

# Patriot Press Weekly

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## Folsom Education and Community Center

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**Be a Folsom Hero!**

## From the Staff

Learning opportunities come in all places. This week, many Folsom students had the opportunity to learn how to ski and snowboard thanks to the collaboration of our school and town. Anyone who has attended a Folsom Ski Trip will tell you, there is nothing quite as rewarding as seeing the smile on the face of child who has just successfully skied or snowboarded down the beginner slope! One chaperone and student were joking Wednesday about why the most fun activities are so scary at first. Learning any new skill can be scary at first. We have to take risks, get out of our comfort zone and be willing to make mistakes. On the beginner hill on Wednesday, that looked like falling and learning how to get up, or like turning when you were scared you might go straight down instead. Congratulations to all those beginners who took the risk to try something new!

We reached the 100th day of school, a counting achievement for our youngest students. Math, like the school year, is counting progress. Fifth-graders are conquering long division, and Ms. Perry has challenged everyone to spend time reviewing multiplication facts. Meanwhile, our oldest students are working with algebraic equations. The third grade has been spending time telling time. They have been hard at work reading analog clock times as well as adding and subtracting time on a number line. Second graders have been talking about 2D and 3D shapes and more recently have begun to strengthen their understanding of fractions and equal shares. Meanwhile, kindergarten students have been hard at work during math workshop on the concepts of addition, subtraction and one more/less. They are learning these important math skills with games called mix-it/ fix-it/ flip-it, match me, match me plus 1, match me minus 1, build five towers, play-dough numbers, and number path towers. The number corner helped them keep track of the 100th day of school by counting each day and recording each day by 1's and 10's.

In science, middle school students are busy preparing for the Science Fair. Students in fifth- through eighth-grade will share their results on Tuesday, March 13, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Folsom cafeteria. They have engaged in a swath of interesting projects generated from their ideas. In the process, they've been learning about how cells work, Newton's laws, chemical equations and more. The community is invited to come see our work!

## Upcoming Events

### February

- 19-20 "Lion King" Auditions 3pm
- 19-23 Folsom Spirit Week
- 23 End of Trimester 2
- 26-3/2 NO SCHOOL Winter Recess

### March

- 3 Town Meeting
- 6 Election Day
- 7 Ski Day
- 13 Grades 5-8 Science Fair
- 14 Ski Day

### April

- 16-20 Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC's)
- 23-27 NO SCHOOL Spring Recess
- 30- May 4 Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC's)

### May

- 4/30-5/4 Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC's)
- 15-17 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science state test
- 23-25 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science state test

## Puppets in Education Coming to Folsom for Grades K-4

Dear Folsom Families,

We are happy to share with you that Puppets in Education through the Vermont Family Network, will be visiting Folsom on Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>. Puppets in Education is dedicated to teaching children how to keep themselves safe and healthy and to appreciate each other's physical and cultural differences. PIE will be doing a presentation on **Feelings & Bullying Prevention** for our K-2 students and **Learning Differences & Bullying** with our 3-4 students. These performances feature PIE's Kids on the Block Puppets. Grades 3-4 presentation will start at 9:00am followed by grades K-2 at 10:00am. Parents are welcome to attend. More information will be going out closer to the presentation date.

If you have any questions, please call Laurie Barron, Student Support Coordinator, at (802) 372-6600 ex. 1110

## Reminder - Next Week (2/19-2/23) is Spirit Week at Folsom!

### Monday, 2/19: Patriotic Day

- Dress up in your most patriotic colors - American or Folsom!

### Tuesday, 2/20: Sports / Activities Day

- Dress up ready for your favorite activity
- Changing Perspectives Celebration! We'll enjoy activities to wrap-up our school-wide focus on empathy and kindness through the Changing Perspectives program.

### Wednesday, 2/21: Decade Day

- Dress up as someone from any decade (1950s, 1970s, Stone Age, Renaissance - Your choice!)
- Middle-Level Advisory Lunch Day

### Thursday, 2/22: Rainbow Day

- Folsom creates the colors of the rainbow. Dress in any solid color of the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, or violet)
- Book Buddies & School Rainbow Picture

### Friday, 2/23: Pajama / Comfy Clothes Day

- Dress up in your comfiest clothes.
- Annual Staff v. 8th Grade Challenge Game, 1:30 p.m.

## Grades 5-8 Ski Trip 2/14

