

# Forest Ranch Charter School

## October 2012



October 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> field trip, Laxson Auditorium  
October 4 – Flower Power orders due to school  
October 5 – Assembly at 8:30AM  
October 8 – Picture Day, look your best!  
October 9 – PTP Meeting at Round Table, 6PM  
October 11 – Family Literacy Night  
October 12 – STAFF DAY, No School  
October 13, 14 – Children’s Fair in Chico  
October 13, 14 – Oktoberfest in downtown FR  
October 17 – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> field trip, Gateway Museum  
October 19 – Elective Day  
October 20 – Full Moon Festival  
October 26 – Assembly at 8:30AM  
October 30 – PBS Meeting at 3PM  
October 31 – Halloween Parade  
November 2 – Elective Day  
November 6 – PTP Meeting at Round Table, 6PM  
November 9 – Assembly at 8:30AM  
November 9 – BIG EVENT at the BIG ROOM

### Director’s Report

Dear Forest Ranch Charter Families,

It was nice to see so many of you at Back to School Night. We are jumping right into the school year beginning with organizing Student Council, the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Anti-Bullying Committee and scheduling Parent Nights. The Anti-Bullying Committee will be further supported with specific parent meetings throughout the year to discuss friendships, bullying issues, social media, Jr. High placement and other issues pertaining to parents of our older students. Our first Parent Night will be held on Tuesday October 23 at 7:00 PM and will last approximately one hour. Please let us know if you can attend.

We are actively working on campus to reinforce student development of positive social skills and friendships. Families can support this by discussing social situations with your child/children at home and helping them practice healthy social skills. If your child is struggling or reports being fearful of others at school please contact us so that we can lend additional support on campus. Often having play dates outside of school can help students make friends and practice skills, they need to be successful, in a less intimidating setting. When children are involved in smaller, positive social settings and have time to practice (with support) they gain greater social skills that can translate into healthy relationships on campus. My goal this year is to work closely with families to help all of our students achieve greater social success! Students with friends are happier and more able to focus on learning.

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

Kindergarten – Siena B and Helena C  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> – Sabrina H and Sierra H  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> – Ariana C and Fred S  
3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> – Sara W and Diego B  
5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> – Jonah T and Krysta C

## Student Council News

After some vigorous campaigning and several eloquent speeches, we have a new student council seated. Officers are Shariann H, President; Elisia T, Vice President; Elisia T, Secretary; Avia B, Treasurer; Kalisa B, Community Liaison; Sofie B and Hailey F, Activity Directors; Kayla C, Publicity Director; and Zane A, Sports Director. Their first order of business is deciding on the Spirit Days and campus improvements.



## After School Sports Fun

Monday October 1 is the first day of our Soccer rotation in after school sports. Don't miss out on the fun and teamwork as we learn and play together. For a signup sheet, contact Terry in the office or visit <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/after-school-sports.html>.

## Attendance is Key

We all know that going to school is important. Most parents value education. Consistent attendance is so important the State of California is working on including attendance as a factor in the API scoring of schools. It increases achievement and self-confidence, teaches responsibility, and maximizes school funding. Education funding keeps going down, but we can increase our funding by increasing our attendance. Not everyone realizes that the school is not paid for absences of any kind, excused or unexcused. Of course, if your child is seriously ill or has a fever we appreciate having them kept at home. Otherwise, please prove the value of our school and education by bringing rested, ready learners to school each day.

## Seeing Red

Folks have really been noticing our lovely new red curbs. In conjunction with our portables construction project we also had to repaint our parking lot and update our handicap accessibility. Remember - it is okay to park in the red zone if you are in your car waiting for your student. It is against the law to leave your car unattended in the red zone. We occasionally have the fire marshal visit as well as our local sheriff deputy. Don't be the first to leave your car in the red zone and get a ticket!

## **The BIG EVENT at the BIG ROOM Dinner/Auction Fundraiser**

Friday November 9 is the date for the BIG EVENT of the year. Forest Ranch Charter School and the Forest Ranch Fire Safe Council are hosting a dinner/auction at the Sierra Nevada Big Room. There will be live and silent auctions, beer tasting, wine sampling, great food and dancing to live music by both the Higgy Lerner Jazz Band and the Rippin' Fifts.

Tickets for this fabulous night of BIG FUN may be purchased in the school office, at Trailhead Adventures in Paradise, at The Store in Forest Ranch, at Diamond W Western Wear in Chico, or on our website. Come join us for a grown-up night.

### **Community News**

**Oktoberfest** – Saturday October 13 between 10AM and 4PM downtown Forest Ranch is having an Oktoberfest celebration. The PTP will be selling amazing burritos (yummy!) to raise funds for the school. Come on by.

**National Yo-Yo Contest** – (Saturday October 6 at 9AM) Are you ready to *Throwdown, Boingy Boing and Breakaway?* These are just a few of the tricks that you will see at this years National Yo-Yo contest in downtown Chico. There will be five championship divisions, including recreational level for intermediate players and National A and National AA levels for the best players in the country.

### **PTP News**

**Round Table Meetings** – The Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP) is an integral part of the FRCS experience. They support our student and staff in myriad ways. To encourage more participation and membership, they have scheduled their

upcoming meeting to be held at the Almond Orchard Round Table on Pillsbury Road. The October 9 meeting is at 6PM – bring your appetite, kids and ideas and join us for pizza and planning.

**Baked Goods Needed** – The PTP is looking for donations of baked goods for two events, Oktoberfest and the Full Moon Festival. Oktoberfest is in downtown Forest Ranch on Saturday October 13. The Full Moon Festival will be at school the evening of October 20.

**Full Moon Festival** – Saturday October 20, starting at 5PM, the ghosts and goblins will come out at our Halloween-style celebration. There will be games, food and a spooky haunted house. Don't miss this one.



### **Heard Around Campus**

Kindergarteners are leaving on a continental journey. Beginning with North America they will study what makes a community, exploring different jobs and roles people play. Guest speakers will visit and share about their jobs and how they contribute to our community.

First and second graders are wrapping up our geography unit by making maps with keys and compass roses and practicing using compasses. We will soon transition into our pioneer/Native American unit, focusing on the lives of children in our region's past. In

science we are learning about states of matter--solids, liquids and gases.

The third and fourth grade classes kicked off a nutrition unit by visiting the Farmer's Market. Students spoke with various vendors about their products and practiced money skills purchasing fruits and vegetables of specific colors. When we got back we had a rainbow! We learned that each color provides the various important nutrients our bodies need.



The fifth and sixth graders are field tripping. First they went on a fabulous trip to Centerville Estates to learn about the salmon run, even observing salmon spawning in their redd! Next was a hike in Bidwell Park to learn about our local Maidu tribe. We are making a codex in social studies, and learning about the solar system. Next week we will create and test our own Alka-Seltzer rockets in science lab.

## The Attendance Race

Mrs. Jimmerson, Ms. Matoes and Mrs. Bodney are in a heated competition for first place after our first month of school. Each week the winning class is very proud as they claim their extra recess time! Keep an eye on the graph below to see where your classroom stands.

## Have You Joined Us For Lunch Yet?



Lunch time at FRCS is a ton of fun. There are usually a few families that join their

students, either bringing food or enjoying the garden bar and entrees from our kitchen. The October menu came home on Friday and is posted on our website as well. The



kids have really been enjoying all the fresh fruits and vegetables from the garden bar. This month

brings burrito bowls and veggie burgers to the variety of choices provided.

