

# Forest Ranch Charter School

June 2013



June 3 – Field Trip, 5/6 Bike in the Park

June 4 – Teacher Swap Day 8:30-9:15  
PreSchool Play Group 9:30-10:15  
Science Discovery Day 1:00-2:30  
Family Information Night 7:00-8:00

June 5 – Field Day 1:00-2:30

June 6 – Awards/Graduation Assembly 8:30-10:00  
Last Day of School, Dismissal at 12:00  
No Explorer's Club Today  
Bus Leaves at 12:15

SUMMER VACATION

August 21 – First Day of School 2013-14

## From the Director

Dear Forest Ranch Charter Families,

I am excited to introduce our new, “old”, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. Mr. Ball will be teaching 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade next year. He has been working at our school in various capacities since the school opened in 2008 and is well loved by our students. He earned a degree in History from American University in Washington D.C. and received both single subject and multiple subject credentials from CSU, Chico. He brings to us knowledge of Child Development and a love of sports and hands- on learning.

At our school we value parent input and work closely with parents when making choices. Over the summer we will be making choices about classroom placement. Please let me know if you have a preference about classroom placement for your child (children) for next year. To help with that process, we appreciate feedback surrounding students your child may or may not work well with. Thank you for your help in this important process.

As school comes to a close we are already thinking about planning for next year. Teachers will spend the week school gets out working hard on revising curriculum to meet California's new Common Core standards. We will also be working to add specialty classes (Fine Arts, Outdoor Education) and further integrate Science and the Visual and Performing Arts into classroom lesson plans to add interest and depth. Next year should be a great one!

Remember to keep your students reading over the summer, particularly if you have an emergent reader. New skills are easy to lose without practice. We often spend much of the first trimester getting back to where we were at the end of the previous year. I look forward to reading with you over the summer. Have a great summer!

*Christia*

## 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 April was Courage. Teachers nominated students from each class that they felt best represented this LifeSkill during the month. Congratulations to our April heroes:

Kindergarten – Jacob S, Bethany H  
First Grade – Kaleb A, Bella V, Christian R  
Second Grade – Ariana C  
Third Grade – Emilee B, Padric K  
Fourth Grade – Finn M, Emma A  
Fifth Grade – Sebastian P  
Sixth Grade – Krysta C

The May LifeSkill awards will be Lifelong Guideline awards. Students receiving these awards are recognized for trustworthiness, truthfulness, active listening, no put-downs, and putting forth their personal best each day throughout the school year. These awards will be announced at the end-of-year assembly on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Campfire Wood Fundraiser

Going camping this summer? Need camp wood? Stop in at The Store in Forest Ranch and buy your camp wood for \$5 per bundle and support the FRCS Parent Teacher Partnership at the same time.

Fire Hazard Disclaimer – This wood is pine and is not suitable for residential fireplace or woodstove use. If you need oak for your home contact the office as we can help you there too.



## Spring Musical 2013

The Spring Musical was a fabulous success. If you missed it, you really missed something special. We have some very talented and entertaining students at FRCS. The Friday cast and the Saturday cast were wonderful, everyone had a marvelous time and we raised almost \$1,000 to help pay for electives and fine arts/music for next year.



## Silver Dollar Fair Art Winners

We had some wonderful submissions from our students at the Silver Dollar Fair this year. There was pointillism, mosaic tile work, masks made from recycled materials, water colors, and fractional art pieces. Shariann H brought home a Best of Show award for her pointillism pear art.



## From our Graduates

**Elisia T** – I will miss the wonderful teachers and I loved all the fun field trips and activities that we did.

**Avia B-R** – I will miss Ms. J a lot and all the other teachers that I had. I loved all the things that I got to experience at school, especially being on Student Council.

**Shariann H** – I appreciate all the things that teachers have done for me.

**Kalisa B** – I loved all the teachers and the staff. They were always open-minded and caring. I will miss all the fun spirit days.

**Stephanie B** – I enjoyed meeting all the great people, teachers, and doing all the fun activities. I do not like pie, but pi is good.

## Last Day of School Bus Schedule

The bus will leave FRCS at 12:15 on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, arriving at Santos Ranch Road at 12:30 and Marsh at 12:40. There will be no Boys and Girls Club drop off (they don't open until 2PM) or afterschool care on the last day of school. Please contact the office right away with any question or concerns you might have about the last day of school schedule.

## 2013-14 School Calendar

The first day of school for the 2013-14 school year is August 21<sup>st</sup>. Please schedule all family vacations so that you are back and ready to join us for another wonderful year of learning. The calendar is posted on our website at <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/calendars.html>. A paper copy will be mailed out in August with your back to school packet. If you need one before that just ask Terry in the office and she will print one out for you.

## New Teacher for 2013-14

We are sad to report that Mallory Bodney will not be returning for the 2013-14 school year. She has the opportunity to stay home with her new baby Julia, but will make occasional appearances on campus in other capacities. We are excited to share that Joe Ball is officially hired as the new teacher for the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> classroom. He has done an outstanding job as Mrs. Bodney's long term substitute. Welcome to Room 6, Mr. Ball!



## Family Information Night

Are you curious about the way we do things around here? Do you ever wonder why students sit on exercise balls in Ms. Matoes' room or fiddle with bees wax while listening to a teacher read? We have an information night scheduled on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> for families, new and old, who wish to learn about the educational philosophy and practices at FRCS. Come join us for a brief discussion at 7PM here at the school.

## Last Week of School Activities

Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> we have Teacher Swap Day from 8:30 until 9:15. This is an opportunity for our students to get to know another teacher a little better. Then we will have a PreSchool Play Group joining our kindergarteners from 9:30 until 10:15 – the kindergarteners love the chance to be the big

kids! Starting at 1PM until school ends is Science Discovery Day. Parents are encouraged to join us in playing with science or sharing their skills/knowledge.

Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> is all-school Field Day starting at 1:00. We hope to have bounce houses and PTP will be providing snacks and drinks to share.

Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> is our last day of school. This is a half day and school will be dismissed at noon. After care will not be available this day and the bus will leave campus at 12:15. See the article about the bus schedule for more details. The student awards and graduation assembly will start at 8:30. We hope you will join us for this transitional event.

**Attendance Race – Photo Finish**

Despite the valiant effort made by Ms. Matoes’ class, Mrs. Jimmerson’s 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade class wins the attendance race. As you can see by the graph below, it was a very close race. Congratulations Mrs. Jimmerson and all her reliable students.

**Attendance Honors**

Thank you very much to all the families and students who worked hard on their attendance this year. Not only is attendance key to student learning and success; our funding is based on attendance. The following students had exceptional attendance and deserve special mention.

**Summa Cum Laude** - Kaleb A, Hayden B, Katlyn C, Hailey F, Austin M, Finn M, Kaylee M, Tyler P, Gabriel S, Grace S.

**Magna Cum Laude** – Avia B-R, Helena C, McKenna L, Elisia T, Landon C, Gavin F, Kiya H, Sierra H, Padric K, Mason M, Roxy M.

**Cum Laude** – Emma A, Quinn A, Krysta C, Knox H, Sydney H, Sebastian P, Sarah S, Addison T, Sara W, Jake W, Kyra V, Kaidence C, Cali B, Kwan J, Delainey L, Dane M, Hannah R, Mason W.

