

# Patriot Press Weekly

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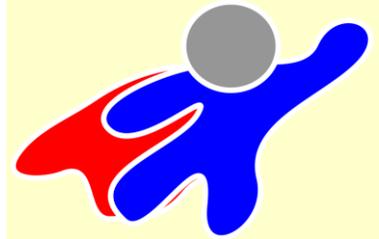
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**Be a Folsom Hero!**

## From the Principal's Desk

As a relative newcomer to this community, I didn't know what to expect from Tuesday evening's Science Fair. The importance of students having the opportunity to share their learning with a wide audience cannot be overstated but the weather was iffy so I wasn't sure how many people would attend. I was amazed by the turnout for the event and thoroughly impressed by the quality of each and every project! Each student presented their ideas and process, and had the poise to answer questions (even questions from a new interim principal who they don't know very well).

This amazing learning shows us what is possible when students, staff and community work together and support each other. It was great to meet a few more people and watch our students shine!

With any luck, the snow will be melted sometime before April vacation! In the meantime, please enjoy it, stay warm and safe, and have a great weekend!

Respectfully,

Matthew Brankman  
Interim Principal

## Upcoming Events

### March

- 20 YOGI Little League registration 6pm
- 30 In-Service **No School**

### April

- 13 PTO's Special Person Dance
- 18-19 County Music Festival
- 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)
- 4-5 District Music Festival
- 11-12 The Lion King performances
- 15-17 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science state test
- 23-25 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science state test
- 28 Memorial Day **No School**

### **Folsom Science Fair**

The Middle School Second Annual Science Fair was held on Tuesday, March 13th. The projects were simply amazing. Students in grades 5 through 8 spent the afternoon teaching the Kindergarten through 4th graders about their scientific journey this trimester. From osmosis in gummy bears to motor sizes in backyard rockets, we had a project for every interest. Many 4th graders left the Science Fair already brainstorming what their testable question will be for next year. In the evening the students presented their hard work to their parents, families and friends. Community members and school board members also came to support our students. Thank you to everyone who came out to see our projects earlier this week, the students are very proud of the work they have done this trimester. Thank you, families, for all the support with the Middle School Science Fair, we could not have done it without you!

Please check out the photos from this awesome event on the Folsom Facebook page!

### **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!

### **Author Doug Wilhelm to Visit Folsom**

Folsom has another awesome event coming up on March 29<sup>th</sup>. We are fortunate to have an author visiting Folsom: Doug Wilhelm, author of *The Revealers*, a middle school book that deals with adolescent issues of bullying and self-esteem, will spend the day at our school. Middle school students have read the book for Language Arts and are now well prepared to chat with the author. He will talk about how the book came to be, general work as a writer, followed by a question and answer session. He will also spend time in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms discussing his books with the younger audiences. Parents are welcome to join any classroom sessions. More information about the specific schedule will follow.

### **Grades 3 & 4 "Electric" Field Trip**

After returning from an eventful and restful February break, the third and fourth grade team went on an exhilarating field trip to expand their knowledge of electricity! We've been spending lots of time learning all about how circuits work, where our power comes from, and how exactly it gets to our homes. We ventured out to the Burlington Electric McNeil Power Plant where they generate power by burning wood sustainably grown or donated by the community. We also made our way to the Winooski One Hydro Dam where we were able to see how their turbines and generators work to generate power using a clean, renewable energy source. We rounded out our trip with a team bonding trip to the Leddy Park skating rink where we had a rink all to ourselves! What a great trip! Next, we'll be more closely studying the negative impacts of fossil fuels on our environment and what future leaders need to do to help keep our planet cleaner for generations to come.

### **Save the Date!**

On Friday, April 13, the PTO will be sponsoring a "Special Person" Dance from 6:30-8pm. The concept is that students invite any special person in their life. Admission is free, more details to follow!

### **Rabies Clinic to Be Held in South Hero**

The South Hero Volunteer Fire Department will again sponsor a Rabies Clinic on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.