

Forest Ranch Charter School

March 2012



March 2 – Dr. Seuss Day
March 2 – PTP meeting at 2:45PM
March 6 – Fourth Grade State Writing Test
March 8 – FRCS Board Meeting at 6PM
March 9 – Electives Day
March 13 – PTP meeting at 4:00PM
(137 Sterling Oak Drive in Chico)
March 16 – Assembly at 8:30AM
March 19 to March 23 – Spring Break, No School
<http://www.chicorec.com/After-School-EnrichmentCamps/Camps/index.html>
CARD spring camp information
March 25 – Kite Day at Community Park from
12:00 to 4:00 (Sunday)
March 30 – Electives Day
March 30 – Look Alike Spirit Day
April 3 – PTP meeting at 2:45PM
April 4 – Young Author's Day
April 5 – Egg Drop Day
April 6 – Staff Development Day, No School
ENJOY YOUR FOUR DAY WEEKEND
April 9 – Travel Day, No School

Director's Report

Today is Dr. Seuss Day, one of my favorite days of the year. My friend, the Cat in the Hat, comes to visit and we have fun celebrating rhyming, Seussims, and storybooks in general.

The Chico Science Fair is scheduled for April 2nd through April 5th this year. Registration closes Friday March 16th. For applications online please visit <http://www.ecst.csuchico.edu/csf/>. For a paper application, please contact the office or have your student ask their teacher. We have seen some pretty great projects around here in the past and would love to see some again this year. Ask great questions and use your imagination.

On a more serious note, we are setting up a Hiring Committee for the very important job of bringing another teacher on board. In keeping with our long term growth plan, we will be rolling into two third/fourth grade classes next year. Mrs. Matoes will be teaching one of these classes and the new hire will teach the other. They will work closely together as Mrs. Bodney and Mrs. Stearns have done this year for first and second grade. If you are interested in being on the Hiring Committee, please submit a Letter of Interest outlining your qualifications and why you would like to participate. This committee requires a high degree of time and commitment. Please call if you have any questions or comments.

Hiring is an exciting but challenging process. We are very committed to professionally following fair hiring practices and making the best choices for our students. If you have ideas, input, or would like to provide a reference for any of the applicants, please submit it to the front office in writing. We are very interested in everyone's input, but would like to maintain a healthy and professional work place for all.

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LifeSkill Heroes

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

Kindergarten – Kaleb A, Liberty M
1st/2nd (Bodney) – Avari A, Niya P
1st/2nd (Stearns) – Jamie F, Ashton B
3rd/4th – Knox H, Kayla C
5th/6th – Stephanie B, Mackenzi W

Student Council News

March Spirit Day - The Spirit Day for March will be Look-a-Like Day. On Friday March 30th come to school dressed just like your friend for some double fun.

Jump-Rope-for-Heart-a-Thon - Wow, did we ever have some elevated heart rates for our Cardio Faire. Sarah S and Hailey F did 570 jumps each in the Jump-Rope-a-Thon – great work girls. Thanks to the many parent and community volunteers we had a tasty time with homemade smoothies, having our own Olympics and learning about fitness while raising \$548 for the American Heart Association.

Rummage Sale Success

In PTP news, our super-parents have been hard at work once again. They managed to fill the old Moss Lumber building (thank you Golden West Homes of Chico for the use of the space) with rummage donations, then they spent their three-day weekend bartering for best prices and cash donations, raising over \$6000 to support our school. What a fantastic group! We really appreciate all the rummage donations from community members and families in support of the sale. Thank you PTP for all your hard work once again.

Re-Enrollment and Satisfaction Survey

As part of our re-enrollment form this year we did a very short satisfaction survey – one question only. Sixty-nine of you responded and we are happy to say that 80% of respondents were very satisfied and 20% were satisfied. It is such a privilege to work with your children and know that families are pleased with the job we are doing. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Local History Opportunity

Local historians Marty Leicester and Dave Nopel have written a book called The Humboldt Wagon Road. The name gives this away, it is a book about the Humboldt Wagon Road which our modern Highway 32 roughly follows as it travels from Chico through Forest Ranch. Come learn more about it and get a signed copy of the book at the Forest Ranch Community Center on March 7th at 7PM. Refreshments hosted by the Forest Ranch Women's Club (yummy).

Election Time Again

In May, it will be time once again to elect members for the FRCS Board. We have one Community Member and one Parent Representative position that will be up for election. The Board meets monthly and is a fascinating way to get those volunteer hours behind you. For more information on the duties of Board members please visit our Board of Directors page on our website at <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/board-of-directors.html>. To express your interest in running for a position on the Board please complete the Statement of Interest form on the web page and turn it in to Terry in the office. We want to see your name on that ballot.

Woodstock's Fundraiser a Success

Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed pizza and music with us at Woodstock's last month. How about that great band – thank you to FRCS alum Garrett Davidson and his friend Elliot for keeping us entertained with some great oldies. And a big thanks to the rugby team for having their parent meeting that night and helping us with get that total sales up there – we raised \$253 that night and had a great time doing it.

Heard Around Campus

Kindergarteners are moving on to the continent of Asia. We will be comparing and contrasting cultures, learning about different habitats and animals such as panda bears and tigers. Our math unit on measurement will begin with a look at Mount Everest.

First and second grades are doing geology. Ask your student what they know about the earth, erosion, rocks, minerals, soil and crystals. Students are creating "Rock-Star Gathering Journals", combining art and science. We even have pet rocks. What is the name of yours?

The third and fourth graders, inspired by Dr. Seuss's "If I Ran the Zoo", are creating their own imaginative and imaginary animals. Physical geometry has this active group moving in new and exciting ways. Sutter's Fort was fantastic! Thanks to our helpers.

The fifth/sixth graders have left Egypt for Ancient Greece: Chaire! We are working in poleis, we have Greek names, polis banners, and are competing in an ancient Greece simulation. Student poets recently finished beautiful books of poetry, inspired by authors such as Robert Frost, William Carlos Williams, and Walter Dean Myers.

Send Them with Thinking Caps

Tuesday March 6th is the date for the fourth grade state standards writing testing. Please make sure your fourth graders get plenty of rest Monday night and a great breakfast Tuesday morning. They will want to show their Fox Pride by doing their best work!

Science Fair Deadline Approaching

We have some of the most science-minded students around. Let them shine at the upcoming Chico Science Fair. The registration deadline is March 16th. The fair will be held at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds between April 2 and April 5. For registration visit <http://www.ecst.csuchico.edu/csf/> or get an application from the school.

Attendance Race is Heating Up

Ms. Jimmerson's class is still catching up with Ms. Matoes. It is going to be a really tight race to the finish. Stay tuned! See chart below.

