

Forest Ranch Charter School

February 5, 2010 Newsletter

EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

* These events occur at school unless otherwise noted.

- 2/6/10: Volunteer Work Day @ FRCS
9am
- 2/8/10: Hot Lunch – Pizza
- 2/10/10: Half Day
- 2/10/10: Advisory School Council
Meeting 6:30-8pm
- 2/11/10: Tea & Tour 9-10am
- 2/12/10: Open enrollment ends
- 2/15/10: NO SCHOOL President's Day
- 2/16/10: Board Meeting
- 2/17/10: Informational Meeting, with
Story Time and Activities at the Chico
Library 3:30-5:00pm
- 2/22/10: Hot Lunch – Burritos
- 2/22/10: Chico Science Fair
Informational Meeting 2:35-3:30
- 2/25/10: Tea & Tour 9-10am

Director's Report

I can't believe we are already more than halfway through the year. We have had a really good start to our second school year. Teachers, students and parents have all been working hard. We are just about finished with our mid-year Scantron Testing for 2-6th grade students. Results are available by request.

My goals for the remainder of this year are to increase communication to families, put out more complete newsletters, and get some of the extra programs I had envisioned up and running. I will report my progress as I work towards each of these.

We had our first School Advisory Council meeting last month. This group will meet once a month to discuss issues surrounding instruction, special programs, and best practices on campus. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to come and join us in these important discussions. Our next meeting will be held next week on Wed. 2/10 6:30-8pm. The primary focus will be on class configurations and growth. We will briefly discuss teacher websites and environmental studies curriculum.

Peer Mentoring for Girls

A few members of our 6th grade leadership team will be attending a Leadership Conference next week. One of the projects they are working towards is starting a peer mentoring group to increase self esteem and help other girls work together more effectively. This group will start in a few weeks and will utilize materials from Second Step (A Violence Prevention Program), Girl Power (material developed by Girl Scouts of America), and various materials from my

prior social skills training programs. I will facilitate this program. We will meet twice a month. It will be available to girls in 2nd-6th grades. Second Step, LifeSkill training and Town Hall meetings will continue to occur in all grades with both boys and girls. We may be using the same time to work on Second Step with the students not attending this group.

Our LifeSkill for the next week is Integrity. Ask your student what this means. We have been working hard to make this more tangible for them.

Minimum Day

We have a minimum day on Wed. 2/10/10. Children are to be picked up if and all possible by 12:00. We will be providing after care to those in need. It is critical that you let us know if your child will be staying so that we are able to provide adequate supervision. Thank you for your support. Our last minimum day was smoother due to all the parent support!

Woodworking Items Needed

We are looking for wood scraps, wood glue and sand paper for wood creation projects at school. Please bring materials to Terry in the front office. Boxes for wood scraps are available at the school.

SARC Report

Each year public schools in California put out information about student achievement, environment, resources and demographics. This SARC (School Accountability Report Card) report allows the community to compare and evaluate schools. Our SARC is available in the office by request or on our web site.

Chico Science Fair is Coming

The Chico Science Fair will be held March 29 - April 1, 2010. This is an exciting opportunity for students to learn more about a science topic of interest and the scientific process. We are encouraging students to participate. We will be holding an informational session on Monday, February 22 from 2:35 – 3:30 to help students and their families come up with ideas and plan their projects. Applications will be available in the office by request.

Shoes for Haiti

Two of our students (Garret Davidson, Sierra Dotson) are collecting shoes for victims of the Haitian earthquake. Shoes will be collected through Thursday of next week. They will then be taken to Sport Chalet in Sacramento. Sport Chalet is sponsoring a corporate-wide shoe collection and will be accepting all types of shoes except high heeled shoes. Please help the students lend a hand.

Sincerely,

Christia Marasco
Director FRCS