

# 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's time for Walk and Roll to School Day at Folsom! On Friday, October 20th, staff, students and families are invited to participate in celebrating the healthy benefits of walking and biking by coming together as a community to either stroll or cycle to school! We will meet at the Congregational Church on South Street between 7:30-7:40 a.m. (buses will drop students off there at that time) and at 7:45 the parade will begin down to school escorted by the Grand Isle Sheriff's Department! We will be sending detailed information home with students on Monday to help you plan for that morning. We hope you will plan on joining us for a fun walk on a crisp October morning, rain or shine!

Now that we are well into the school year, are you officially tired of hearing your children tell you that their school day was "fine" or that they did "nothing" all day? How about switching it up a bit? Try communicating to your children that what they learn is actually largely up to them. Learning is an active process, not passive. If your expectation is that your kids are engaging actively in whatever learning experience their teachers provide, try asking them some different questions when you see them at the end of the day. Instead of "How was your day?" or "What did you do today?", try asking them these questions:

- What questions did you ask your teachers today to learn as much as possible?
- What did you learn about today that made you want to know even more about a topic?
- If you were teaching the math (or science, art, etc.) lesson today, what would you have done to make it more interesting or to learn more?

Too often we find that kids believe learning is something that happens TO them, not something that they need to participate in actively! Imagine how much fun school would be if every student in the classroom was excited to take charge of their own learning and wanted to stretch themselves to the max!

Tomorrow, October 14<sup>th</sup>, is a big night at Folsom with the Infinite Pasta-bilities dinner to benefit the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade spring trip. We hope you'll join us for a great meal and great company! Have a wonderful autumn weekend!

## Upcoming Events

### October

- 14 Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm
- 16 PTO 6pm
- 19 NO SCHOOL In-service
- 19 School Board 6pm
- 20 Walk & Roll to School
- 22 Crop Walk 1pm
- 31 Trunk or Treat 5-6pm  
(Set up 4:30-5)

### November

- 2 Hay Day
- 3 NO SCHOOL/Parent  
Teacher Conferences
- 6 Picture Re-take day
- 11 Night out at Snow Farm
- 17 End of Trimester 1
- 20-24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving  
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### December

- 22-1/1 NO SCHOOL Holiday  
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## **Infinite Pasta-bilities**

Please join us **this 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 are available at the door, \$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 – Now Available!**

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! Books are available through any 5-8 student and from the Folsom Office for \$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!

## **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.

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

Hay Day 2017 will be on Thursday November 2nd all day at Folsom. There will be 3 workshops for all students throughout the day, please be sure to return the student selection forms by Monday, October 16. Contact Jamie Bedard [jambeda@gisu.org](mailto:jambeda@gisu.org) if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering that day. You will need to get fingerprinted 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 :-)

## **Basketball Coaches Wanted**

Folsom School is seeking experienced Basketball Coaches for 5/6 and 7/8 boys and girls teams. Position is paid and will require travel to and from games. Practice schedule can be flexible. Please contact Athletic Director Andrew Riegler if interested. 372 6600 ext. 1114 or email [andrieg@gisu.org](mailto:andrieg@gisu.org).