

Forest Ranch Charter School

February 2016



February 2 – Football Sports Rotation begins
February 5 – Assembly at 8:30AM
February 8 – Open Enrollment begins
February 9 – PTP Meeting at 3PM
February 12 – Staff Day, No School
February 15 – President’s Day, No School
February 17 – Laxson Field Trip (5th grade)
February 17 – FRCS Spelling Bee
February 19 – Electives Day
February 19 – Middle School Dance
February 22 – Open Enrollment ends
February 23 – Lottery Day for enrollment
February 23 – Hockey Sports Rotation begins
February 23 – Woodstock’s Pizza Night, 5PM
February 25 – Parent Education Night, 6:30PM
February 26 – Electives Day
March 2 – Dr. Seuss Day
March 4 – Assembly at 8:30AM
March 4 – Butte County Spelling Bee

From the Director

Dear Forest Ranch Charter Families,

It is student survey time at Forest Ranch Charter School. Parent surveys will follow via e-mail very soon. Please take a few minutes to help us do a better job by filling out the survey. These surveys are important for many reasons. First and foremost they allow us to do a better job educating your child and keeping them safe and healthy. We use the feedback during mid-year faculty/staff evaluations. We also use feedback to make changes in procedures across campus for next year and when possible, the rest of this year. What you have to say really matters! Last, we need to reach an increasingly higher percentage of participation each year in order to achieve our LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) goals. As many of you probably remember we now have an LCAP that needs to be reviewed and revised each year. We have had a few meetings this year and will have quite a few more to review and revamp. While we encourage and appreciate participation in these meetings much of the feedback we receive is from our surveys. Please help us to keep moving forward by providing us with useful feedback, pluses and minuses.

Thank you,

Christia Marasco

LifeSkill Heroes

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



Gradin O, Garrett H, Xander B, Liberty M, Gavin F, Jackson K, Jesse T, Kyra K, Wyatt M, Morgan P, Chance B, Caden S, Zane R, Skyer R, Gavin R, Tyra G, Katlyn C, Erik R.

Great Job! You folks are super stars!

PTP News

Family Spaghetti Bingo Fun Night – Join us on Saturday, March 5th for dinner and fun. Try your luck, win some bucks. Details soon.

Yearbooks – Yearbook purchases are due February 29. Look for order envelopes coming home. Students are creating the yearbook themselves with guidance from parent Janina Carter! Should be a classic edition.

Woodstock's Pizza Night – Tuesday, February 23rd is the night to join us for pizza at Woodstock's or stop in and take a pizza home. Mention FRCS between 5PM and 8PM and we get a percentage of your purchase.

Student Council Events

50's Day – get your poodle skirt and hair grease ready for 50's Day on Friday, February 26th.

Crazy Hair Day – Friday, January 29th was Crazy Hair Day. Participation was high in all classrooms. Mr. Philippi's class and Mr. Connors' class tied with 90% craziness.



Snow Days

The students are anxiously awaiting snow. We had a dusting this week that created quite a stir but no big snow as of yet. However, it is still very cold so please make sure your student is dressed for the weather. If we do have snow, students in appropriate attire (boots, waterproof gear or a change of clothes) will have the opportunity to play in the snow at recess if staffing permits. If school closure becomes necessary families will be notified by use of the call system as early as possible. We will also have a school representative at the bus stop. Typically we do not need to close early but occasionally it happens due to extreme weather or power outages. Please make sure we have all of your updated contact information or let us know about any special circumstances.

Middle School News

Are you a fifth or sixth grade parent struggling with the decision of whether to keep your student at FRCS or send them to a Chico middle school? If so, we would offer the following article to help you make your decision. Visit <https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/ed/12/09/do-middle-schools-make-sense>. Every student has their own set of needs. Feel free to discuss with us your concerns and your student's best learning environment before committing to a course of action.

Parent Education Night

Join us at 6:30PM on Thursday, February 25th for a Parent Education Night regarding technology, social media, and students.

