

# Patriot Press Weekly

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## Folsom Education and Community Center

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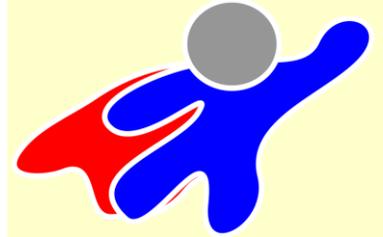
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Be a Folsom Hero!

## From the Principal's Desk

Another wonderful week of friendship and learning came to an exciting conclusion on Friday with our annual Walk or Roll to School event and an afternoon PBIS celebration marking the milestone of collecting over 5,000 Hero pennies (actually 5,600 to be exact!). Each penny represents a positive action taken by student heroes since the beginning of the year. Since we have been in school for only 36 days so far, that averages out to about 140 pennies given out each and every day across our school. Given those numbers, we have now raised about \$56 towards a local charity, yet to be named. No wonder it's been such a wonderful start to the school year!

On Tuesday this week, we had some issues with our water supply due to a pump malfunction at the water treatment facility. Many thanks to Robinson's Hardware for generously providing us with drinking water, absolutely free of charge, to get us through the day on Wednesday. We so appreciate their neighborly kindness in helping us out! Please express your thanks to them the next time you are in the store. The water is now back to normal.

Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, parents, and staff for a wonderful evening of good fun and company at the Infinite Pasta-bilities dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Over \$2,000 dollars was raised to support the spring field trip. The students were the most polite and helpful wait staff imaginable. What an all-around great life and learning experience for the students. Kudos to the staff and parent helpers who supported the students in this work!

Trunk or Treat, sponsored by the South Hero Fire Department and supported by the PTO, will be held once again on Halloween night in the parking lot here at school. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more info to enjoy a spooky and fun evening.

It's hard to believe that we have crossed the half way point of October and we are moving rapidly towards November and the inevitability of winter weather. Are your phone numbers up to date in our records? Can we reach you if school is delayed or cancelled? Please be sure to let us know if your contact information changes so that you are contacted this winter! If you aren't sure, just give us a call and we'll check.

Have a wonderful weekend making memories with your children.

## Upcoming Events

### October

- 22 Crop Walk 1pm
- 31 Trunk or Treat 5-6pm  
(Set up 4:30-5)

### November

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

### December

- 22-1/1 NO SCHOOL Holiday recess

## **Infinite Pasta-bilities**

A big thank you to all 7th and 8th grade students and families for the tremendous effort you gave to make our pasta dinner a success and thank you to the families and community members who came out to eat and support our fundraising efforts. It was a lot of work, but a lot of fun. We enjoyed seeing the students grow in confidence in the course of the evening as they served our visitors. Please let Julie Pidgeon know if you have specific suggestions to make future dinners run even more smoothly. We always like to hear your feedback.

## **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. 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).