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Be a Folsom Hero!

From the Principal's Desk

Please note that tomorrow, November 9th, is Parent-Teacher Conference Day. There is no school for students. However, Monday is a regular school day as we are open for the Veterans Day holiday.

What do YOU need to support your child's learning here at Folsom? Our new district Parent Liaison, Dave Mills, is interested in your answer to this question. In coming days, you will see a survey asking you to identify the specific areas where we can help you to be a more effective partner in your child's education. This survey will be available in paper form or electronically, so feel free to share information in a way that works best for you. We will collate the responses and use this information to think about how we can better provide you with what you need to help with homework or talk with your children about their schoolwork. Thank you in advance for participating in this survey.

It's hard to imagine that the holidays are sneaking up on us. However, if you are already starting to think about planning gift purchases for your children, the staff here at Folsom have some suggestions to get the ball rolling. First, keep electronics or electronic games to a minimum. Every day more and more research is showing we should be concerned about digital addiction that actually impacts brain development in children. Secondly, think creativity when it comes to gifts for kids. We are finding that many children come into kindergarten lacking the skill of holding a crayon/pencil or using scissors. Those fine motor skills are critical for school success. But more so, what is lost is the exposure to creative learning. Ideas for gifts that develop these skills (and are super fun!) include: Legos or other building sets, art supplies, playdough and clay, or mini versions of kitchens or workshops. Finally - don't forget books! Yes, we still expect kids to learn to read! You can find books on ANY topics of interest for any age. Your child's teachers can recommend some if you don't have a clue. And, as a personal preference, any gift or book that encourages kids to get out into nature is worth its weight in gold.

It looks like a bit of a wet/sloppy weekend. Stay warm and dry!

Upcoming Events

November

- 9 NO SCHOOL (Parent/Teacher conferences)
- 13 High School Fair 5-6pm
- 16 End of Trimester 1
- 21-23 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Recess

December

- 6 Winter Concert (Grades 5-8)
- 12 Music Night (Grades K-4)
- 24-31 NO SCHOOL (Holiday Break)

Parent-Teacher Conferences, November 9, 2018

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on November 9, 2018. To sign up online, please follow these directions:

Enter this link in your internet browser: www.ptcfast.com/req1

Select a code:

KINDERGARTEN - COUTURE – Q1E112383
1ST GRADE - MYLER – QC5112386
2ND GRADE – DEGREE – 4H5180139
3RD/4TH GRADES – BRANON (BESSETTE) & HOLM – H34112629
5-8 SCIENCE – CANTELL — 9X0112388
5-8 SOCIAL STUDIES – NOLAN – KT81248398
5-8 MATH – PERRY – CWF1248401
5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS –PIDGEON – BQX1248408
FRENCH/BISHOP – A1C15300
MUSIC/KAUFFELD – WJT112561
PE/RIEGLER – G3216830
GUIDANCE – FISHER – KC4180177
LIBRARY/MEDIA SPECIALIST – THOMA – 9PY180210
SPECIAL EDUCATION – VAUGHN – FJ71173039
SPECIAL EDUCATION – JANKOWSKI – YED1211562

If you are not able to sign up online, please call Sue McNayr at 372-6600 x 2.

Childcare Available for Parent Teacher Conferences

Childcare will be available for November 9 parent teacher conferences by 7th grade student Sarah Coppola for community service in the Community Room from 8-3.

Folsom After School Club Information

Please share any questions, concerns or dismissal plans directly to the after school club leader:

K-4 Dance Club- sjankowski@gisu.org
Maker Space Club - cthoma@gisu.org
Middle School Game Club – tnolan@gisu.org

Folsom Middle School Ski Program Calcutta

Calcutta tickets now on sale! Hope to see you Sunday, December 2nd 4-8pm for Folsom Middle School's first Ski and Ride Program Calcutta! Prizes will be awarded throughout the night with a grand prize of \$1,000! Dinner included at Mckee's Island Pub and Pizza. Calcutta balls on sale from any of our students in grades 5-8 or by contacting Windy Heyn at 802-370-0277 or by email drwindyheyn@gmail.com. You do not have to be present to win some great prizes! Cost is \$50 for ball and one dinner or \$65 for ball and two dinners.

We would love for you to join us in supporting this program that introduces and/or fosters a love for the sport that is such an important industry in Vermont! Your purchase of a Calcutta ball will help us to keep the cost affordable for families by reducing the tuition needed for three days of team building and lessons at the mountain.

Thank you all for helping to spread the word!

PTO News

- Get ready for Folsom Wear order forms to arrive next week!! You will have a limited amount of time to place your order so it can arrive before the holidays!
- Please complete the PTO survey to help us thrive and grow!
<https://goo.gl/forms/Z3x0jPM8NWNLbe4I2> or find it on our Facebook page!