



Fairwood Explorer  
Elementary

# Welcome!



Presentation will begin at 6:00.

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the music.

---

*- Rachelle*



**Fairwood Explorer**  
Elementary

Through hands-on instruction, inquiry-based learning, family participation, and active involvement in our community, Fairwood Explorer Elementary fosters the development of intellectually curious, self-confident critical thinkers who are socially aware and academically prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

---

# Fairwood Explorer is...



- ★ A community of learners made up of 408 students, 18 teachers, and hundreds of family volunteers.
- ★ A culturally diverse community that celebrates and values world perspectives.
- ★ Winner of the Hoffman Award for Exemplary Programs.

# Family participation enriches learning for all students

Families support our success!

- ★ Families support the classroom teacher by volunteering for 2 hours per week.
- ★ Volunteers facilitate small group academic instruction, including: literature circles, writer's workshop, science exploration, history reenactments, and more!



# Enriching Learning



- ★ Volunteers support enrichment experiences, including gardening, cooking, the arts, and physical education.



# Building Community

- ★ Monthly community and family events extend upon learning opportunities and build community, including Astronomy Night, Art Night, Library Nights, Dances, STEAM Night, the International Festival, and the Spring Carnival.
- 



Carnival



International Festival

# Extending Learning

Manresa Camping Trip

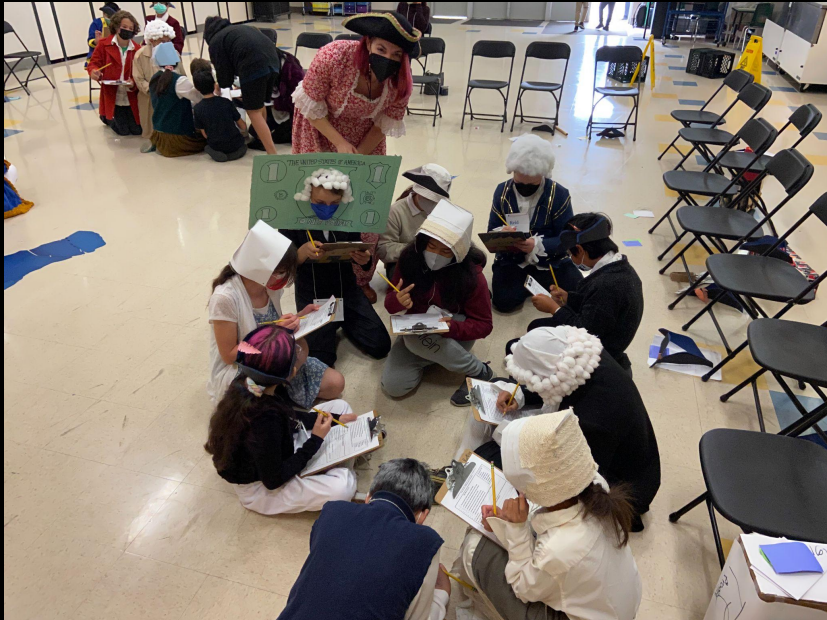


Angel Island

★ Families support Learning Excursions to extend learning by driving students and chaperoning.

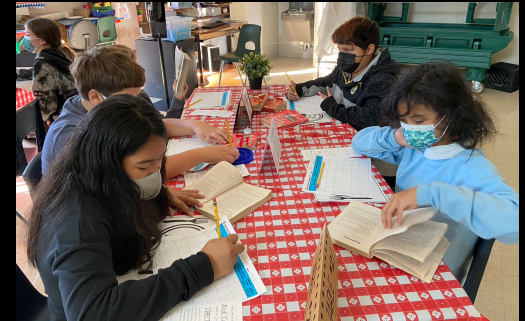


# Hands-On Learning



Fairwood believes that students learn best through experience.

When planning instructional units, teachers integrate research, inquiry, communication, and student choice, which allows students to develop meaningful connections and deepen understanding.





# Hands-On Learning in Action!



Farmers' Market



Toy Story



Ocean Ecosystems

# Partnerships Strengthen Our Work

Fairwood Staff and Volunteers engage in continuous professional development to improve instructional practices and support student potential, including the following:

- ★ The Center for Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning supports teachers in considering the ways in which culture influences the way we teach and learn.
- ★ Acknowledge Alliance to foster an environment that supports the social-emotional well-being of the students and staff.
- ★ Project Cornerstone to support volunteers in developing the 41 Developmental Assets for all students.
- ★ Playworks to provide inclusive play opportunities for students at recess and provide support in helping students build conflict resolution skills.
- ★ Fairwood Explorer Alliance offers training for family volunteers and sponsors school-wide community events.

# We invite you to join us...

★ Fairwood Explorer Open House is  
Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 pm

★ End of the Year Family Picnic is  
Thursday, June 2 at 5:30 pm.



# Prepare for Next Year...

- Review the volunteer handbook and think about which roles you might want to consider.
- Schedule your TB Test now so you are ready to volunteer.





# Questions?

---

[rachelle.romander@sesd.org](mailto:rachelle.romander@sesd.org)