

Forest Ranch Charter School

May 2016



May 2 thru 6 – Shady Creek field trip (DJ)
May 3 – Basketball begins in after school sports
May 6 – Assembly at 8:30AM
May 6 – Sock Hop - **cancelled**
May 10 – PTP Meeting, 3PM
May 13 – Electives Day
May 17 – FRCS Board Meeting, 5PM
May 19 – Open House and Spring Concert
May 21 – PTP Spaghetti/Bingo Night, 6PM
May 24 – Middle School Meeting, 6:30PM
May 25, 26 – Monterey Field Trip (7th/8th)
May 26 – Shasta Caverns field trip (3rd/4th)
May 27 – Electives Day
May 27 – Farewell Dance
May 30 – No School, Memorial Day
June 2 – Last Day of School, Release at Noon
June 4 – Mountain Music Festival
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER BREAK
August 22 – First Day of School – 2016/17

From the Director

Dear Forest Ranch Charter Families,

I feel fortunate to have joined 5th grade students at Age of Sail and am currently at Shady Creek with our 6th grade students. I am very proud of how the students are rising up and supporting each other. These overnight field trips are amazing experiences that provide valuable learning experiences and hopefully lifelong memories.

On another note, we just finished our spring musical, Alice in Wonderland. The show was a big success! Performing Arts staff and students worked very hard to pull off a large production with limited practices opportunities. If you missed the show we will be putting on a modified school performance next week. Please feel free to come and join the wacky fun in Wonderland.

Although spring brings engaging field trip and learning opportunities it is also a time where students get a bit restless and start to feel ready for a break from each other. In the last few weeks social conflict has been on the rise. We are working very hard to remind students of our school theme, Find Your Way; Impact Today, in relation to social challenges. Town Hall meetings are being held in class and kindness is being emphasized across campus. Please help us by talking through social choices, emphasizing personal accountability, and working on social skills at home with your student. We appreciate tip offs as needed for building a safe, healthy social climate on campus. Please e-mail or call me if your child brings home information we need to know. It takes a team to keep campus healthy and happy!

Thank you,
Christia Marasco

LifeSkill Heroes

The following students were recognized for their outstanding use of LifeSkills:



Charlie S, Noah A, Cason P, Adam H,
Ashley S, Jacob S, Kayin M, Jackson
R, Gwen H, Forrest F, Anthony J,
Daniel H, Jaxson L, Lucy B,
Charlie D, Sabrina H.

Great Job! You folks are super stars!

Student Government News

Farewell Dance – The last middle school dance of the school year, The Farewell Dance is scheduled for Friday, May 27th. Save the date and look for more information coming soon on this great evening event.

Jump and Jog a Thon Results – Thanks to all of our families and active students, we raised over \$1,000 during this event. The honor for most money raised by a family goes to Landon and Helena C. Running winners for K-3 are Isaac S and Jared H. Running winners for 4-8 are Lucas F and Forrest F. Best jumpers were Siena B and Lilly N.



Open House / Spring Concert

Please join us for a great evening on May 19th. Open House begins at 5:30 and the Spring Concert begins at 7:00. This end of year celebration is always an enjoyable way to wind up the year. See you there.

Community News

Community Recycling Day – Bring your recyclables to downtown Forest Ranch on Saturday, May 21st from 9AM to 11AM. Funds received support the Lions Club community projects.

Meals from the Heart – Come to the Forest Ranch Community Center on Friday, May 27th for Meals from the Heart dinner. Event from 5:30 to 7PM.

Help Wanted

Bus Driver/Transportation Manager – We are considering bringing our transportation services in-house IF we can find the right person to manage the transportation program and drive the bus. Please visit our employment page at <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/employment-volunteering.html> for a complete job description.

Cafeteria Manager – CUSD is hoping that we can help them staff the Cafeteria Manager position next year. Ideally, we would find two folks to share this position or one person to be primary and one to be a backup. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping us feed our kids, please visit our employment page <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/employment-volunteering.html> for a complete job description.

FRCS School Board Needs Members

Forest Ranch Charter School is seeking candidates for the FRCS School Board. Support your local charter school with your enthusiasm. We have open positions starting in June for both Parent and Community Representatives. For a Statement of Interest form, visit <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/board-of-directors.html> or stop in at the school office. We need your ideas and support! Forms are due to the school no later than May 16th.

