

# Forest Ranch Charter School

September 2011

## EVENTS



- September 5 – Labor Day, No School
- September 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip  
Downtown Forest Ranch
- September 8 – FRCS Board Mtg 6PM
- September 9 – Electives Begin
- September 11 – Flag Ceremony at Fire  
Station on Noel, 7:15AM
- September 16 – Assembly at 8:30AM
- September 16 – PTP mtg at 2:45PM
- September 20 – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Field Trip  
Gateway Science Museum
- September 23 – Parent Conferences  
No School
- September 25 – Love Chico comes to  
FRCS
- September 27 – PTP mtg at 2:45PM
- September 30 – Electives Today
- October 4 – Bulb Fundraiser ends
- October 4 – PTP mtg at 2:45PM
- October 5 – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> field trip to Laxson

## Director's Report

It was great seeing many of you at Back to School Night! Remember, Family Power ... You can make the difference! I am looking forward to this year. We have many exciting and interesting educational opportunities coming up. I can never stress enough, the importance of all of us pitching in to make things happen (academically and socially) for our children. It really does take a village!

I'd like to thank everyone who worked so hard over the summer to get school up and running and PTP for the wonderful meal they provided for us last night.

Our kick-off LifeSkill for September is Initiative. It ties in nicely with self reliance. Please talk with your child about what it means to take initiative. Challenge them to come up with ways they can take initiative at home and at school. Help them to track their progress. Let's encourage them to become future leaders.

I am looking for leftover construction materials (wood scraps, sand paper) for students to use to create wood sculptures at lunch. We are also looking for small cars, legos and Playmobil for play time in the classrooms and after care. If you have any of these items to donate, please bring them to the office. I will leave a box in front of the door for wood scraps. Thank you. Have a wonderful September.

Sincerely,  
Christia

## **API Remains Strong for FRCS**

We are very pleased to announce that the FRCS students who took the STAR test last spring did a great job. The scores from the STAR test are used to calculate the Academic Performance Index (API), the bar by which the state and federal governments measure the success of schools. Our API increased from 843 to 846, putting FRCS ranked fourth highest in the district. Please visit the API links on our website at <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/school-accountability-report-card-sarc.html> for more details.

## **Love Chico Comes to FRCS**

Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> is the date for Love Chico this year. Love Chico began in 2008 and is growing more successful each year. This non-denominational group of churches gathers together many volunteers and donated supplies to provide a day of community service. They will be coming to FRCS to help with several projects out on the playground and around the campus. More volunteers are needed and welcomed. For more information or to join the effort please visit [www.LoveChico.org](http://www.LoveChico.org) or email [info@lovechico.org](mailto:info@lovechico.org).

## **Band to Begin in September**

Give a great big FRCS welcome back wave to Mr. Pershing as he returns to teach band yet another year. Band is available for students in grades 3 through 6 and will be held every Friday this year beginning on September 2. Students must be enrolled in band by September 16 at the latest to participate. Instruments may be rented from various sources such as Broadway Music Center (345-4222). If your family cannot afford an instrument please contact Christia Marasco at the school as soon as possible. To enroll, simply send your child to school

on Friday (9/2, 9/9, or 9/16 at latest) with an instrument, a smile, and music in their heart.

## **Annie B's Reminder**

Thank you so much for all the Annie B's donations that arrived in August. Please remember that donations must arrive at the North Valley Community Foundation no later than September 30 to be included in the fundraising drive. So, if you have not gotten around to sending in your support for our school yet, please do it soon! Forms and more information can be found on the website at <http://www.forestranchcharter.org/annie-bs-campaign.html>.

## **Dutch Garden Fundraiser**

The PTP Bulb Fundraiser is a beautiful way to help our school. Half of all the proceeds go directly to the Parent-Teacher Partnership (PTP). The bulbs make fantastic gifts and the deer won't eat many varieties. The PTP uses the funds to help the school community in many different ways. The fundraiser will run from September 2 until October 4. Bulbs will be delivered to the school for distribution in November, just in time for fall planting. Out of town friends and relatives can order online at <http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/fin-d-organization> and have their bulbs directly shipped to them. Make sure they enter Forest Ranch Charter School as their organization so that we are properly credited. Happy selling!

## **Patriot Day**

On Sunday September 11 at 7:15AM the Forest Ranch Lions are hosting a Flag Ceremony at the Company 24 Volunteer Fire House on Nopel to remember the 9/11 attacks. The United States Air Force Honor Guard from Beale Air Force Base will participate as will a few FRCS students. We hope you will join us for this early morning memorial event.