

Forest Ranch Charter School

August 2014



August 20 – First Day of School

August 22 – Assembly at 8:30AM

August 29 – First Day of Electives

September 1 – Labor Day, No School

September 4 – Back to School Night

September 5 – Assembly at 8:30AM

September 12 – Electives Day

September 17 – Constitution Day

September 24 – Punctuation Day

September 26 – Electives Day

From the Director

Dear Forest Ranch Charter Families,

Welcome back to another year at Forest Ranch Charter School. This is our seventh year and we are so happy to be part of your lives. The first day of school went very smoothly, hopefully setting the tone for the whole year.

There are a few new faces on campus this year, as well as some faces in new places. New to our campus are Shannon Johnson and George Hiscock. Shannon is a recent CSU, Chico graduate in Anthropology and Environmental Studies with significant experience in environmental and outdoor education. She has joined us as the Outdoor Education Teacher and Teacher's Aide in 3rd/4th grades. George Hiscock is a Forest Ranch resident with strong mechanical abilities and a background in facilities maintenance. We are pleased to have him join us as our part-time custodian.

Faces in new places include Chantel Walker and Christy Howell. Chantel has moved from Teacher's Aide to Office Manager. Christy, who was fabulous in the Interim Office Manager position, has taken on a Teacher's Aide position in addition to an Administrative Assistant position. Another returning employee in a new position is Kristine Copp, our former Outdoor Education Teacher, who is now one of our 3rd/4th grade teachers.

We have a great team with which to start a great new school year. Thank you for your support of our efforts and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Christia Marasco

Back to School Night

Thursday, September 4th is Back to School Night. This kid-free evening is designed to inform parents about the school and their student's classrooms. This is a great opportunity to get to know the teachers and how best to help your student succeed in school this year. Events are scheduled as follows:

5:30-6:15PM K-2nd parents in classrooms
6:15-6:45PM all school discussion in cafeteria
6:45-7:30PM 3rd -7th parents in classrooms

Charter Renewal This Year

We are a public charter school. What does that really mean? The public part is easy – that means we are funded by the federal, state, and local government and are free to families. The charter part is a little more involved. Rather than being subject to all the rules and regulations set out in the education code, we are responsible for the guidelines and goals set forth in our charter document. This gives charter schools some measure of control and flexibility as well as some risk. Our charter is a five-year long agreement and must be renewed for us to continue educating children. This fall we will be submitting for charter renewal, which means we may ask for your support and encouragement along the way. If you have any success stories of how our school has helped your child, now is the time to share them! We need your letters of support before the end of September.

Important Paperwork Completed

By now you should have received a back to school packet in the mail and a first day packet of information from your student. Please make sure that all paperwork is completed and returned to the school as soon as possible. We not only need to be in compliance but we need to have your most current information in case of emergencies. If you think you might be missing some paperwork please contact the office soon.

Website Very Useful

Many questions parents have can be answered by visiting our very useful, easily navigated website. Take the time to visit us at www.forestranchcharter.org and get to know the site. If you have suggestions for things you would like to see posted on the website, feel free to make suggestions to the office or via info@forestranchcharter.org.

2014 Annie B's Campaign

Once again Forest Ranch Charter School is participating in the Annie B's Community Campaign. This fundraiser has helped us implement and maintain several important programs at the school. Information regarding donations came home in the back to school packet. Information can also be found on our website at <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/annie-bs-campaign.html>. Please share this request for donations with friends and family. All funds raised directly benefit our students and make a real difference on campus.

Bus Schedule Changes

Cabs for Kids recently made a few small changes to our route times. Please note that it is very important to be early or on time to the bus stops. When parents are late it affects our billing, Cabs for Kids schedule, and the route of another school which they serve after us. The bus schedule, along with other useful transportation information, can be found on our website at <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/transportation-program.html>.

7:35AM Marsh parking lot
7:55AM LaCastana Drive

3:00PM LaCastana Drive
3:20PM Marsh parking lot
3:30PM Boys and Girls Club