

# Forest Ranch Charter School

December 2012



December 4 – 3/4 field trip, Gateway Museum

December 4 – ½ field trip, Laxson Auditorium

December 4 – PTP Meeting at 3:00 PM

December 6 – K field trip, Laxson Auditorium

December 7 – Electives Day

December 14 – Electives Day

December 18 – PTP Meeting at 3:00 PM

December 18 – Board Meeting at 6:00 PM

December 20 – Winter Concert/Multicultural Fest

December 21 – PJ Spirit Day

December 21 – Assembly at 8:30AM

December 24 – Winter Break Begins

January 7 – Welcome Back to School!

January 8 – PTP Meeting at 3PM

January 11 – Electives Day

January 11 – Intent to Re Enroll Forms go home

## Director's Report

Dear Forest Ranch Charter Families,

Winter is here! We are busy preparing for our Winter Concert and Multi-Cultural Festival. We look forward to enjoying an evening of entertainment with you and your family. With winter fun, we also face weather challenges. When having severe weather (snow, power outage due to storms, etc.) that requires school closure we will implement the phone tree early in the morning. Families can expect calls by 7:00AM. If we need to close school early, arrangements will be made for early bus transport and parents will be notified as soon as possible. To assist in this process, please let the office know immediately of any telephone changes and alternate contacts.

Thank you very much for getting back to us on the Junior High survey. Your input is very necessary and highly valued when we make important decisions for our school. This school belongs to all of us and it "takes a village" to grow in the right direction. I will be sharing results and comments with the Board, but highly encourage anyone with strong feelings in either direction to come and personally share their input with the Board at our December 18th meeting. The FRCS Board can also be contacted via e-mail if you would like to further share your opinions ([board@forestranchcharter.org](mailto:board@forestranchcharter.org)).

I have been enjoying all of the seasonal events in Chico and Forest Ranch. This is a great time to take in a show or enjoy a carriage ride around the square. Many of our students are involved in current productions. Look for Forest Ranch students or family members in CTC's A Christmas Carol; CRT's Oliver, The Nutcracker at Laxson, and Blue Room's Youth production of Broadway in Love. Enjoy your Winter Break.

Season's Greetings,

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## **LifeSkill Heroes**

At FRCS we encourage our students to model and emulate positive traits. These LifeSkills are rewarded on a monthly basis during our assemblies and the winning students are displayed on the Heroes wall in the school office.

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

Kindergarten – Kaden M, Sybil H  
Grade 1 – Paige P, Ashley S  
Grade 2 – Cole B, Abigail R  
Grade 3 – Holley R, Niya P  
Grade 4 – Cora R, Abigail O  
Grades 5 & 6 – Jacob S, Shariann H

## **The BIG EVENT at the BIG ROOM Dinner/Auction Fundraiser**

Wow, did we have a fun night! The BIG Event was a great success thanks to all the donors, volunteers, and folks who attended the event willing to spend their money and support Forest Ranch. About \$11,000 was raised and will be shared between the school and the Forest Ranch Fire Safe Council.

## **Snow Days**

Now that winter is here we will soon be seeing snow on campus. This is very exciting for the students. Students that come prepared with proper clothing will occasionally be allowed to play in the snow. When it looks like we will have that perfect combination of sun in the sky and snow on the ground we encourage students to bring snow clothes and enjoy what winter brings to Forest Ranch.

## **Kindergarten Registration and Open Enrollment**

It is that time of year again – time to enroll students for the 2012-13 school year. Please get the word out to all your friends and neighbors to get their paperwork in during the open enrollment period. As a small school with small class-sizes we can fill quickly.

Currently enrolled students will have an intent to re-enroll form sent home on January 11. When completed and returned to the school on time, these forms ensure your student continued placement at FRCS. All the necessary forms are available through the office or on our website at <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/registration.html>.