Adventures in Electricity



Students made simple, series, and parallel electrical circuits using both conductive and insulating Squishy Circuit dough. When successfully done, the light bulbs gave them instant gratification.

After School Sports

Last chance this year for after school sports. Join us for basketball on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning May 3 and ending May 19. For more information, visit <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/after-school-sports.html>.

Water Quality on Campus

Our campus drinking water supply comes from a well located on our campus. The quality of this water is highly monitored. We have a water system operator who takes monthly samples and issues a Consumer Confidence Report regarding the quality and constituents of our water annually. If you are interested in reading this report, please visit our facilities page on our website at <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/facilityinformation.html>.

Last Day of School Schedule

Good news – the Boys and Girls Club will be open at noon on the last day of school this year. That means we will be able to drop off students after school that day. The bus will leave FRCS at 12:15 on Thursday, June 2nd, arriving at La Castana at 12:30, Marsh at 12:40, and Boys and Girls Club at 12:50. Explorer's Club (after school care) will not be available on the last day of school.

Heard About Campus

Mrs. Palmarini's kindergarteners and Mrs. Copp's third and fourth graders teamed up to learn about monarch butterflies! Kindergarteners had a lesson about the butterflies, their amazing migration and the drop in their population. Kindergarteners were then asked to think of one research question about the monarchs that they'd like to find the answer to. Third and fourth graders were then each assigned one of the kindergartener's questions to find resources for to help guide the kindergarteners to the answers. Students partnered up, third and fourth graders showed and read to the kindergarteners from different sources until kindergarteners could answer their questions. They all had a fun time becoming monarch experts! Their questions and answers, along with some beautiful illustrations, will appear in the May edition of the Forest Ranch Post. The next phase of this project is to plant some milkweed at Forest Ranch Charter School. Look for pictures of students planting some future monarch habitat and making a difference in the June edition of the Forest Ranch Post!



It's the circle of life for the 1st and 2nd graders! We had a great field trip to the Sacramento Zoo to kick off our last unit of the year on life cycles. We will be learning about the different life cycles of plants, animals hatched from eggs like chickens and the metamorphosis of frogs and butterflies. We will finish our unit with a research project on an animal they chose from the Sacramento Zoo.



Students in 3rd and 4th grade have been researching Changes over Time, an NGSS cross-cutting concept. They have looked at technology and objects and, through interviews and research, have observed ways some technologies and objects have evolved. They have also predicted how these items may continue to change in the future. Students just completed personal narratives in preparation to create a fictional narrative for a hard covered book. Dissection of owl pellets wraps-up our literature study of There's An Owl in the Shower. Students will attempt to identify and piece together complete skeletons from the owl's most recent meal. At the end of May, we will be exploring underground as we learn about stalactites, stalagmites, and bats at Shasta Caverns.

The Fifth Grade class continues to move forward. As we continue our exploration of our country's history and its' impact on the world we have also begun exploring our world's place in the universe as a whole. We have begun studying astronomy. If the weather cooperates expect to see children looking at the heavens above trying to find constellations and learning just how big our world, and our universe is.



The name of the game for May for Mrs. DJ's 6th grade is Shady Creek Environmental Camp! We are heading to camp for a week and will come back as naturalists who are stewards of their outdoor environment and Mother Earth. When we return, we will experience the rich text of *The Secret Garden* and of *Tom Sawyer* as we dive into the classics to end our year. Ancient China will become lost in time when we move to Ancient Rome later this month.

In 7th and 8th grades, we are rapidly wrapping up our year at FRCS, completing our year-long research projects in various areas of interest. Many students are finishing the classic Tom Sawyer. Please remember that we will be taking our end of the year trip to Monterey Bay Aquarium. This is an overnight trip. We would appreciate having parent volunteers/chaperones volunteer for the trip as soon as possible. The eighth grade have almost completed their math curriculum for the year. They are currently working on end of the year math projects. Seventh graders are in the last chapter of the textbook as well. They are studying circumference, diameter, and the concept of pi. Social studies is going to war, the Civil War to be exact. The students are also reading one of two historical fiction novels that represent the era. Seventh grade students have physical fitness testing coming soon and the eighth graders are also participating to support them. Don't forget to do something nice for your mother on Sunday!

