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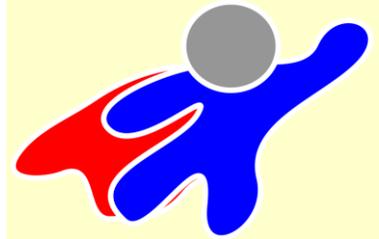
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Be a Folsom Hero!

From the Principal's Desk

It is such a privilege to be the interim principal for this wonderful school! It was great to see so many people at Town Meeting last Saturday and to experience the passion and support for the education of your children. Yesterday's vote to approve next year's budget confirms your strong commitment to this school and allows the community to focus our efforts on providing the best possible education for every student. Thank you.

Although spring is just around the corner, there is still a great deal of school left and I am committed to helping ensure that we stay focused on continuing the positive momentum that has been built this year. Our 5th-8th grade Science Fair is scheduled for next Tuesday (3/13) from 6:00-7:30. As a former science teacher I am thrilled that your students are being taught to think like scientists. Developing hypotheses and using evidence to draw conclusions are important critical thinking skills that have value across all disciplines.

Our March weather is living up to its reputation as unpredictable and slightly unpleasant. Please be safe on the roads, bundle your kids up and wait a few minutes...and the weather will change again!

Have a safe weekend and see you at the Science Fair!

Respectfully,

Matthew Brankman
Interim Principal

Upcoming Events

March

- 12 PTO Meeting 6p.m.
- 13 Grades 5-8 Science Fair 6-7:30 p.m.
- 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 8th Grade Science state test
- 23-25 5th Grade Science state test

Folsom Science Fair

Folsom middle school students present their science research at a Science Fair this Tuesday, March 13, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Folsom School. Students in 5th through 8th grade have been working all trimester on testing their own questions, and they are excited to share their work with the community. The research projects range from studying plant growth to osmosis to human behavior to how energy is created and harnessed, and even aerodynamics. Students develop their own testable questions and hypothesis, then design an experiment to collect data for the answer. In science class, they have been learning the scientific method under science teacher Ms. Samantha Cantell's guidance. In language arts, they applied their informational writing skills by researching and writing reports on the science related to their experiments. They learned how important it is to evaluate sources of information, including the credibility of the author and the date, when studying a field like science that is changing rapidly.

The science fair exhibits will be set up in the gymnasium, and students will be prepared to present their findings to the community from 6-7:30 p.m. March 13.

Open House at The Learning Adventure March 15th

The **Learning Adventure** is hosting an open house for community members interested in learning more about our programs. We invite you and your children to visit and explore our classroom while getting a feel for the culture and what makes Learning Adventure a special place. Your children may choose among a variety of experiences such as art, block building, sensory, large and fine motor activities. If you desire personal connections, educational experiences, staff longevity, individualized attention, all with a family feel then we're the place for you and your family. The open house will be held on **Thursday March 15th, from 6-7 pm.**

We will open up early registration for full day pre-k slots during this event and keep it open through April 30th, 2018. Those who register by April 30th will have the registration fee waived, and have your name added to a drawing for weeks of free tuition in September. To be eligible for the drawing, you will need to complete the registration and provide a non-refundable deposit that will be deducted from your first month's tuition. Those interested in morning pre-k and/or after school care are also invited to this event. Registration for after school care will be open May 1, 2018 and will remain open through May 31, 2018. Complete the registration process for after school care and pay a non-refundable deposit by May 31, 2018 and we will waive the registration fee. Pre-K registration will be open from June 1 until all slots have been filled. To guarantee a morning pre-k slot you will be required to complete the registration process and pay a non-refundable \$50 registration fee. Once the registration paperwork is completed and returned along with the registration fee, your space for morning pre-k will be guaranteed.

Learning Adventure is an approved partner site for Pre-K which results in reduced childcare tuition. We are a **5-STAR State-accredited program** which is recognized on a statewide level. Along with Pre-K and Full Day for 3-5 year olds we offer After School, Vacation and Summer programming for school-age children. If you are interested, please join us to register! **R.S.V.P. to 372-3930.** For more information you can find us on Facebook at LearningAdventure,Inc. Check us out! We look forward to meeting you and your family on **Thursday, March 15th from 6-7 pm!**

Request from the Resource Room

Have an old tablet kicking around that you are no longer using? The Folsom Resource Room is looking for a donation of an old or unused tablet for student use. If you have one that you are willing to repurpose, please bring in to the Folsom main office. Thank you so much!

Rabies Clinic to Be Held in South Hero

The South Hero Volunteer Fire Department will again sponsor a Rabies Clinic on Sunday, March 25th from 12-2 pm. Please bring your cats and dogs for their rabies shot. The cost of the rabies shot is \$10.00. The clinic will be held in the Fire Station in South Hero. You are also able to renew your dog license for South Hero at the Rabies Clinic. Dog licenses are due in South Hero by April 1st.