

Forest Ranch Charter School

June 2012



May 31, June 1 – Spring Musical
At the Community Center, 6:30PM

June 2 – Spring Musical at Music Festival, 10AM

June 2, 3 – MUSIC FESTIVAL

June 5 – Life Cycles by 1st/2nd grade at 6PM
Gold Dust or Bust by 3rd/4th at 6:30PM

June 8 – Last Day of School, Half Day

SUMMER VACATION BEGINS

June 19 – first day of Summer School fun

Director's Report

We are pleased to introduce everyone to two new members of our school community. We have hired an additional third/fourth teacher, Margie McNulty. Mrs. McNulty is a seasoned teacher who comes to us with many talents. Ms. Matoes is excited to have a teaching partner, and they will work closely throughout the year on shared curriculum and activities. The Jimmersons had a new baby, Malik, last Thursday. We are looking forward to meeting him in person soon!!

Next year we will continue our long term growth plan with the addition of a second third/fourth class. Last year, administration and teachers made a unanimous decision to continue with multi-age classes. A few of the advantages include teacher collaboration, the ability to split up groups over time, a greater pool of peers to socialize with, and more flexible curriculum. Please let me know if you have questions or would like more information on our growth plan.

Similar to last year we are soliciting placement requests for 2012/2013 classes. If you are interested in a certain classroom, would like your child to be placed with a particular friend, or have a social concern we should know about please let us know ASAP. We do our best to accommodate family preferences and will e-mail class lists for 2012/2013 by July 1st. Our 1st/2nd grade classrooms will be taught by Mrs. Stearns and Mrs. Bodney. Our 3rd/4th grade classrooms will be taught by Ms. Matoes and Mrs. McNulty.

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LifeSkill Heroes

The LifeSkills for April were Responsibility and Creativity. The LifeSkill for May was Perseverance. Teachers nominated students from each class that they felt best represented these LifeSkill during the month. Congratulations to our heroes:

(Responsibility and Creativity)

Kindergarten – Sydney H, Jesse W
1st/2nd (Bodney) – Elisa V, Chidike O
1st/2nd (Stearns) – Erik R, Carmen Mae P
3rd/4th – Frank C, Finn M, Cali B
5th/6th – Lili S, Gabe M, Elisia T, Avia R

(Perseverance)

Kindergarten – Gavin D, Luke B
1st/2nd (Bodney) – Lydia B, Padric K
1st/2nd (Stearns) – Sarehnee B, Clayton F
3rd/4th – Ethan B, Olyvia G
5th/6th – Cameron C, Garrett R

Student Council News

Jog-A-Thon – Our first Jog-a-Thon was a great success. The day was misty and wet but our volunteers persevered, bringing water and healthy snacks to cheer on our soggy runners. Our distance winners were Fred and Luke in kindergarten, Austin, Erik, and Landon in first/second, Mason in third/fourth and Jada in fifth/sixth. The whole school helped raise almost \$1500 to help support field trips for our students. Thank you to all who donated, pledged, helped and cheered.

Camp Fire Wood Fundraiser

There is now a drop box for payments next to the campfire wood in the parking lot. Please remember us when you head up the highway to your favorite campground. Use FRCS campfire wood and support the PTP.

FRCS Board Election Ballot Attached

We have one Parent Representative Board position (a three year position) currently up for election. Attached to this newsletter is the voting ballot. Please return your marked ballot no later than June 7th.

Spring Musical

The rescheduled 2012 Spring Musical, The Jungle Book, will be presented at the Forest Ranch Community Center on at 6:30PM on May 31st and June 1st. There will also be a performance on June 2nd at 10AM at FRCS during the Music Festival. Get your tickets from the office or take your chances at the door. The Spring Musical is a community service event sponsored by Student Council. This year they are fund-raising for Bidwell Mansion.

Music Festival Update

June 2nd and 3rd is here! Come for a weekend of fun and fundraising. The proceeds from the Music Festival fully support our music and arts programs. The gates open Saturday at 10AM and the action lasts until 8PM. Sunday we will do it all again from 10AM until 5PM. There will be great music, food, games, raffle items and sunshine.

The Forest Ranch Summer Experience

If you have not already signed up for Summer School contact the office right away! Don't be left out of the fun. This will be a three-part program encompassing environmental exploration, constructive learning, and athletic endeavors. We will build, create, plant, grow, construct and more. For scheduling and pricing information contact the office or visit <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/summer-school-experience.html>.

Lost and Found

We have the usual accumulation of lost and found. This will get donated after the last day of school. Please make sure to check for missing belongings when you visit campus over the last few days.

Last Week of School Activities

Wednesday June 6th is all-school Fun Day starting at 1:00. Thank you to Rosarita's Tamales in Chico for once again donating the use of their Bounce House. PTP will provide watermelons, drinks, and other treats.

Thursday June 7th is the sixth grade party with more Bounce House and other fun events beginning at 1:00.

Friday June 8th is the last day of school. Sixth grade graduation will happen during assembly from 8:30-9:30AM. Kindergarten graduation starts at 10AM. Then PTP will host a hot dog lunch for all students starting around 11:00. Families may join in for a small donation as long as supplies hold out.

