

Forest Ranch Charter School

December 2015



December 4 – Assembly at 8:30AM

December 5 – Showcase Theater Fundraiser

December 8 – PTP Meeting at 3PM

December 11 – Electives Day

December 17 – Winter Concert and Multi-Cultural Night

December 18 – Electives Day

December 21-Jan 1 – Winter Break

January 8 – Assembly at 8:30AM

January 12 – PTP Meeting at 3PM

January 15 – Electives Day

January 18 – MLK Day, No School

January 19 – FRCS Board Meeting, 5PM

January 20 – Bricks for Kids field trip (3rd/4th)

January 27 – Laxson Field Trip (6th grade)

January 29 – Electives Day

February 5 – Assembly at 8:30AM

February 9 – PTP Meeting at 3PM

February 12 – Staff Day, No School

February 15 – President's Day, No School

From the Director

Dear Forest Ranch Charter Families,

Happy Holidays to everyone. Before the break we had a wonderful Stone Soup Day. Thank you for all of your contributions. We were fortunate to have many volunteers and a local veterans group who came and donated time and winter mittens for all.

We have a busy few weeks before our Winter Break. This Saturday the students and I will put on our first Dinner Showcase. Then we have our Multicultural Night and Winter Concert on Thursday, December 17 and our last day of electives on the 18th.

The Holiday Season is a nice time to find opportunities to live our school theme, Find Your Way; Impact Today. Encourage your student to make a small impact at home and school every day. After the Winter Break we will have a Parent Education Night surrounding internet safety and social media. We will also have a Middle School Workshop on these; focusing on safe, responsible and respectful use of technology. In the meantime if you are interested in guidelines or support surrounding media and technology Common Sense Media is a great resource. I hope to see all of you around school the next few weeks as we celebrate the season.

Christia Marasco

LifeSkill Heroes

The following students were recognized for their outstanding use of LifeSkills:

Sierra H, Kaylee M, Auracelli H, Emma Dz,
Devin B, Yazmine H, Braydin M, Lilly
N, Emilee B, Emily W, Autumn S,
Aurora D, Sydney H, Forrest F,
Sarah S, Bethany H, Lupe H



Great Job! You folks are super stars!

Homework Club News

After the holidays, Mrs. Sellu will be preparing to go on maternity leave. Those of you who have been using Homework Club need not worry because Mr. Connors will be taking it over, with the other teachers rotating through to help. Starting in January, Homework Club will be held in his classroom, which is Room 10. Remember, Homework Club is offered to third-eighth grade students on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:45-3:45.

Community News

Women's Club – The Forest Ranch Women's Club will be selling home-made crafts at the Forest Ranch Post Office on December 5th from 10AM to 4PM. Great shopping opportunity!

Lions Club – Santa is coming to Forest Ranch! On December 12th the Lions Club is hosting a celebration of the season at the Forest Ranch Community Center from 1PM to 3PM. Come prepared for games, crafts and cookie decorating. This is a free event.

Women's Club – The Forest Ranch Women's Club will be holding a bake sale with lots of home-made yummy treats at the Forest Ranch Post Office on December 20th from 10AM to 4PM. Load up for visits with friends and family.

Student Council Events

Bake Sale – Student Council is hosting a Bake Sale during Multi-Cultural Night. Funds raised will be donated to the Butte Humane Society.

Character Day – Mrs. Palmarini's kindergarten class won the Character Day participation award. Their classroom now has a stuffed Cat in the Hat.



Charter Myths Dispelled

It is surprising how many people still have misconceptions about charter schools. Last month the California Charter School Association (CCSA) began a series called the "Truth about Charter Schools." Truth #3 is that charter schools serve English Language Learners (EL). In urban areas in particular, charters serve EL students in equal, if not greater, numbers than traditional schools. An extreme example is the San Jose urban area where 51% of charter students are EL students compared to traditional schools with 28% EL students. Charters schools tend to enroll a smaller percentage of EL students in suburban and rural areas.

Art Elective Plays in the Snow



Fundraising News

See's Candy Fundraiser – Thanks to everyone who ordered See's Candy in November. We raised over \$500 for the school from this event.

Chico Bag Sales – Thanks for everyone who ordered Chico Bags from the catalog sales in November. We raised over \$700 for the school from this event. Reminder, we still have school logo Chico Bags for sale in the school office!

FRCS Gear – we are placing an order for sweatshirts, tshirts, tanks, and hats. If you want some school logo clothing, please place your order in the school office prior to Tuesday, December 8th so that we can place orders to arrive prior to Winter Break.

