

Forest Ranch Charter School

April 2012



April 5 – Egg Drop Day

April 6 – Staff Development Day, No School

ENJOY YOUR FOUR DAY WEEKEND

April 9 – Travel Day, No School

April 10 – Shasta Caverns Field Trip, 3rd/4th

April 11 – Turtle Bay Field Trip, 1st/2nd

April 12 – FRCS Board Meeting, 6PM

April 13 – Electives Day

April 13 – All School Skate, Cal Skate 3:30-5:30

April 16 – Bird Banding Field Trip, 3rd/4th

April 17 – Young Authors Day

April 17 – PTP meeting at 2:45PM

April 20 – Earth Day, Assembly at 8:30AM

April 23 through April 26 – Shady Creek Trip

April 26 – Woodstocks Pizza Fundraiser, 5:30PM

April 27 – Electives Day, Super Star Spirit Day

April 28 – Set Building Day, Spring Musical

April 28 – Children's Faire, Chico Downtown Park

May 2 – Hands on Science Lab Field Trip, 3rd/4th

May 4 – Assembly at 8:30AM

Director's Report

Our LifeSkill for April is Creativity. This month students will work showing creativity through problem solving, writing, and visual and performing arts. On Thursday we kick off our creative month with Mrs. Stearns famous Egg Drop. Students will come up with crafty contraptions and possibly a few gooey concoctions to keep their egg from breaking. Please join us for an exciting science adventure!

Young Authors Day is Tuesday, April 17. We will creatively explore writing through presentations, workshops, and a poetry exhibition. We hope to see all of you in the morning during the family writing presentations. In addition, some of our students will be working on visual arts pieces for the Silver Dollar fair and on set and graphic design for our Spring Musical.

We will wrap up the month with Earth Day (April 20) and 6th grade environmental camp, Shady Creek (April 23-26), where students will use art, music, hands on exploration, and creative problem solving to explore and learn about the environment and ways to care for our planet.

We encourage all of you to spend April fostering creativity in your household and getting involved in the many creative endeavors offered at school and in your communities.

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LifeSkill Heroes

The LifeSkill for February was Sense of Humor. Teachers nominated students from each class that they felt best represented this LifeSkill during the month. Congratulations to our heroes:

Kindergarten – Quinn A, Arik R, Gavin F
1st/2nd (Bodney) – Emmalee A, Elisa V
1st/2nd (Stearns) – Wyatt M, Emilee B
3rd/4th – Wyatt J, Jacob S
5th/6th – Dixie T, Gabe M

Student Council News

April Spirit Day - The Spirit Day for April is Super Star Day. Come to school on April 27th dressed as your favorite famous person.

Jog-A-Thon – May 4th is the date for the first FRCS Jog-A-Thon. Student council is looking for volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Mrs. Jimmerson or the office to find out what you can do.

Berry Starts Needed

The FRCS garden could use some berries. If you have some starts that you are willing to share please bring them in for planting this month. We could also use help putting in trellising, hauling compost, and rototilling.

FRCS Board Election in May

We have one Parent Representative Board position (a three year position) currently up for election. The election will be held in May and the position will be effective as of June 2012. For additional information regarding this important volunteer opportunity and/or an application, please contact Kiersten Morgan at 680-8884 by April 30th or attend our April 12th Board meeting.

PTP Officer Elections

The PTP will be electing a new President, Treasurer and Secretary for the 2012-13 school year. If you would like to be considered for one of the positions, please contact Cheryl Marple or Melinda Boyd at the school. Elections will be held in May and the position will begin in June.

Sports Program Taking Off

The new FRCS after school sports program is off to a great start. Volleyball is the first rotation and began on April 2. The next rotation is Soccer beginning on April 23rd. Baseball season kicks off on May 14th. There is still room to join in the fun. See the website or call the office for signup sheets.

Congrats!

Lili S and Mojave T earned the honor of representing FRCS at the Butte County Spelling Bee by winning our campus Spelling Bee. Congratulations spellers!

Save the Dates

Spring Musical is coming up. The dates are May 18 and 19. Funds raised during this event will support Bidwell Mansion, according to Student Council sources. This year the cast is presenting The Jungle Book.

It is hard to believe, but the 5th Annual Forest Ranch Mountain Music Festival is just around the corner. This year it will be held on June 2nd and 3rd. Check our website for raffle ticket and gate sale deals. Let friends and family know to save the date so they can join us for some **fun**draising for our Arts and Music Programs.

Heard Around Campus

Kindergarteners are doing a fantastic job learning to read. They are learning sight words and simple decodable words. They are moving to the continent of Asia. Gavin's grandma, Thelmarie, will be sharing Laotian foods, traditional clothing and art.

First and second graders are excited about life cycles! They are heading to Turtle Bay in Redding to kick off their unit, "Just Grow Up!" They will be exploring plant and animal life cycles through books, hands-on science labs, observation and a musical that will definitely bring science to life!

The third and fourth graders are kicking off an earth science unit with a trip to Shasta Caverns and reading Mike Graf's book Cave Story. Exploring fractions will include art and cooking activities. A Gold Rush era simulation resulted in some students "Striking it rich!" others found nothing, and some claims were jumped. Watch for the play, "Gold Dust or Bust!" during an upcoming assembly.

The fifth/sixth graders are finalizing preparations for a Greek Olympics and Festival and writing their own original myths. A study of animals in motion using geometry resulted in some fascinating art. Be sure to visit the upcoming Chico Science Fair to see the great FRCS submissions!

STAR Testing Time Again

April is STAR testing month. While these tests are an important diagnostic tool for our school, they can be very stressful for some students. If your student seems overly concerned about testing please let us know so that we can attempt to reduce their anxiety. Students test better if they are confident and relaxed rather than stressed.

Attendance Race is Heating Up

Ms. Jimmerson's class is still catching up with Ms. Matoes. It is going to be a really tight race to the finish. Stay tuned! See chart below.

