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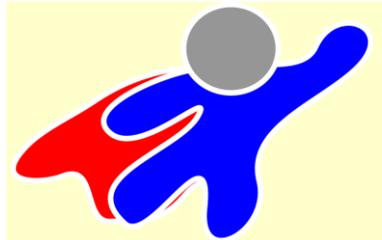
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Be a Folsom Hero!

From the Principal's Desk

Despite a beautiful week of summery weather, the calendar tells us that autumn will soon be upon us. We've certainly felt fortunate to continue to enjoy sunshine and warmth on the playground as the leaves start to change!

We appreciate your patience as we work out the bugs for sending out our new weekly Patriot Press via email. Technology doesn't always make life easier! While we are also posting the newsletter on our new school Facebook page, we are having some challenges creating a posting on Front Porch Forum. We'll get there. In the meantime, please "Like" our Facebook page as the quickest and easiest way to access current school information and pictures, at www.Facebook.com/FolsomECC

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Open House event this past Wednesday. Feedback from a few folks was that starting earlier (5-5:30) and therefore ending earlier might be better in the future. If you have thoughts about this, please let us know. We're all about figuring out what works best for all.

Have an awesome weekend enjoying your amazing children!

Susan McKelvie, Principal

Upcoming Events

September

- 21 School Board 6pm
- 26 Picture Day

October

- 4 National Walk to School Day
- 9 NO SCHOOL Indigenous Peoples Day
- 14 Spaghetti Dinner
- 19 NO SCHOOL In-service
- 22 1pm Crop Walk

November

- 3 NO SCHOOL/Parent Teacher Conferences
- 17 End of Trimester 1
- 20-24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving recess

December

- 22-1/1 NO SCHOOL Holiday recess

Do you know who to contact if you have concerns regarding your child here at school?

There is a straightforward process that can be super helpful no matter what your concern might be. (1) First, contact your child's classroom or advisory teacher (middle school) directly if it is a classroom or peer concern. If it is something that occurred in one of the Unified Arts classes, contact that teacher. That is always the best first place to start. If it is a bus issue, contact our Home School Coordinator Laurie Barron. (2) After you have had a conversation with the first level of contact and if your issue is not resolved to your satisfaction, contact the principal to continue to problem-solve. (3) If working with the principal does not bring a conclusion to the matter, contact the superintendent to discuss your concerns. (4) Finally, if that does not bring closure to your concerns, you have the option of presenting your concerns to the board chair for a possible hearing.

Following this procedure helps to address concerns quickly and effectively, while providing a process for seeking resolution "up the chain of command" if that is necessary.

Picture Day

Picture day is scheduled for Tuesday, **September 26**. Flyers were sent home with students this week and are due back on picture day. You may order on line as well, please refer to the flyer for detailed info!

Athletics Info

Looking for soccer schedules? Check out the Folsom website under athletics. Full schedules (games and practices) can be found for both the 5-8 boys and 5-8 girls' teams in the form of a Google calendar. This information is updated regularly with any changes and full schedules for grades 5-8 soccer and basketball are posted at (or very near!) the beginning of each season. If you are a Google calendar user, you can click on the + in the bottom right corner of a specific calendar to add to your own Google calendar!

Save the Date!

Please join us on Saturday, October 14th for our annual (and most delicious!) spaghetti dinner to benefit the 7-8 end of year trip. There will be gluten free and meat free options and dessert, too! Take out dinners are always available as well if you can't stay and eat! The food is fabulous and table service (provided by our 7-8 students) is impressive!

Folsom Middle School Camping Trip

Folsom's fifth- through eighth-grades kicked off the school year with a two-day camping and community service trip. We went to Eagle Camp in South Hero (thanks, Ms. Perry!). At Eagle Camp, students challenged themselves with a variety of team-building and communication activities aimed at teaching the school's PBIS expectations: Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Others and Take Care of the Community. Moretti from Rise Vt. was our partner and brought an element of fun fitness with the amoeba, electric fence and the lava pit challenge. On the second day, middle school students partnered with the South Hero Land Trust for community service. Students cleaned up the Folsom Garden and the Water Wigglers Rec Trail. They also helped build a bridge at Round Pond State Park and gleaned 1,000 pounds of food at Pomykala Farm for the Healthy Roots Collaborative. See the Folsom Facebook page for photos in the future.