Winter Concert and Multi-Cultural Night

Please join us on Thursday, December 17th from 6 to 7PM for Multi-Cultural Night and from 7:15 to 8:15PM for the Winter Concert. The various classrooms will host a country from around the world for our multi-cultural night. They will have light snacks, music and cultural information for your entertainment. Then the Winter Concert will make you laugh, smile, and tear up as our students sing and play music of the season. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Cold Weather

The school is located at almost a 3,000-foot elevation. We are cooler in the summer and colder in the winter. Please remember to dress students accordingly, especially on days we might have snow.

Lost and Found

When you are on campus this month, please check the lost and found. Items will be donated during the Winter Break.

Recipe Poems

With the winter holidays just around the corner, some students have been inspired to write recipe poems. Rather than poems about food, these are about friendship, joy, caring, and more. Here are a few of them:

Friendship Cupcakes by Sierra H

*Put one cup of forgiveness into a bowl, then a pint of love.
When you are done you stir in a handful of joy.
Then you set the oven at 400.
Next, mix in a can of no drama with a quart of friendship.
Bake the cupcakes in the oven for 20 minutes.
Spread frosting of thankfulness, add sprinkles of fun.
Then give it to your friends, and that's all.
Don't forget to use this recipe with all your friends, not with just one because it will start drama if you don't share, which you don't want.*

The Recipe of Family

Preheat your oven to responsibility,
Grab 2 cups of patience,
A spoonful of laughter,
1 ½ cups of caring,
And a handful of cooperation,
Add a sprig of flexibility,
Mix until it tastes like gratitude,
Put it in the oven until it is golden brown,
When it's out of the oven let it cool for 10 to 15
minutes,
When you try it, it should taste of family!

By Sabrina H

How to Make a Friendship *By Cole G*

*Add half a cup of love
1 cup of trust
2 ½ cups of caring
Two fourths of a cup of whipped cream
Stir for 15 minutes
Let cool for 20 minutes
Now grab a clean glass bowl
Add one fourth of problem solving and 3 cups of sweetness
Stir for 5 minutes
Mix and freeze for 1 hour
Unfrost and put in a vile
Share with all your friends.*

How to Bake Strawberry Shortcakes of Friendship

By Ashley B

You will need to get out:

A bowl of loyalty, a spray bottle of trust, and a pan.

Then put plastic wrap over the bowl of loyalty.

The bowl of loyalty will cool in the fridge.

It will cool until it becomes a mixture of honesty and respect.

Preheat the oven to 350-degrees.

Spray the pan until it is shiny with the spray bottle of trust.

Wait about an hour and check the bowl of loyalty.

By then it should be a mixture of honesty and respect.

Take it out of the fridge and put it in the pan.

Cook for 15 minutes, then rotate it, and cook it for 15 more minutes.

Then it will be ready to eat.

Make sure to share it with your friends!

Heard About Campus

In Kindergarten we are learning the difference between fiction and non-fiction books as we start our European studies, including stories with mythical creatures such as gnomes, elves and giants. After listening to the story The Tomten (“gnome” in Swedish) by Astrid Lindgren, students will create a beautiful oil pastel scene with a little gnome in it.

First and second graders continue to learn about Brazil and the upcoming Summer Olympic Games. We are looking forward to Multicultural Night where we will be sharing a nice Brazilian Cuisine.

Third and fourth grader are excited to start their cultural exploration of Japan, our country of focus for food and decorative art projects for the upcoming Multicultural Night. We are also looking forward to our new unit on Simple Machines, and how these make our everyday lives easier.

Fifth graders are working on building a strong foundation for understanding fractions, working on prime & composite numbers, simplest form, GCF, LCM, and fraction sense. They will build upon this foundation as we learn about adding and subtracting fractions. Students have enjoyed collaborating on their Native American slide

shows. They have been learning all about Google slides and providing their group members with constructive criticism. They are looking forward to presenting their group presentations to their classmates in the next few weeks. Be sure to come visit our classroom during Multicultural Night to learn all about Russia!

Sixth graders are putting on their hypothetical fake beards, meant only for Egyptian pharaohs, and studying Hatshepsut, Ramses II, and working on their "Day in Egypt" projects as well as preparing for our Egyptian feast. They are also reading historical fiction novels based in ancient Egypt. The class is hosting an experience in ancient civilizations for the FRCS Multicultural Night on December 17th.

The seventh and eighth grade students are determined in December. Our culminating event for Newton's three laws will be at the Paradise ice skating rink. We will study forces of friction, acceleration, vectors and velocity. We are also determined to create a fantastic multicultural night. We determined China will be the country we will represent. We are also determined to complete reading The Old Man and the Sea. We are making progress on our year-long expert explorations (research projects). According to Gwen, “We’re doing things and stuff.” Have a happy holiday season!

Spaghetti Cobweb Fun at FRCS

