

Forest Ranch Charter School

September 28, 2010

Director's Report

EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

* These events occur at school unless otherwise noted.

- 9/30/10: PTP Meeting 2:45
- 10/1/10: NO SCHOOL/Staff Development day
- 10/4/10: Flower orders due
- 10/5/10: Cut-A-Thon – 3-5:30pm
- 10/8/10: Assembly 8:30-9:15am
- 10/11/10: PICTURE DAY
- 10/12/10: PTP Meeting 6pm
- 10/14/10: Board Meeting - 6pm
- 10/15/10: 4/5 & 5/6 grades field trip
- 10/19/10: 1/2 & 2/3 grades field trip
- 10/20/10: 4/5 & 5/6 grades field trip
- 10/22/10: NO SCHOOL/parent teacher conferences
- 10/23/10: Harvest Festival

Dear Forest Ranch Charter School Families,

We have had a great beginning of our third year! It is hard to believe how far we have come! It has been a long, hard journey, but it feels like we have made it, with all of the success that was envisioned. Thank you to each and every one of you for your help in this overwhelming endeavor. As I walk around campus I see a school that everyone should be proud of. We have the full campus, an abundance of engaging curriculum and hands on materials, wonderful teachers and support staff who are working very hard for our children, a healthy Board, active PTP and volunteers, and Terry (thank you Terry). We have successfully completed multiple audits and are re-chartered for five years. With that said, I am ready to start working. We have completed much of this primary business, and have done a good job. Now, let's build a school that's great! This year the teachers and I will work to make school a success for every child; a place where they are engaged, learning to their fullest and feeling supported by a responsive community. We have many plans and ideas, but to make all of these happen we need to work together. Please help us on campus and at home. You can help on campus by volunteering in classrooms, in the office or on the grounds. We need you! Please contact Melinda Boyd or Terry at 891-3154. You can help at home by working with your child. Find out what they are studying in class and help them learn about it at home, read to them, practice math at the grocery store and around town, discuss the LifeSkills, have fun learning with them.

Students whose parents are involved do better in school. Thank you for your support.

I didn't mention the students because I felt they deserved their own paragraph, so here goes. I am very proud of our students. They've moved quickly and have already set up an active student government this year! With the help of Mrs. Jimmerson (Student Government Advisor), students in 5th and 6th grades gave speeches and held an election. The speeches were well done and the election ran smoothly. Student Government has held two meetings, provided tours for campus guests, helped in primary grades and assisted with assemblies. On September 17, Tira Brazil (Community Liaison) worked with last year's Business Development Elective to present the donations of the proceeds from the spring musical. Representatives from the local BEEP and Community Association joined us at Assembly to receive their checks. Students are working very hard. The For Kids by Kids Newsletter is in progress, GATE students are developing the Science Museum, students are practicing their music (recorders, rhythm club, choir and Band), and actively working to create a positive campus. We have had a much more peaceful bus and playground this year. Keep up the good work everyone. I feel fortunate to be part of this group and hope we can all work together this year to create a stimulating learning environment.

Christia Marasco

From The Board

My name is Melinda Boyd; I am the Volunteer Coordinator and a Board Member for the Forest Ranch Charter School. If you have had a chance to visit our lovely school, I am typically in the school library. I have two children enrolled at the school, one is in Kindergarten and the other is in the 4th grade.

I would like to ask each of you a question! "What kind of school do you want for your child?" As you think about this, let me give you some good news.....YOU get to have as strong of an impact as you would like to. WHY? As a Charter School we encourage and need all of your help. A Charter School needs parent/guardian participation and dedication. Every parent, guardian and grandparent wants the best for their children. As previously mentioned, you can have a direct impact on your children's most formative years. What an incredible privilege and honor this is. You may be thinking, "I do not have time" or "I live in Chico" or maybe you just feel that you do not have any experience. I felt the same way. However, I can tell you that volunteering at and for the Forest Ranch Charter School has been one of the most fulfilling and important things that I have done for my children and for myself. People always think, someone else will do it. Please remember this saying; "If not me, then who; if not now, then when?" Please take a few moments to fill out the volunteer sheet that was sent home a few weeks ago. All of us at the School work very hard to make this school the very best for our children. With your help, we can only make it better. If you can volunteer at least one hour, that's one more hour towards improving your child's education. I am looking forward to helping you and utilizing your specialty where it is needed most.

Melinda Boyd
Volunteer Coordinator

School Calendar (sent home 9/24/10)

The PTP has put together a School Calendar. They have listed many of the school's upcoming events, birthdays, vacations and school holidays. There is also a box to check if your child is getting hot lunch that day.

The PTP would like to cover the printing cost, and a suggested \$2.00 donation would be appreciated. However! This Calendar is for all to keep.

Annie B's Fundraiser

September is the final month of the Annie B's fundraising drive. Donations must reach the North Valley Community Foundation no later than September 30 to be included in the fundraising totals. If you have already donated – thank you very much. If you have not you still have time to use your credit card online. You can visit the NFVC website at <http://www.nvcf.org/index.php?q=donate&list=c29> to make your donations.

Congratulate Your Child!

Be sure to shake your child's hand and tell them you are proud of them. We sure are! Thanks to their hard work during STAR testing last spring the Academic Performance Index (API) score for FRCS increased from 808 in 2008/09 to 843 in 2009/10. We are very proud of this 35 point increase and hope it is the beginning of a trend. To see how other schools in the district did visit <http://api.cde.ca.gov/AcntRpt2010/2010GrthAPIDst.aspx?allcids=0461424>

a Cut-A-Thon to help raise money for the school's art and music programs. All hairstylists are licensed cosmetologists. The event will take place in the school's Multi-Purpose room from 3:00pm until 5:30pm. The Cut-A-Thon will be open to the public and appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are always welcome. This is a great time to get your children's haircuts before Picture Day on October 11!

If you plan to have your child's hair cut, please make sure that a parent/guardian is in attendance, or the permission slip that was sent home with your child. Hair must be clean! If your child rides the bus and is staying for a haircut, please make sure that someone is here to pick them up after the cut. Transportation to Chico will not be provided.

*****Please note***** There will be a minimum \$10 donation charge per cut.

If you have any questions or wish to schedule an appointment, please contact Kristen at 891-3154. We hope to see you and your friends/family there!

Cut A-Thon

On Tuesday, October 5, 2010, the Forest Ranch Charter School will be hosting