

# Forest Ranch Charter School

## May 2012



May 2 – Hands on Science Lab Field Trip, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>

May 4 – Assembly at 8:30AM

May 4 – Jog-A-Thon

May 4 – PTP Meeting at 2:45

May 10 – Board Meeting at 6PM

May 11 – Electives Day

May 15 – PTP Meeting at 2:45

May 18 – Assembly at 8:30AM

May 18, 19 – Spring Musical

May 24 – Open House and Spring Concert

May 25 – Electives Day

May 25 – Skittles Spirit Day

May 28 – Memorial Day Holiday, No School

May 29 – PTP Meeting at 2:45

June 2, 3 – MUSIC FESTIVAL

June 8 – Last Day of School, Half Day

### Director's Report

Spring is finally here. We are all enjoying the nice weather at school and looking forward to a spring full of sports, music, learning, and fun. Students will participate later this week in the Jog-A-Thon and are really enjoying the new afterschool sports program. We are actively preparing for the Spring Concert and Musical. Encourage your students to keep practicing!

Star Testing is again upon us. Students in grades 2-6 will participate in mandatory state testing over the next three weeks. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before and eats a protein rich breakfast. Children will be provided with snacks and one piece of gum to chew during testing. This treat helps them to focus and is also a novelty, as gum is not usually allowed at school. Please let us know if you do not want your child to have sugar free gum (or would like to provide a natural alternative).

May is our most action packed month. We work hard to end the year with enthusiasm and continued personal best. Please help keep your child motivated as we end the year by talking about and supporting what they are learning in school. Please join us for as many of our end of the year events as possible. We enjoy having parents to join in our learning and applaud their student's efforts!

We will work towards the LifeSkill of Perseverance in May. This is very important at this time of the year; following through on end of the year projects and assignments, completing prior assignments, giving that extra push to put your grades and goals where you want them to be. All of these require perseverance to keep striving for your Personal Best. Please help your children persevere in all their end of the year endeavors.

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## LifeSkill Heroes

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

Kindergarten – Paige P, Jesse H  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> (Bodney) – Sierra H, Abigail B  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> (Stearns) – McKenna L, Trinity M  
3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> – Emma A, Jonah T  
5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> – Krysta C, Kaleb B

## Student Council News

**May Spirit Day** - The Spirit Day for May is Skittles Day. Come to school on May 25<sup>th</sup> wearing your classroom color to see who has the most spirited class.

**Jog-A-Thon** – May 4<sup>th</sup> is the date for the first FRCS Jog-A-Thon. Student council is looking for volunteers to help with this event. Be sure to get those pledges signed up and bring your pledge sheet to class.

## Congrats!

Congratulations to our Science Fair winners Sydney H, Kalisa B, Krysta C, Shariann H, Nichole W, Gracie M, Noelle J, Jada D, Taylor M, Mackenzi W, Ivy C, and Dixie T. They created some fascinating projects and had fun exploring science. Nice job!

## Camp Fire Wood Fundraiser

Have you noticed the pile of split pine in our parking lot? One of our wonderful families donated logs and several community volunteers got together to cut and split the wood. The PTP is selling camp wood on the honor system. Please help yourselves to camp wood; Terry in the office will be happy to receive your donation in exchange.

## FRCS Board Election in May

We have one Parent Representative Board position (a three year position) currently up for election. The election will be held in May and the position will be effective as of June 2012. Look for ballots coming home soon!

## Spring Musical

The 2012 Spring Musical, The Jungle Book, will be presented at the Forest Ranch Community Center on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The Saturday afternoon performance is from 3:00-4:00. The Friday and Saturday night performances are from 7:00-8:00. 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 fundraising for Bidwell Mansion.

## Consumer Confidence Report

FRCS is a small public water system operator. This means that we have a well that serves more than a residence. To comply with the water well regulations we provide an annual analysis of water quality to our customers (families). To view this report please visit <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/facility-information.html> or request a paper copy from the office.

## Music Festival Update

Raffle tickets are now available for sale in the FRCS office. If you want to buy yours early, here is your chance. Last year we actually ran out of these popular items. You do not have to be present to win. Check out the great prizes and fun event schedule at <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/music-festival.html>. Hope to see you here on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>!

## Path of Success

Greetings FRCS families from your PTP! Please see the attached flier regarding the Path of Success outdoor learning center being built on campus. It is an exciting project that is the beginning of a whole school garden and orchard to be enjoyed for years to come! The Path of Success will be installed in June, just after the end of the school year. Please forward this attachment to grandparents, extended family members or friends who might be interested in supporting the Path of Success. Thank you!

### The Forest Ranch Summer Experience

Come be a part of the Forest Ranch Summer School Experience! We are offering a fun and engaging exercise for the mind and body. 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 check our website soon or contact the office for sign ups.

### Heard Around Campus

Kindergarteners will be learning about the butterfly life cycle. Expanding upon the butterfly theme, they will also explore the concept of symmetry in nature. Coins and money concepts will be introduced through music this month.

First and second graders just got their parts for our musical, "Life Cycles." They will be rehearsing for a performance later this month. They are exploring plant and animal life cycles by planting their own seeds and watching chrysalides transform caterpillars into butterflies.

The third and fourth graders are working on a play about the gold rush called "Gold Dust or Bust." Students are creating backdrops and props as well as writing some additional lines for the songs. Look for this play at an upcoming assembly. Earth science will kick off with a field trip to Chico State's Hands on Lab to study rocks and minerals. Please let us know if you have anything you can share with us on this subject.

The fifth/sixth graders are back from Shady Creek armed with S. C. A. T. songs and lots of memories. The Greek Olympics are coming up soon and will include events such as javelin (pitching pencils), wrestling (thumb wars), and the discus (tortilla toss). The culminating Greek project presentations will include a costume fashion show, coins, pottery, and mapping of historical sites.

### Attendance Race Almost Over

Ms. Jimmerson's class continues to creep up on Ms. Matoes' class. Every day counts! It is a really tight race. See chart below.

