

# 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

Thank you for your patience as we worked out the bugs with our emergency notification system in the last week. As you may have noticed, notifications will now be delivered via email and text as well as the phone. We are now set up and ready for when the snow flies! Again, please regularly clean out your cell phone voicemail and let us know if your contact info changes.

In a recent conversation with some parents, we were discussing how frustrating it can be for parents to get their children to really talk about their school day. Typical questions like, "How was your day?" will result in the typical answer of "Fine." Here are some other ideas you might try to engage your child in a real conversation about his or her day:

"Show me what you brought home today in your backpack."

"Let's see what you have for homework today."

"Tell me something that happened today that made you laugh (or feel proud)."

"What questions did you ask today to learn more?"

"What specials did you have today and what did you do?"

"Were you kind and helpful to anyone today or was anyone kind or helpful to you?"

Your genuine interest along with the right question might just help get the conversation going!

It's time for Walk or Bike to School! Next Wednesday, October 17th, we will meet at the Congregational Church on South Street at about 7:40-45 to walk or bike to school together as a community! Drop off will be in the circle in front of the church. If you would like to join your child for this event, please park in the parking lot next to the church. Check the weather and make sure your kids are dressed appropriately! Give us a call if you have questions.

It's almost time for Parent-Teacher conferences. Please make sure to sign up early as time slots fill up quickly and are first come, first served. If you are unable to come to a conference in person, teachers are happy to work with you to have a phone or digital conference at a time that works for you. Just be in touch and let us know what you need.

Hope to see you on Saturday evening at the Infinite Pasta-bilities fundraiser dinner! Have a wonderful weekend!

## Upcoming Events

### October

- 13 Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm
- 17 Walk & Bike to School
- 18 School Board 6pm
- 19 NO SCHOOL Inservice
- 21 Crop Hunger Walk 1pm
- 31 HAY DAY

### November

- 9 NO SCHOOL  
(Parent/Teacher conferences)
- 16 End of Trimester 1
- 21-23 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Recess

### **After School Clubs start this week!**

After school clubs are starting this Wednesday, October 17th! 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!

### **Infinite Pasta-bilities! Spaghetti Dinner October 13<sup>th</sup>**

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!

### **Student drop-off and pick up**

Please remember that student drop-off and pick up must be in the designated area of the parking lot. Only buses are permitted to use the front driveway from 7:30-8 and 2:30-3. This is to ensure the safety of the children! Thank you.

### **Annual Crop Walk for World Hunger**

Please join your school PTO in helping fight hunger locally and globally by supporting the 2018 Crop walk on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm. The walk begins and ends at the Congregational Church on South Street. To register to collect donations as a walker, go to [www.crophungerwalk.org/southherovt](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/southherovt). Last year's total was over \$6,500 raised for local (Food for Thought program and Champlain Islands Food Shelf) and worldwide issues (clean water, nutritious food and safe shelter needs). Thank you for helping to make sure no one is food insecure.

### **Hay Day Festival on October 31<sup>st</sup>!**

Our Third Annual Folsom Harvest Arts Festival, HAY DAY, will be on October 31, 2018. The idea behind this awesome day is to provide educational activities that support our community, school connection, family traditions, environmental awareness, craftsmanship, and skill development under the united force CREATING ART. The Arts include music, performance, movement, and visual originality that require a great deal of heart, energy, intelligence, enthusiasm and courage.

This day would not be possible without community volunteers, donations, or parent involvement; therefore I am looking for performers, artisans, land lovers, and hobbyist to run unique workshops throughout the day that could include students k-8, k-2, 2-4, k-4, 3-6, or 5-8. Please contact me as soon as possible to share your workshop idea so I can include it in our choice packets. My e-mail address is [jbedard@gisu.org](mailto:jbedard@gisu.org).

Donations I am looking for are: pumpkins, apples, gourds, feathers, bark, moss, pressed leaves, wool for felting, burlap, duct tape, strips of fabric, dried flowers, gallons of glue, glitter, mod podge, plastic bottles (Smartwater/liter Seltzer like) sculpty...

Thank you!  
~Ms. Bedard

### **Hannaford Helps Schools Program**

Information on the Hannaford Helps Schools Program was sent home with students today. This program runs from September 2 through December 1 at all Hannaford stores. Folsom is registered at the Hannaford in Milton, so school dollar printouts received at Hannaford registers may be turned in there or to Sue McNayr in the Folsom main office.

### **Walk and Bike to School**

Please join us for Walk and Bike to School Day this Wednesday, October 17. Buses will drop students at 7:45 at the South Hero Congregational Church. If dropping your child off there, please plan to be there by 7:45. Anyone riding their bike MUST have a helmet!