

Forest Ranch Charter School

August 2011

EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 26 – Assembly at 8:30AM
- September 1 – Back to School Night
6PM
- September 5 – Labor Day, No School
- September 9 – Electives Begin
- September 16 – Assembly at 8:30AM
- September 23 – Parent Conferences
No School
- September 25 – Love Chico comes to
FRCS
- September 30 – Electives Today

Director's Report

What We Did On Our Summer Vacation

When I was a kid I loved to come back to school after a vacation so that I could write about “How I Spent My Summer Vacation.” This predictable assignment allowed time to relive the summer fun and cement those memories for life. The memories we bring forward from this summer are mostly about moving.

We moved a lot of furniture for one thing. First we moved it onto the tile floor so that we could steam clean the carpets, and then we moved it onto the carpet so we could wax the tile floors. We moved things so we could paint the portables, clean the cupboards and closets, and reorganize the classrooms. Then we collapsed into heaps to enthusiastically prepare our theme for another exciting year with our students.

This year's theme is Be the Change: Kid Power – You Can Make the Difference! We hope you will join us in empowering our students to make a difference at school, in their community and in the world through their actions and choices. The LifeSkill for August is Friendship. Look for LifeSkill and heroes lessons coming home throughout the year to help motivate discussions. We are looking forward to a very rewarding year together!

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Student Pick-up and Drop-off Changes

For safety, students are only released to their parents or an alternate listed on the card on file at the school. If there is an unusual situation and your child must be released to someone else, please send a note or call the school. A note or call is also necessary if you are picking up a child who usually rides the bus or putting a student on the bus that is usually picked up.

Students may walk or ride their bicycles to and from school after written permission is given to the office. FRCS can only assume responsibility for students on school property during school hours unless they are participating in a school event or enrolled in the After Care Program. Students who wish to use the playground after school may do so, but they must first leave the school grounds. When they return, they are no longer the school's responsibility.

All Kindergarten students will need to be signed out when they are picked up. At early pick up (12:00) a sign-out sheet will be in the office. At end of day pick up (2:35), sign-out will be on a clipboard with the Kindergarten afternoon aide/teacher.

Please Pardon Our Dead Lawns

Our old, leaky wooden water storage tank has been replaced with a shiny, new metal storage tank. Unfortunately, the shiny new tank has yet to hold water. Due to complications, the construction project is delayed until September 2 and we do not have irrigation water until then. The good news is that we do have domestic water for drinking, washing and flushing – no porta-potties! When irrigation water returns, we will be using the smaller dead areas as opportunities to replant with drought-tolerant native plantings instead of thirsty lawns. If you have seed, sprout or cutting

suggestions and donations please let us know. We will also need soil amendments and mulches, as well as planting helpers.

All School Clean - a Great Success

The All-School Clean, held Saturday August 13, was a great success. Thank you very much to those who turned out to help. We washed desks, counters, and windows; cleaned the kitchen area; removed cobwebs; weed-wacked the garden and the front of the school; organized the after-care room; sorted school supplies; and washed the sidewalks and the parking area. There are a few jobs that did not get done. We are looking for a few helping hands for these loose ends. Still needed:

- A plumber to repair or replace two faucets and a drinking fountain;
- Artistic types to finish painting the murals on our ball walls; and
- Less artistic types to weed-wack and sweep around the blacktop area.

New for FRCS The Raley's Quality of Life Card

If you, your relatives or your friends shop at Raley's, Nob Hill, or BelAir Supermarkets the Quality of Life card is a painless way to raise money for FRCS. Contact the FRCS office to get your Qcard, register it online at www.raleys.com/cfapps/qscrip/enter.cfm and then use it when you check out at the grocery store. A percentage of the money you spend will be donated to our school on a quarterly basis.

Volunteering Information

The volunteer page on our website (www.forestranchcharter.org) now has a honey-do list of volunteer jobs. This list will be maintained on a regular basis and is a good place to check for ways to help our school outside the classrooms.