## **Winter Concert and Multi-Cultural Night**

The Winter Concert is scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be preceded by our Multi-Cultural Night events. Each classroom chose a country to represent and will have traditional foods and information about their country in the classrooms. Multi-Cultural Night will run from 5:45PM to 6:45PM. The Winter Concert, showcasing our band, chorus and dancing classes, will be held from 7PM until 8PM, followed by dessert provided by our wonderful PTP volunteers.

## **Community News**

Once again the Lions Club will have a Community Christmas Tree at the Forest Ranch Post Office. If you have the opportunity, stop in and pick a name from the tree to support the children of our community. This is a great way to model our December lifeskill of Caring.

## Student Council News

**Spirits Days** – Crazy Sock Day was a ton of fun. Many lively looking feet were seen around campus. The next spirit day is Pajama Day on December 21<sup>st</sup>.



**Movie Night** – Student council is hosting a movie night on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00. Look for more information on this soon and save the date for this fun event.

**Canned Food Drive** – The canned food drive, for the benefit of the Jesus Center, ends on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Please remember to send in non-perishable food to support our community and model Caring as a LifeSkill.

## PTP News

**Christmas Canteens** – The PTP has the perfect Christmas gifts for the proud FRCS student. Kleen Kanteens with our Fox logo are on sale for \$18 each. Ask in the office.

**Book Fair** – Want to give a book for Christmas? Want to have it gift wrapped by a friendly PTP member while you wait? Students will be previewing the books and completing wish lists to bring home. Check out the Book Fair in Room 8 every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoon from 2:00-3:00 until December 7.

## Lost and Found Collection

We have a lovely collection of sweaters and jackets on our lost and found rack. These items will be donated to Salvation Army during Winter Break. If you are missing anything please collect it before break.

## Photo of the Month

A beautiful quilt, designed and sewn by members of the Forest Ranch Women's Club (FRWC), was donated to the Forest Ranch Charter School (FRCS) at the November 30<sup>th</sup> school assembly. The quilt, featuring multi-colored butterflies in flight, was donated by the Women's Club to the FRCS's Dinner/Auction at the Sierra Nevada Big Room on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The quilt was purchased by Dave and Jeanne Foreman, who in honor of FRCS and all the local organizations who help support it, donated the quilt back to the school for permanent display. Pictured (L to R): Christia Marasco (FRCS Director), Shirlon Dodge (one of the quilt's creators), and Myrna Ferguson (FRWC President).



## Heard Around Campus

The kindergarteners are on the European continent these days. Fairy tales and stories including giants, gnomes and elves are helping with their thematic units. The class is enjoying Fika, a midday snack from Sweden. Then the class is moving on to Germany in preparation for Multi-Cultural Night festivities.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are taking a trip in Santa's sleigh! They will learn about various holiday traditions around the world while reviewing geography. They will visit Mexico for Los Posadas, Jerusalem for Hanukkah, India for Diwali, and Egypt for Ramadan. If you have firsthand knowledge of these traditions we would love to have classroom visitors.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders are starting book clubs, with a focus on mysteries. They will be challenged to create their own mysteries to share. Do you have a favorite mystery or are you a writer? Share with our class!

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are recovering from their recent experience dissecting frogs. Taking their new knowledge of the body one step further, they are preparing a Wanted Poster for the "Organ" Trail. They started learning about colonies in Social Studies, and are reading Bridge to Terabithia as a class. Students are working on persuasive

essays to change the world! Students are also working in a spelling simulation to defeat the gargoyles, cast spells, and reach the Enchanted Castle!

## Our Newest Fox



Julia Grace Bodney was born on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:54 in the afternoon. She was 6 lb 6 oz and 19.5 inches. She has long, dark hair and loves to be cuddled already. Our best wishes to her and her parents!

## The Attendance Race

Mrs. Jimmerson's class is maintaining their first place position, although Ms. Matoes' class is trying to catch up. Can they do it? Each week the winning class is very proud as they claim their extra recess time! Keep an eye on the graph below to see where your classroom stands.

