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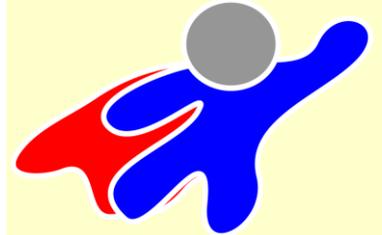
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Be a Folsom Hero!

From the Principal's Desk

It's hard to believe we are heading into the final week of September when Mother Nature is gifting us with an extended summer. But as the leaves change and the days are definitely getting shorter, it seems inevitable that this gorgeous weather will eventually disappear! So let's simply enjoy it while we can!

Please remember that Picture Day is this coming Tuesday the 26th. If you need a new flyer to order the pictures, please let us know and we'll send another one home. We will also put a reminder on the Facebook page on Monday!

Speaking of that, have you had the chance to take a look at our new Folsom Facebook page? Just this week we posted a photo album from the 5-8 Camping and Community Service trip! When you "Like" our page, you will have instant access to quick reminders, informational updates, and access to pictures that you can share with friends and family far and wide! You can find our new school page at www.Facebook.com/FolsomECC.

Make sure you pick up a copy of the Islander this coming week to see an article written by 6th grader Sunny Wickenden. Her descriptive summary of the middle school camping trip would suggest we have a budding journalist in our midst! Nice job Sunny! Perhaps she'll agree to signing a few copies for us!

Please take a look at upcoming dates in our October calendar to insure that you aren't scrambling at the last minute for child care. There will be no school on October 9th, and we will have a district-wide in-service on Thursday October 19th (no school for the kids).

It's almost time for the Crop Walk for World Hunger, scheduled for Sunday October 22nd. More details will be forthcoming in the next week, but we wanted to make sure it is on your calendar. Hopefully it will be another warm and sunny day!

Enjoy the weekend making memories with your kids! What a perfect time of year for apple or pumpkin picking, taking a nap in the sunshine, or just being outside. See you on Monday!

Upcoming Events

September

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 – THIS TUESDAY!

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

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!

Buy Local Coupon Book or App

We are again selling the Buy Local Coupon books to raise money for the 5-8 grade ski trip. This year we also have an App for your smart phone. This only costs you \$18 and we will receive \$10 for each app sold. The App is Local First Vermont Mobile App and use the code FOLSOM17. Please spread the word to friends and family! We also will have the books back in stock soon. These will be \$20 each. If you have any questions, please contact Alison Perry aliperr@qisu.org.

After School Clubs

We would love to get after school clubs started the first week of October or soon thereafter! Any adults interested in leading an after school club, please contact Susan McKelvie for information on how to get things rolling!

Box Tops for Education

Don't forget to clip your box tops and send them in to Folsom. There is a collection envelope in the lobby for your convenience. Each coupon is worth 10 cents which may not sound like a lot, but it really adds up!