

August 4, 2010

Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure that my staff and I begin another year serving the students of FA's Falcon Club Before and After School Program. We have planned more exciting activities, and we anticipate a smooth transition to the school year's routines of fun and friendship. In keeping with the Academy's mission, Falcon Club strives to provide a nurturing environment and places priority on developing qualities of self-esteem, self-discipline, integrity, compassion, and respect for others. The program is set in a homelike atmosphere that is safe, protective, healthy, clean and fun. It fosters friendliness, cooperation, and acceptance of all.

As stated in my letter in the June mailing, Falcon Club is open on all school days throughout the year. On Faculty Professional Development, Parent-Teacher Conference Days, and Teacher Work Days, we will offer care **ONLY** if we receive at least TEN pre-registrations by a designated deadline. This deadline will be communicated in the school's FA Weekly (email newsletter) and in the monthly Falcon Club newsletter. You will find our schedule for the 2010-2011 school year on the Falcon Club page of the school website (under Campus Life→Extended Programs). This will assist you in making necessary arrangements for childcare on days the school is closed. **Before School Care will NOT be provided until the SECOND day of school (August 25). Students in grades 1-8 may attend After School Care beginning the FIRST day of school (August 24). For prekindergarten and kindergarten students, After School Care will begin the SECOND day of school (August 25).**

The Falcon Club page on the school website includes all fee forms and will be home to our monthly snack and activity schedules and monthly newsletters during the school year. Our Falcon Club Parent Handbook will be posted on the page and will be sent home at the beginning of the year only to those parents whose children are enrolled in the program. **Remember to sign the back of the yellow Student Emergency Card (enclosed in this mailing) if you would like to have your child/children attend Falcon Club on a regular or occasional basis.**

Please note that our fee structure is the same as last year, but we are now offering a new option: 5-coupon or 10-coupon cards for one hour of after school care. Falcon Club use must be prepaid. You may prepay for coupon cards using the enclosed form or put your charges on your FACTS account with tuition **ONLY** if you are making payment for the entire year. This can be done only at the beginning of the school year.

Now is the time to register students for Falcon Club. It is vital what we know the number of enrolled students to provide adequate staffing. Please fill out the enclosed Falcon Club prepayment form and return it to school by **August 13** should you desire to use our program.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at bpatton@fredericksburgacademy.org or 898-0020 ext. 211.

We look forward to having another great year.

Sincerely,

Betsy Patton
Director of Falcon Club