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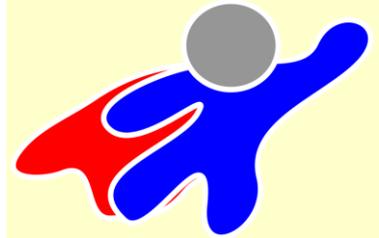
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Be a Folsom Hero!

From the Principal's Desk

Our annual Open House is coming up this next week, Wednesday the 19th, from 6-7 p.m. This is an informal evening where you are encouraged to wander the building and see all of the learning spaces that are a part of your child's day - from classrooms to specials rooms. All teachers will be happy to meet you and talk about their programming for the year. Please note, this is not an evening for formal conversations about your child. If you need to set up a time to meet with any of your child's teachers for a private conversation, they will be happy to schedule that meeting with you for another time. At 7 p.m., Moretti from RiseVT will join us in the gym to share his work with us for the year, and maybe get us all moving and laughing! Mark your calendar and join the fun!

Thank you to Mr. Brankman for standing in this week while Ms. McKelvie was out! It was great to see you and welcome you back to our Folsom family!

Unfortunately, there was some confusion last week around our school Nut Policy. This long-standing policy has not changed. We remain a "No-Nut School". We are committed to ensuring the safety of all of our students here at Folsom. Our lunch program has been, and will continue to be nut free. However, staff cannot oversee what each individual child brings from home for snacks or lunch, so we ask for your help in keeping all children safe by making sure no food products containing nuts are sent in with your child. Some products are obvious, some not so much. Please check labels on products like granola or fruit bars, cereal snacks, or even yogurt with granola and help us to keep every child in our school safe and healthy. This applies to both elementary and middle school students. Thank you!

Have a wonderful final-weekend-of-summer with your children!

Upcoming Events

September

- 19 Open house 6-7pm
- 20 School Board 6pm
- 25 Picture Day

October

- 19 NO SCHOOL Inservice



Did you know that Folsom collects Box Tops? This is an easy fundraiser you can participate in by simply cutting the Box Tops from products you already use and sending them in to the office. There is an envelope by the front office window where you can deposit them or send them in with your child!

From the PTO

If you want to buy Folsom Wear, we still have a store at this web site:
<https://apparelnow.com/folsom-school-pto-apparel>. Feel free to order items for your family and have them sent to your house!!

Over the summer, the PTO received a \$200 gift from the Congregational Church in South Hero! We thank them for their community generosity! With that \$200, Ms. Kauffeld purchased an euphonium (a 4 valved tenor member of the brass family in the key of Bb) with a case at a used musical instrument sale.

Additional beginning of the year purchases include 4 new jellyfish chairs for the second grade classroom and the soccer jerseys that are needed for our middle school team!

Stay tuned for the 1st PTO meeting of the year! We'd love to have you become a part of the team, whether it's on 1 or 2 events, the whole year, or anything in between! Ideas and participation are always welcome! If you have questions, feel free to ask Helen Bishop at school. (hbishop@gisu.org)

Music Notes from Ms. Kauffeld

Hello Folsom Families! It's great to be back and BUSY in the music room. Next week we will move to a revised 5th-8th grade schedule and here's what the band and chorus program will look like:

Monday 11-11:45 5/6 Band

Tuesday: 7:45-8:15 5-8 Chorus

Wednesday 7:25-7:55 Raz MaTazz AND 10:15-11 7/8 Band

Friday 7:25-7:55 Raz MaTazz AND 11-11:45 5-8 Chorus

This year in 5/6 Band, 7/8 Band, and 5-8 Chorus students are assigned a weekly recording project. It is assigned on the day their ensemble meets (Friday for Chorus) and is due a week from then. Students will likely need to use their chromebooks for this work unless they have another device at home. These recordings will be turned in weekly on Google Classroom and will be listened to by me (not other students!) and I will give feedback on each recording. Thank you for your support of this effort to have students practicing at home. Let me know if you have any questions. kkauffeld@gisu.org