- A three-event fundraiser in April that allows us to provide fine arts, music, theater, dance, library books, art & innovation supplies, teacher professional development, garden, supplemental class materials, technology, and so much more. Past programs have included Drama Education Network, We Tell Stories, Symphonic Jazz Orchestra, origami, dance, and more.

### **Community Arts Day:**

- A free, family-friendly, daytime event celebrating the visual and performing arts that includes hands-on workshops, performances, art happenings, and more.

### **Artworks! Fiesta:**

- A grown-ups only evening with music, dinner, and silent and live auctions.

### **Artworks! Auction:**

- Over 200 items including fine art, gift cards, tickets to museums and sporting events, rare collector's items, and special experiences.
- Live, silent, and online auctions – we have it all!

### **After School Programs**

- There are a variety of programs offered for students before and after school:

#### ***Culver City Afterschool Recreation Program (CCARP):***

- Run by Culver City's Parks and Recreation department, this [program](#) takes place at Lindberg park.

#### ***Office of Childhood Development (OCD):***

- This before and after school [program](#) takes place at Farragut's campus.

#### ***Spotlight Enrichment:***

- After-school [enrichment classes](#) that take place Fall, Winter, and Spring.
- Visual Arts \* Sports \* Performing Arts \* Lego Engineering \* Mad Science \* Critter Academy \* AND MORE!

#### ***Youth Sports Enrichment (YSE):***

- Also run by Culver City's Parks and Recreation department, this [program](#) focuses on youth sports.

## **Assemblies**

### ***Monthly Morning Assemblies:***

- The first Monday of the month
- 8:45 am on the blacktop
- The principal & school leaders make important & fun announcements.

### ***Student Only Assemblies:***

- Fun and enriching PTA-sponsored performances during the school day for all children, often featuring music, dance, improv, and more!

## **Back-To-School Day/Night**

- In early September, this parent/guardian-only event provides the first opportunity to get a glimpse of your child's classroom and hear from your child's teacher about the upcoming year. Usually it's held after school, but in recent years it was held during the day after drop-off.

## **Backpacks for Kids Program**

- CCUSD runs a weekly backpack program to ensure that every child can eat on the weekends.
- Backpacks are filled with non-perishable food and snacks for children to take home over the weekend. There is no cost for Farragut families to participate and enrollment is 100% confidential.
- Children return backpacks to school by Tuesday so that they can be refilled for Friday pick up.

## **Book Fair**

- Takes place for an entire week in November, in the library, to give families an opportunity to browse and buy some amazing books!
- During the week, each class will have a chance to visit the fair. The fair will also be open to families during drop-off and pick-up. Kick-start your child's love of reading while benefiting our PTA!

## **Career Day**

- Usually in May, parents are encouraged to come give a short presentation to your child's class or at a class assembly!
- All professions welcome: writers, CEOs, fire chiefs, composers, police officers, engineers, scientists, and more!

## **Choir & Bells**

- Retired Farragut teacher Mrs. Eskridge leads interested Foxes in these optional and FREE musical endeavors.
- Practice before school on Monday or Wednesday morning.
- Two concert performances (winter & spring) every school year!

## **Direct Donation Campaign**

- Our annual direct fundraising effort starts every fall and continues all year.
- There is NO MINIMUM donation.
- Money raised through Direct Donation allows us to provide exciting programs for our children – including art, drama, music, computers, technology, garden, dance, and beyond.

## **Facebook**

- Stay in the know by joining Farragut's different Facebook groups! There is an [official group](#) for the entire school as well as grade specific groups.
- Follow Farragut's [PTA/Fan Club Facebook page](#) to get notifications whenever there is a big event coming up!

## **Fan Club**

- The Farragut Fan Club is Farragut's booster organization made up of parent volunteers. Its mission is to raise money and support from the community to support important aspects of our children's education that otherwise would not be available.
- Fan Club raises funds during the year through direct donations, Artworks!, FoxTrot, and various other events. With these funds, Fan Club pays for Art & Innovation supplies, Technology, Library & Class Room Books, Teacher Professional Development, Garden, Supplemental Class Materials, PE supplies, Theater and Dance programs and many more!

## **Fall Festival**

- A SUPER FUN day to bring the community together and benefit the PTA!
- Fall-themed carnival with booths by each class
- Bouncies \* Bake Sale \* Musical Performances \* Cake Walk \* Carnival Games \* Raffle \* Prizes
- Sign up through your Room Representative to volunteer for one hour... then enjoy the rest of the action-packed fun!
- Held on a Saturday in late October, the entire community is welcome!

## **Family Fun Nights**

- A few times a year, we'll have after-hours gatherings on campus that are FUN for the whole family!
- Stay tuned for info on Game Night, Bingo Night, Family Dance, and others!

## **Fox Friday**

- Students, teachers, and even parents are encouraged to wear Farragut Spiritwear every Friday, all year long!

## **Fox Trot**

- Farragut's Jog-a-Thon fundraiser every March!
- Students run laps to raise money for the Farragut Fan Club!
- Classes participate in friendly competition to be the school's top fundraiser!

## **Foxy Flyer**

- A weekly bulletin shared by Farragut's Principal every Saturday morning. This is the main source of information about upcoming school events and programs throughout the year.

## **Garden**

- Our beautiful Garden at the back of the blacktop.
- Fall planting efforts lead to Spring harvesting parties!
- Green thumbs welcome!

## **Green5 Initiative**

- A CCUSD initiative focused on environmental and sustainability awareness to grow our kids into globally responsible citizens.
- Green5 stands for the 5 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Ride and Rethink!

