

# Patriot Press Weekly

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## Folsom Education and Community Center

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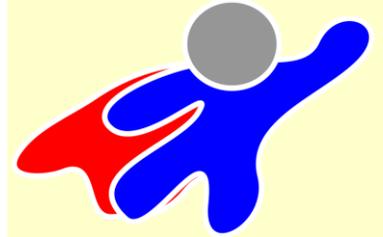
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**Be a Folsom Hero!**

## From the Principal's Desk

Your kids have been amazing this week as we have dealt with a record heat wave that made classrooms just stifling. I heard very little complaining from kids or adults, despite extremely difficult learning conditions. Thank you so much for the donations of fans and for sending your kids with water bottles. We all got through it, and we are absolutely delighted at the arrival of fall weather conditions!

Our first set of school clubs is starting up this coming week! Sign up information is coming home in your child's backpack. The late bus will run on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. for students who need transportation home. The middle school will begin offering Homework Club as well on Wednesday and Thursday. We hope to add additional clubs throughout the year, so we hope that this is just the start. If you have a brilliant idea for a club for an hour a week after school, be in touch and share your genius or your passion with kids!

Do you know a grandparent or senior 55 or older who might have an interest in volunteering in our school? The Foster Grandparent Program, which is overseen through United Way, is seeking kind, caring, and energetic volunteers who want to make a difference in the lives of children. We would love to have additional foster grandparents in our building to join Grammy Marion who volunteers in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom this year. Foster Grandparents is truly a wonderful program! If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Danielle Williams, the coordinator for volunteer recruitment, at 802-861-7821 or through email at: [daniellew@unitedwaynwvt.org](mailto:daniellew@unitedwaynwvt.org)

The Grand Isle County Mentoring Program is also always looking for individuals interested in mentoring kids who would greatly benefit from a relationship with a caring adult. If you have just an hour a week to contribute to changing the life of a kid, please contact Sue Mitchell at 802-372-5293.

With October upon us, the school activity calendar is filling up quickly. Sometimes it's a lot to keep track of with busy lives! Please make sure to "Like" our Facebook page to have reminders or information come straight to your phone. We even publish this weekly newsletter on that site as well, so we take all the work out of keeping up with school events! Please let us know if there are more effective ways for us to communicate with you!

It looks like a gorgeous fall weekend! Enjoy making memories with your beautiful children!

## Upcoming Events

### October

- 4 National Walk to School Day
- 7 Kickin' it for Cancer Soccer Tournament @ Grand Isle School 4pm
- 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
- 11 Night out at Snow Farm
- 17 End of Trimester 1
- 20-24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving recess

### December

- 22-1/1 NO SCHOOL Holiday recess

## **Infinite Pasta-bilities**

Please join us on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 for our annual (and most delicious!) spaghetti dinner to benefit the 7-8 end of year trip. Tickets will be available from the 7-8 students next week and will be available at the door as well.

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@gisu.org](mailto:aliperr@gisu.org).

## **After School Clubs**

We would love to get after school clubs started as soon as possible! Any adults interested in leading an after school club, please contact Susan McKelvie ASAP for information on how to get things rolling!

## **Save the Date!**

We're very excited about the upcoming November 11<sup>th</sup> Night Out at Snow Farm fundraiser event featuring live music and food to benefit the 7-8 end of year trip. Stay tuned for more details to follow soon!

## **Kickin' it for Cancer Event**

The annual "Kickin' it for Cancer" event at the Grand Isle School will be held on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be several soccer teams in attendance (including Folsom's 5-8 teams) playing games under the lights as well as food concessions, raffles and donation opportunities. The event begins at 4 pm and concludes with a bonfire and fireworks.

## **Annual Champlain Islands Crop Walk**

In the spirit of our new PBIS program, please join your school PTO in "Taking Care of our Community", as well as helping people worldwide by supporting the 2017 Crop walk on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm. The walk begins and ends at the Congregational Church on South Street. To get started, go to [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org) and enter Champlain Islands, VT at the search prompt. From there you can sponsor a team, sign a team up or donate online. Last year's total was over \$5,000 raised for local (Food for Thought program and Islands Food Shelf) and worldwide issues (disaster relief and sustainable education for clean water). Thank you for helping to make sure no one is food insecure.