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Be a Folsom Hero!

From the Principal's Desk

It has been an "interesting" week here at Folsom! Starting with an unexpected day off on Monday, followed by Halloween, then the day after Halloween (rated by teachers as one of the most difficult days of the year), followed immediately by Hay Day, and concluding with another day off for parent conferences. We can honestly say the week has felt . . . different. We hope you and your children enjoyed the end of October festivities of Halloween and Hay Day. It is hard to grasp that it is November already.

PLEASE REMEMBER: No school for students on Friday for scheduled parent conferences! If you have not yet scheduled a time to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s), it is not too late! Teachers will be more than happy to schedule a time that works for you within the next week or so. Just let us know.

Monday's unexpected weather event reminded us how important it is that we have your updated phone/contact numbers or email address. If you did not receive notification that school was closed on your phone or through email, please let us know so that we can check our information. Note also that we post school closings on all local radio and TV stations and our Facebook page. If you are in doubt, and you haven't gotten a call, always double check. We have been informed that up to 20% of cell phone calls are dropped during school closing events when cell towers are overwhelmed with calls. Even with updated information, there is a chance that the call to your phone may be dropped.

Daylight savings time comes to an end this Sunday. Make a note to turn your clocks back (fall backwards) one hour. This means our mornings will be a bit brighter, but darkness will descend an hour earlier. It is traditionally also a great time to remember to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon dioxide detectors as we are approaching the season of woodstoves/fireplaces and candles.

Wondering what's new at Folsom? Our Facebook page is the place to get the latest info and see pictures of our students and staff in action. Posts from this past week include pictures from Trunk or Treat, Drum Fit, and Hay Day! Check us out and "Like" our page at www.folsom.com/FolsomECC/

Upcoming Events

November

- 2 Hay Day
- 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

- 7 K-4 Play
- 14 5-8 Concert
- 22-1/1 NO SCHOOL Holiday recess

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.

Night out at Snow Farm Vineyard

Please join us for our First Annual Parents/Friends Night Out at Snow Farm Vineyard! Saturday, November 11th, 2017 from 7:00 - 10:00 PM. Tell your friends, co-workers..... ALL ARE WELCOME! (Adults only for this one.) Enjoy the musical stylings of Chad Pidgeon, Rich Wickens & John Gardner (Band name for the evening -"Daddy Mac") Featuring macaroni and cheese homemade by our awesome 7th & 8th grade Dads. (Plus some other comfort foods.) Cash bar by Snow Farm. \$10 per person minimum donation at the door, or buy tickets in advance at school. This is going to be a fun night out with our community, and is a fundraiser for the 7th & 8th grade Spring trip. See you there!

PTO Pop up Store Coming Soon

Your PTO is opening a Pop-Up Online store very soon!!! It will only be open for 2 weeks and you will be able to order Folsom Wear for your entire family! Look for details soon!! See you at Trunk or Treat! We'll have dinner food for you!

Hay Day

Thank you so much to all of the parent and community volunteers for helping to make our second annual Hay Day such a wonderful success! A big thanks also to everyone who donated supplies, time and help of all sorts! Look for a more detailed write-up in next week's Patriot Press from Ms. Bedard, Art teacher Extraordinaire!

Reminder – NO SCHOOL tomorrow (11/3)

No school tomorrow, 11/3, due to parent-teacher conferences. If you were unable to schedule a conference this week, please contact your child's teacher directly to schedule a time to meet with them!

Picture Re-take Day is Monday, 11/6

If you would like to have your student's photos re-taken, please send their original packet in with them to school on Monday. The photographer will collect the old packets at the time that their new photos are taken. Thank you!