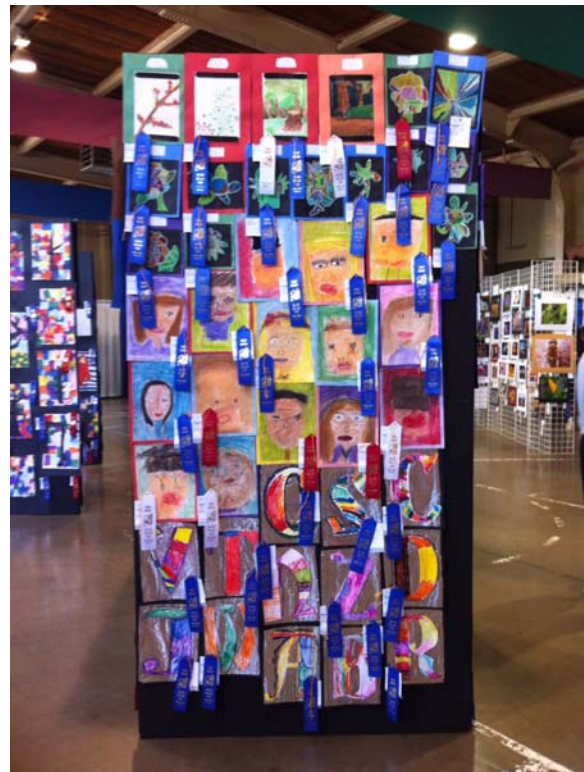
Friday is a half day; students will be excused at noon. There will be no aftercare available. The bus will leave campus at 12:15, arriving at Santos Ranch at 12:30, Marsh at 12:40 and Boys and Girls Club at 12:50.

Ms. Matoes Class Wins Attendance Race

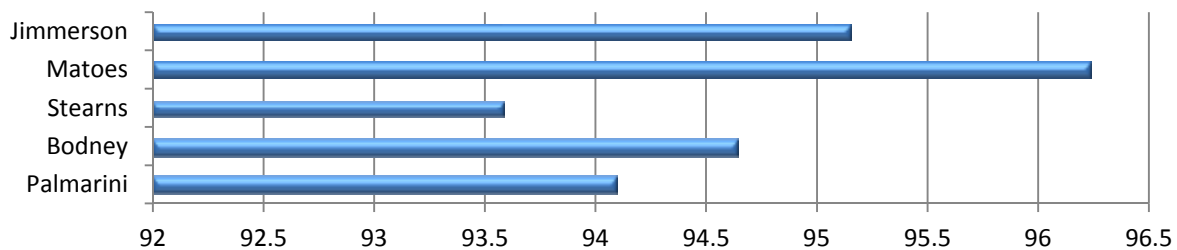
Despite the valiant efforts by Ms. Jimmerson's class to catch up, Ms. Matoes' class won the 2012 Attendance Race. See chart below. They will have a smoothie party on June 5th as their reward!

FRCS at the Silver Dollar Fair

Congratulations to our many successful artists. There were lots of entries from FRCS at the Silver Dollar Fair this year. Just look at all the ribbons in this photo!



The Attendance Race - Months 1 through 10



Attendance Honors

Thank you very much to all the families and students who worked so hard on their attendance this year. Not only is attendance key to student learning and success, but our funding is based on attendance. With funding so low already we need every student here every day possible! The following students had exceptional attendance and deserve special mention.

Summa cum Laude (100% attendance)

Emmalee A, Cali B, Hailey F, Kiya H, Sydney H, Jacob S, Sarah S, Mackenzi W

Magna cum Laude (99% attendance)

Zane A, Gavin F, Noelle J, Delainey L, Rodney M, Mason M, Kaleb A, Landon C, Sierra H

Cum Laude (97% - 98% attendance)

Hayden B, Diego B, Krysta C, Taylor M, Dylan H, Caleb H, Dane M, Abigail O, Paige P, Addison T, Nathan W, Kalisa B, Avia B, Jada D, Hayley J, Austin M, Finn M, Dixie T, Elisia T, Mason W, Ivy C, Padric K, McKenna L, Kaylee M, Grace S, Skyler W

Heard Around Campus Looking Back

Do you remember...

Diego – Shasta Caverns was the best because we got to learn about life in a cave.

Dissecting owl pellets, playing toilet tag, going to Turtle Bay, getting deported from Ellis Island, being crowned with ivy during the Greek Olympics

Knox – I liked Sutter's Fort because it was awesome! There are too many reasons to list.

Ethan – I loved "night watch". (at Sutter's Fort)

Egg Drop Day, Dr. Seuss Day, Teacher Swap Day, Celebrating the arrival of Malik Jimmerson with a diaper cake (below)



Cali – I loved going to Butte Creek Preserve because we learned about Maidu Natives, turtles, and nature.

Sasquatch and Yeti at Shady Creek, having fun creating stores and products in "Build Your Own Business"

Dylan, Luke, Dane and Ashley – We loved learning about Antarctica and Penguins best.

Playground fun with forts, "spider on rocks", line tag, sand castles

Paige and Delainey – We are happy because we learned to read!

Gavin F – I liked learning about snakes this year.

Jackson and Kaleb – We liked learning about frogs best.