

Fairfield Elementary

MONTH IN REVIEW

November 2026

COOLER DAYS AHEAD!

IT FINALLY FEELS LIKE FALL!

As cooler temperatures arrive and fall activities begin, November is shaping up to be a busy and exciting month at Fairfield Elementary!

October marked the end of our first quarter of instruction. This is an important opportunity for our teachers to reflect on student progress, celebrate the growth we've already seen, and plan for a shorter second quarter with two breaks approaching.

It's hard to believe we're already approaching the holiday season!



LOOKING AHEAD

We're excited to kick off the holiday season at Fairfield Elementary and look forward to all the fun, traditions, and special memories that come with this time of year!



SEPTEMBER!

November 2026

LOOKING BACK AT OUR FIRST FULL MONTH

September marked our first full month of instruction, giving students and teachers an opportunity to settle into the routines and expectations of a new school year.

As students become more comfortable in their classrooms, they are also beginning to experience the increased academic challenges that come with moving into a new grade level. We've enjoyed watching students grow in their confidence, independence, and willingness to take on new learning opportunities.



One of the benefits of being part of a smaller district is the opportunity for our elementary students to regularly interact with our high school students.

Whether through school activities, special events, or everyday interactions, it's great to see the connections students build across grade levels.

Our younger students enjoy spending time with the older students, and it's a great opportunity for our high schoolers to serve as positive role models.





ADULT LEARNING

November 2026

OUR STAFF PUT ON THEIR STUDENT HATS FOR A FULL DAY OF LEARNING

In September, our teachers participated in a full day of professional development focused on reading instruction and the implementation of our new Arts & Letters curriculum. We brought in a trainer from outside the district to work directly with our staff on instructional practices supported by the science of reading and ways to use our curriculum more effectively to meet the needs of all learners.

One of the most valuable parts of the training was identifying additional resources within our curriculum that can help teachers better prepare students for challenging lessons.

Teachers can use these resources to introduce important vocabulary, background knowledge, or foundational skills before students encounter them in their regular classroom lessons.

This approach helps give students a stronger starting point and a better opportunity to successfully engage with grade-level instruction.

Our staff also worked together to develop a progression of academic standards across grade levels. This activity allowed us to look at how individual skills develop over time and become increasingly complex as students move from one grade to the next.

Seeing these connections helped us better understand how instruction at one grade level prepares students for the expectations of the next.





OCTOBER!

November 2026

A NOT-SO-SPOOKY MONTH OF SCHOOL

October was a busy and exciting month at Fairfield Elementary! Students enjoyed several opportunities to learn and have fun outside the classroom, including trips to the pumpkin patch and a 5th-grade visit to Botanica.



We celebrated Homecoming, continued our monthly elementary assemblies focused on building a positive school culture, and wrapped up our first quarter of learning.



The month ended with our annual Trunk-or-Treat celebration, bringing plenty of Halloween excitement to our students and staff!





UPCOMING EVENTS!

TAKING A LOOK AT NOVEMBER!

- **Wed. Nov. 11**

Veterans Day Ceremony – 9:00 AM

- **Nov. 16–20**

Anti-Bullying Awareness Week

- **Fri. Nov. 20**

No School for Students

- **Nov. 23–27**

Thanksgiving Break – No School



As we head into November and prepare for Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to share how thankful I am to be part of the Fairfield community.

Every day, I get to see the hard work and dedication of our teachers and staff, the growth and excitement of our students, and the support of families who make our school such a special place.

Thanks for reading!
-Mr. Hammer