After School Sports

Football starts on February 2 and Hockey starts on February 23. Join us for some fun in the sun.

Reenrollment and Open Enrollment Begins

January and February are the months that we collect information about students for next year. This allows us to plan staffing and make budgeting decisions. Your timely reenrollment form ensures a spot for your student next year. It is due back to us by February 8th.

Open enrollment for new students begins on February 8th and ends on February 22nd. Please let friends and neighbors who might be considering our school know about these important dates. Tours are available upon request. Check with the office at 891-3154.

Welcome Sia!

The newest member of FRCS community, Sia Bellamay Sellu, arrived on January 22, 2016. Mrs. Sellu is recovering quickly and looks forward to bringing Sia up to school once she's 6 weeks old and has her immunities built up. The family is enjoying every moment they have with their new bundle of joy!



Chico Science Fair

The Chico Science Fair, held at the Chico Fairgrounds, will happen from February 29th through March 3rd this year. Please visit and appreciate the many innovative projects submitted by students in Chico-area schools.

Heard About Campus



Kindergarteners had a wonderful 100th day of school celebration this week. After wrapping up their Arctic and Antarctica studies, kindergarteners are moving onto Asia. Tigers, pandas, and the cultures of Thailand and China are some of the topics in this theme unit.

The 1st and 2nd graders are ending their study of weather this month. They will be learning about the cause of tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards, and what causes all that electricity in the sky during thunderstorms. As the storms pass by in our unit, they will look at rainbows and how they occur. They will also be "digging" into a new science unit on geology later this month as they learn about the different layers of Earth.

Third and fourth grade students are learning much about California history -- from the establishment of the California missions through the Gold Rush. In preparation for our overnight trip to Sutter's Fort, students are researching and studying a real person who may have been at Sutter's Fort in the 1840s. They will become this character for the duration of our visit to the Fort. We will also be exploring how microorganisms play a part in our everyday life, and how these organisms are tied into the miner's lives of the 1840s by baking, and of course eating, sourdough bread.

Fifth grade students are excited to announce the arrival of Sia, Mrs. Sellu's new baby girl. Mr. Philippi and the fifth graders have smoothly adjusted to each other and are working hard adding, subtracting, and multiplying fractions. They are looking forward to seeing the play "The BFG" in February after they finish reading the book. Science fair projects are in full swing and will be on display at the Chico Science Fair.

February finds Mrs. D.J.'s 6th grade absorbed by Greek Drama! Our play, "Demeter and Persephone" will be performed Thursday, February 25th at 1:30 pm in our classroom partnered with our Greek feast. The FRCS Spelling Bee will be held in our classroom for 4th through 8th graders on Wednesday, February 17th.

Welcome to a fabulous February! The seventh and eighth grade students are headed to Laxson Auditorium on February 4th. We will then be visiting the state capitol on February 5th. We are reading individual literature novels and will be creating many different types of traditional and electronic book reports. We are also continuing our year-long inquiry essays. Topics range from cats to the Great Barrier Reef. Math concepts include probability outcomes for seventh grade and compound interest for eighth grade. Science concepts (for 6th grade) will include finishing weather concepts and beginning body systems and cells, including genetics. Seventh graders will study the model of the atom as well as the periodic table. Social studies content is now investigating the circumstances surrounding slavery in our nation's early history.

Atypical Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome

Support kindergartener Jacob S by purchasing an Awareness Band in the office for \$3. Jacob is suffering from this rare blood disorder that can affect his kidneys, heart, and brain. Funds raised will help raise awareness for this rare syndrome.

Mountain Music Festival Planning Time

It is that time of year again – Marlene and her Fabulous Fundraisers are beginning to plan the Mountain Music Festival. This festival is vital to our annual fundraising budget. It is a huge effort, which is made less stressful by many helping hands. Please join the team. The first planning meeting will be held at the school on Tuesday, March 8th at 7PM. We need folks with good ideas and lots of enthusiasm to keep this fun event a successful one.

Engineering on Campus

