

# Patriot Press Weekly

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## Folsom Education and Community Center

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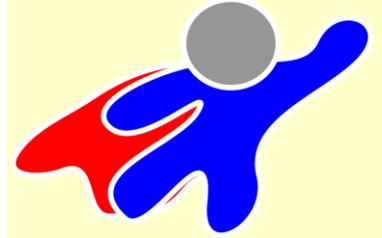
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**Be a Folsom Hero!**

## From the Principal's Desk

October arrives on Monday and we are already accumulating jackets and sweaters in our lost and found. It is SUPER helpful if you label your kids' outerwear with their names or initials. This includes boots, snowpants, gloves and hats as the weather gets cooler! A good way to do this is to use a pen or sharpie and simply put your child's initials on the inside tag. While you're at it, labeling water bottles, lunch boxes and backpacks is a good idea too. You spend hard-earned money to equip your kids for the school day, so let's make sure we can reunite lost items with owners!

This month, across the school, we are focusing on the idea of "Changing Perspectives." This includes helping our students to experience empathy and understanding of individuals with disabilities. If you are interested in seeing the curriculum used for this annual program, feel free to visit [cpne.org](http://cpne.org) and check it out!

If you are planning to participate in field trips or in-school activities with your children this year, please remember that the law requires a background check. We have the forms for this in the office and we are happy to walk you through the process or answer your questions. Minor infractions from the past (such as a poor choice back in college) do not disqualify an individual from volunteering at school! All information is strictly confidential. It is better to do the background check now rather than trying to rush it before a field trip or event. Give us a call if we can help you to get this taken care of!

It looks like a gorgeous fall weekend ahead. Stay safe and enjoy!

## Upcoming Events

### October

- 1 PTO 6pm
- 4 School Board 6pm
- 13 Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm
- 19 NO SCHOOL Inservice

### November

- 9 NO SCHOOL  
(Parent/Teacher conferences)
- 16 End of Trimester 1
- 21-23 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving 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 really 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 Silas Saxer. (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.

### **After School Clubs**

We would love to get after school clubs started in mid-October or soon thereafter! Any adults interested in leading an after school club for an hour one or two days a week, please contact Susan McKelvie for information on how to get things rolling!

### **From the PTO**

If you want to buy Folsom Wear, we still have a store at this web site:  
<https://apparelnow.com/folsom-school-pt0-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 a 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!

The first PTO meeting of the year will be on Monday, October 1 at 6pm in the French Room. 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 or by email at [hbishop@gisu.org](mailto:hbishop@gisu.org).

### **Save the Date for Infinite Pasta-bilities!**

Do you love spaghetti? Then you won't want to miss the Infinite Pasta-bilities Dinner on Saturday October 13th at Folsom from 4-7 p.m. to benefit the 7-8 spring trip. The 7th and 8th graders will serve you delicious spaghetti with meatballs or pesto alfredo sauce, with gluten free and meat free options available. And they'll be making homemade apple crisp for dessert. Take out dinners are 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! Tickets are on sale now from any 7th or 8th grader and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Hope to see you there!