

# Patriot Press Weekly

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## Folsom Education and Community Center

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## From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the first issue of the weekly Patriot Press for the new year! We have had a wonderful start to the 18-19 year! It has been fun to reconnect and to see the students so happy to be back with their friends and teachers. We have several new staff members to welcome to our Folsom family, including: Shannon Jankowski, Special Educator; and Paraprofessionals Tory Barbagallo and Renee Mills. And, speaking personally, I am very excited to be back to work at Folsom after my medical leave last winter/spring. Thank you all for such a warm welcome and for all of the positive messages and vibes that have lifted my spirits in recent months. I am looking forward to an outstanding school year, filled with learning, laughter, and challenges that make us all grow.

Many thanks to our amazing PTO for the Ice Cream Social on August 27th. What a great way to kick off the school year!

This newsletter is one of the many ways we share information with Folsom families, as well as the wider community. You may choose to receive the Patriot Press in paper form, access it on our school Facebook page or the school website, or in the weekly *Islander* newspaper.

Not only is our school Facebook page a great resource for the latest info about what's happening at Folsom it is also the best place to see lots of pictures or video clips of our students at work or play at school - which is great for sharing with family and friends near and far. We also use Facebook to post school closings or other reminders and announcements that can be very useful to busy parents. When you "Like" our page, you will instantly be updated whenever we post anything. Check it out at: [Facebook.com/FolsomECC](http://Facebook.com/FolsomECC)

This year we have a newly updated school web page at [www.gofolsom.org](http://www.gofolsom.org). This information resource includes the district calendar, lunch menu, PTO information, school board agendas and minutes, our sports schedules, and a link to the South Hero Library website.

Our email addresses have changed! This year, the entire GISU has switched over to Google. Every staff member has an email address that is their first initial and last name, followed by gisu.org. For example: my email is [smckelvie@gisu.org](mailto:smckelvie@gisu.org). Emails to our old email addresses will be forwarded to the new addresses until the end of October.

Speaking of ways to contact us, it is CRITICAL that we can contact you. Please make sure to regularly empty your voicemail and keep us updated if your contact information has changed. If there is an emergency or your child is sick or injured, we need to be able to reach you. The most frequent reasons we cannot reach parents is because voicemail boxes are full (or not set up) or a phone number is not current. Thank you!

## Upcoming Events

### September

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| 11&12 | 5-8 Camping Trip |
| 19    | Open house 6-7pm |
| 20    | School Board 6pm |
| 25    | Picture Day      |