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Be a Folsom Hero!

From the Principal's Desk

As we head into our Thanksgiving break, the first trimester of the school year comes to a close. Report cards will be coming home on Friday, December 1st.

In keeping with our school year theme that each of us has the potential to be a hero by taking care of ourselves, others, and our community, we were honored to welcome a group of real-life heroes from the Vermont National Guard on Friday. Our guests arrived in dramatic fashion with a helicopter landing on our soccer field, and they joined our students for a Thanksgiving lunch and conversation afterwards. Thank you to the VNG for providing our students the opportunity to meet and thank the heroic men and women who are committed to keeping us safe!

We are thankful for the generosity of our neighbors at both the Island Beverage Mobil station and Jolley Mobil for each awarding us the annual \$500 Education Alliance grant to be put towards our math and science programs. This year, we will be using some of these funds for supporting our Folsom Science Fair to be held in February. Thank you Exxon Mobil and Island Beverage and Jolley!

With the holiday shopping season upon us, your friendly neighborhood educators would like you to consider gifts for the children in your life that will stimulate curiosity, outdoor exploration, and problem solving! No doubt there will be electronic gifts on the list, but we highly encourage a variety of other activity based gifts that encourage physical or mental activity beyond screen time. Holiday gift giving is a great opportunity to expose our kids to all kinds of other activities or entertainment beyond the digital world. If you are hitting the stores or the internet for Black Friday sales, we hope you'll keep that in mind!

As we take a break for the Thanksgiving holiday, I would like to acknowledge the amazing Folsom school community, including students, staff, parents and extended family members for a wonderful start to the school year. It truly takes a village of caring adults to wrap around, support, and love the young people of our community in the craziness of our world today. I am deeply grateful to play a small part in continuing to nurture and grow that positive sense of community. On behalf of all of us here at Folsom Education Center, we wish each of you a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Events

November

- 17 End of Trimester 1
- 20-24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving recess
- 30 School Board 6pm

December

- 1 Report cards sent home
- 7 School Board 6pm
- 11 PTO Meeting
- 14 5-8 Concert
- 22-1/1 NO SCHOOL Holiday recess

January

- 1 NO SCHOOL
- 15 NO SCHOOL
- 17 K-4 Play

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.

PTO FOLSOM Wear Sale... and Socks, too!

The PTO has launched their online store for Folsom Wear through Fan Cloth! Paper copies were sent home this week, and the online sale will be open past November 17 (printed on the form) so that you can sell items over the Thanksgiving Break! Web address for ordering is:

<https://shop.fancloth.com/05486/338031>

Both paper and online orders will be accepted. There are incentives for students as well!! Contact your PTO with any questions! There will also be Folsom socks for sale (blue and white, of course, with Folsom Patriots logo) for \$15 per pair at the concession stand at upcoming basketball games.

Lunch May be Free!

You may apply for free or reduced cost lunches for your child at any time during the school year. If you aren't sure, it doesn't hurt to fill out the form. All information is kept strictly confidential. Give us a call if you'd like a form sent home.

Ski Forms Due back December 1

Forms for both the 5-8 ski trip and the 1-4 ski club have been sent home and are due back December 1st! Please get them in as soon as possible. For questions about the 5-8 ski trip, please contact Alison Perry. If you have questions about the 1-4 ski club, please contact Maia Jensen.

Winter Weather has Arrived

Please be sure that your student comes to school prepared for outside recess (or any outside classroom activities). The cold weather seems to have arrived rather quickly, but we do go outside most days. Be sure to label all outdoor gear (including gloves/mittens) with your child's name as these items are already appearing in the lost and found!