

# Patriot Press Weekly

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## Folsom Education and Community Center

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**Be a Folsom Hero!**

## From the Principal's Desk

It has been another busy and wonderful week of learning here at Folsom. Check out the Facebook page for a variety of pictures taken this week of kids at work and play! While you're there, please "Like" our page to receive instant updates and info!

We apologize for the confusion this week as we started to kick off some of our after-school clubs. We are hoping to get our act together and communicate a bit better as we add more clubs to the roster over the next few weeks. New clubs can begin at any time, so if you would like to offer something fun and interesting for students, just be in touch and we'll support you to make it happen. Note that all middle school students are welcome to stay for an hour after school on Wednesday and/or Thursday to get their homework done with adult support! The after school bus is up and running on those days, so you don't even have to come and pick them up! Please send a note or give us a call if you would like to child to stay for homework club.

As you look forward to enjoying a three-day weekend, please look ahead to next weekend and consider joining us on Saturday the 14th for the Infinite Pasta-bilities fund raiser for this year's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. Imagine a romantic evening in our school cafeteria being served a gourmet meal by our distinguished wait staff of middle school students! How could you pass up such an opportunity? Please see more details below and mark your calendar for a night to remember!

The week of October 16<sup>th</sup> is National Health Education Week. At the conclusion of that week, as part of our ongoing focus on being active and healthy students and adults, Folsom will be doing our Walk and Roll to School event on the morning of Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>. There will lots of fun prizes for the kids, courtesy of Moretti and RiseVT. We will be sending home more specific information next week regarding drop off times, bikes to borrow, and other details.

We hope you have some fun plans this weekend to make memories with your wonderful kids! Be safe and we'll see you back at school on Tuesday morning!

## Upcoming Events

### October

- 7 Kickin' it for Cancer Soccer Tournament @ Grand Isle School 4pm
- 9 NO SCHOOL Indigenous Peoples Day
- 14 Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm
- 16 PTO 6pm
- 19 NO SCHOOL In-service
- 20 Walk & Roll to School
- 22 1pm Crop Walk

### November

- 2 Hay Day
- 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, \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. 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).

### **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.

### **PTO Update**

- The next meeting is Monday, October 16 @ 6pm in the French Room. All parents, teachers and supportive adults are welcome! October's agenda includes updating the bylaws, nominating "officers", planning for the Fall/Winter, and Folsom Wear clothing sales. Child care is available if you ask ahead!
- The PTO will fund fingerprinting for adults who want to volunteer at Folsom if the cost (approximately \$40) is a financial burden. Adults who lack the funds to pay for fingerprinting should contact Ms. McKelvie
- to request this assistance.
- We are hosting a concession stand for Halloween night's *Trunk or Treat* at the school parking lot, so your family can have a little dinner before the candy dessert... If you would like to help out in any way, please let us know! We are looking for healthy food items, cooks, and servers. 7/8 students and high school alums are welcome!
- Questions? Please contact Contact Helen Bishop at Folsom. [helbish@gisu.org](mailto:helbish@gisu.org)

### **Hay Day is November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

I'm looking for artists, farmers, crafters, harvesters, movers and shakers to teach a number of workshops for Hay Day 2017. Thursday November 2nd all day at Folsom. There will be 3 workshops for all students throughout the day, I will have a schedule and what the workshops will be soon. Right now I am looking for available workshop leaders. I have lots of ideas for them but I need teachers or perhaps you have an idea that you can teach. Contact Jamie Bedard [jambeda@gisu.org](mailto:jambeda@gisu.org) and please let me know soon. I need to get choices out to students next week and you will need to get finger printed to teach with us for the day if you haven't already done so as part of the Folsom volunteer process. Thanks so much for considering sharing your talents with our Students....Please let Principal McKelvie know if you need financial assistance for the fingerprinting. The PTO is willing to help with the cost :-)