

# Forest Ranch Charter School

March 2013



March 1 – Assembly at 8:30AM  
March 1 – Dr. Seuss Day  
March 8 – Electives Day  
March 12 – PTP Meeting at 6PM  
March 15 – Electives Day  
March 15 – Trimester 2 Report Cards go home  
March 18 – 22 – SPRING BREAK, NO SCHOOL  
March 23 – Egg Hunt at Community Center, 8AM  
March 24 – Kite Day at Community Park, 12PM  
March 25 – 28 – Chico Science Fair  
March 26 – PBS Meeting at 3PM  
March 26 – FRCS Board Meeting at 6PM  
March 28 – The Great Egg Drop  
March 28 – Backward Day  
March 29 – Staff Development Day, NO SCHOOL  
April 1 – NO SCHOOL  
April 4 – Field Trip 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> to Hands on Lab  
April 5 – Assembly at 8:30AM  
April 5 – All School Skate from 3-5:30  
April 6 – Children’s Faire in Chico, 10AM-2PM

## Director’s Report

Dear Forest Ranch Charter Families,

“Fox in socks on box on Knox”; hooray, we had a fabulous time with Dr. Seuss Day! Students, staff, and I enjoyed the festivities. The K-2 students heard stories with guest performer Cat in the Hat, Knox (from Fox in Socks), Thing 1 and Thing 2 and the whole school enjoyed an afternoon of Suessical-themed fun. One of my favorite days of the year is Dr. Seuss Day. It’s not because I get to be goofy playing Cat in the Hat (although I do really enjoy that). I think it is because I really feel the spirit of sharing literacy and adventure with students, something we forget sometimes when we get caught up in all the things we have to get done and get through. The best learning happens when the spark of genuine curiosity, interest and a little bit of fun ignites.

Another exciting event this week was the School Spelling Bee. Congratulations to our winner Avia Britain-Rasmussen. Sofie Bolotnikova and Hailey Fune followed placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Avia and Sofie will represent our school in the Butte County Spelling Bee on March 15. Spring is a time filled with engaged family activities and learning opportunities. Please take some time to enjoy a few of these with your young learners. I look forward to seeing you around campus.

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

Kindergarten – MaKena W, Alexander B  
Grade 1 – Gavin F  
Grade 2 – Katlyn C, Jamie F, Ellie W  
Grade 3 – Landon C  
Grade 4 – Olivya G, Kiya H, RJ M  
Grades 5 & 6 – Sofia B, Avia B

## Chico Science Fair in March

The Science Fair is quickly approaching. We have lots of very strong science students at FRCS. We encourage our families to support their student's science interests with a project entered in the fair. We have community members, staff and parents willing to help your student if you can't. For more information or applications for the fair, ask in the office or visit <http://www.ecst.csuchico.edu/csf/>.

## Community News

**Easter Egg Hunt** – The Forest Ranch Lions Club is hosting their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt at the Forest Ranch Community Center on Saturday, March 23, 2013 from 8AM to 11AM. This event is very fun and helps support all the wonderful things that the Lions do for our community and beyond. We recommend the blueberry pancakes, yummy.

## Student Council News

**Neon Day** – We needed sunglasses around here on Neon Day due to all the spirited students showing their FRCS pride. The “brightest class” on campus award went to Ms. Matoes’ class.

**Jump Rope for Heart a Thon** – Held on Valentine’s Day, this fundraiser for the American Heart Association raised over \$1,000 and really got some blood pumping around here. Hailey F and Sarah S were the big jumpers for the upper grades, each jumping over 1,000 jumps in the allotted 15 minutes. For students who wanted a closer look at what goes on inside our bodies, Mrs. McNulty shared hearts and lungs from lambs. See photo below.



**Backward Day** – Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> is Backward Day. Everyone will have a different outlook on life that day. Show your spirit and your creativity on Backward Day.

## PTP News

**Raley’s Something Extra Card** – Did you know that you can register to support FRCS by logging into your Raley’s Something Extra account and choosing our school as one of your organizations. Be sure to search on 95942 as the zip code to find us. Thanks!

## **New Electives Up and Going**

Spring electives began in February and the kiddos love the new line up. Some fabulous marble mazes went home the other day and we have smelled some delectable smells coming from the kitchen. The imaginative constructions made by the Creative Games folks are displayed in the office periodically. Check them out but – no touching!



## **Changeable Weather**

February brought snow and seventies. What will March bring? Be sure to think about the extremes that we experience up here when sending your students out the door in the mornings. We also accumulate a significant amount of lost and found this time of year. Don't forget to check the rack in front of the school when you visit the campus.



## **The Great Egg Drop**

Tune up your engineering skills for our annual egg drop event on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The rules will be coming home soon in your student's back packs. May your egg survive the brutal drop from our local Company 24 fire volunteer's engines.

## **Heard Around Campus**

Wall Street is calling all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders! They are jumping into the world of economics for the next five weeks. They will be learning about consumers and producers, business, and how our country earns and spends money. They will also be creating their very own businesses, complete with marketing strategies and advertising.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders had a wonderful experience at the Chico State Water Lab. Wearing official lab coats and safety goggles, students learned about evaporation, density, water conservation, and more. This field trip was the kick-off for our Scientist of the Day presentations. During these presentations students will prepare an experiment and demonstrate a scientific concept for the whole class. The classes are also putting the final touches on their crowdad investigation presentations for the Chico Science Fair this month. Be sure to visit our exhibit.

The fifth and sixth grade students are focused on science and math. Working with partners and in small groups, they are creating projects for the Chico Science Fair. A visual math project is taking place in class as well, using personal information and math skills to create Math About Me posters. Look for these creations to come home soon.