## **Home Reading Program**

- Students track their home reading minutes in a log each month in exchange for monthly prizes!
- The program is optional for some classes. Your teacher will let you know!

## **Honorary Service Awards**

- In the spring, PTA honors the volunteers, teachers, and staff members who have gone above and beyond in service to our students and school community.

## **International Week**

- Celebrate & learn about the global diversity within our own Farragut Fox community! Culminates in a family-friendly potluck event! Details TBD!

## **Parking**

- Driving to school? Park in the surrounding neighborhoods and walk up!
- Please be respectful of our neighbors' driveways.
- Check for Street Cleaning signage
- The Julian Dixon Public Library parking lot is available during morning drop-off. Park and enter through the east back gate.
- **NO PARKING in the Staff parking lot.**

## **Picture Day**

- Usually at the end of September, Student portraits and class photos are taken for the new school year.
- There is a make-up day in case of absences, late enrollments, or just, "Eek! I want a retake!"

## **Popsicle Sales**

- One Wednesday a month, timed with the monthly School Spirit Day, popsicles are sold right after school at 1:45 pm for \$1 each. Yum!

## **PTA**

- The Farragut Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a unit of the California and National PTA. The PTA's purpose is to promote the education, health, and welfare of children and youth in home, school and community.
- Farragut PTA raises funds during the year through book fairs, a gift wrap sale, the Fall Festival, and various other events. With these funds, the PTA pays for educational field trips, assemblies, the Home Reading Program, and other classroom needs.

## **PTA/Fan Club Monthly Meetings**

- The second Thursday of the month, open to all members of the Farragut community. Come learn about what's happening at Farragut, including financial allocations & program additions/revisions, and have a VOICE in those decisions!

## **Ralph's Rewards**

- Enroll in Ralph's Community Contribution program and every time you use your loyalty card, a small portion of your purchase benefits Fan Club!
- Click [here](#) to enroll (note: must have a Ralph's account)

## **Reflections Contest**

- Submit original artwork in any (or all!) of the following six areas: Dance/Choreography; Literature; Photography; Film Production; Music Composition; and Visual Arts.
- All submitted artwork is displayed for students, staff, and parents to appreciate before the winning entries are sent to the district level for the next round of judging.
- A different [theme](#) every year, entries are due in October

## **Room Representatives**

- Each classroom has two volunteer Room Representatives who coordinate volunteer needs, organize teacher gifts, and communicate important school information to the parents/guardians in your class. Have a question? Ask your Room Rep!

## **School Site Council**

- Comprised of parents, teachers, school staff members and the principal, this group discusses the school site plan, school-wide goals for improvement, and the school safety plan.
- Meetings are open to the public

### **School Spirit Days**

- One Wednesday a month in coordination with Walk 'n' Rollers and Popsicle Sale days!
- From Fun Sunglasses Day to Rainbow Day, students have a blast participating in each month's theme!

### **Science Fair/Science Night**

- For an entire week in late February, students are encouraged (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders required) to submit science projects which are displayed and shared in the cafeteria all week.
- Family Science Night on the Thursday of that week features fascinating science experiments, demonstrations, and interactive fun! All for FREE!

### **Spiritwear**

- A brand new Foxtastic assortment of Farragut gear for both kids & adults!
- Available for purchase through Friday, August 26.

### **Sports Day**

- Held at the end of May. the whole school wears team colors to compete in a series of fun relay races!
- Rolling tires, two-legged races, an obstacle course, and more!

### **Student Council**

- Students from Grades 3-5 are elected by their classmates and teachers for being responsible, respectful, and following directions.
- Student Council members help kids stay quiet and respectful in the hallways, help plan Spirit Days, and help with school fundraisers.
- Being part of the Student Council is a wonderful experience for students to play an active role in the school community and develop leadership skills.

### **Teacher/Staff Appreciation**

- Various events are held throughout the year to show our teachers and staff how much we LOVE them!
- Events include a monthly Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, Tea Party, "Pi" Day, stocking the teacher's lounge, Teacher Appreciation Week and more!

#### ***Teacher Appreciation Week***

- In the first week of May, Farragut celebrates the teachers and staff with a luncheon and other awesome events throughout the week.
- Your room reps will coordinate teacher appreciation week for your class, so be on lookout for their emails, and please volunteer to help spoil your child's teachers!

## **Volunteering**

- Many of Farragut's programs and events are only possible because of amazing parent volunteers!
- There are SO MANY opportunities for parents and guardians to volunteer in the classroom and at various events throughout the year. Volunteering is a great way to get to know more about your child's class, the school, the community, the staff, and teachers!
- Opportunities include:
  - Class-specific:
    - Helping in the classroom
    - Chaperoning field trips
    - Watching over classes at Assemblies
    - Teacher Appreciation
    - And More!
  - School-wide events:
    - Fall festival
    - Artworks!
    - Book Fair
    - Science Fair/Night
    - Fox Trot
    - Home Reading Program
    - Family Fun nights
    - Backpacks for Kids
    - And More!
  - More involved opportunities:
    - Chair an event
    - Lead a Committee
    - Become a PTA board member
    - Become a Fan Club board member
    - Join the School Site Council
- You must be cleared by CCUSD to volunteer on campus during school hours. Click [here](#) to learn how to become a cleared volunteer!

## **Walk 'n' Rollers**

- Organization that encourages families to walk, bike, skate or scoot to school!
- Walk 'n' Rollers Day happens once a month, the first Friday's of the month. Too far to walk from home? No problem! Park three blocks away and walk!