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Family Newsletter: May 14, 2021

Hello FDS Families,

FDS Principal News: What a great week of school to close out our final day of the COVID-19 bell schedule. All of us on campus are looking forward to taking another step closer to returning to “better than” normal on Monday when we go back to our traditional bell schedule. This will not affect the current student drop off/pick up times and routines.

Below is important information regarding current matters.

Upcoming Important Dates: May 20 @ 3:00p – SSC, **May 28 – Make-up Day (School is open)**, May 28 – Friday Spirit Day, May 31 – Memorial Day (no school), June 4 – Friday Spirit Day, June 9 – Last Day of School (Minimum day – dismissal at 12:45p), June 9 @ TBD – 8th grade promotion ceremony, June 12 – First day of ESY and Summer School, June 14 @ 5:45p – Special Board meeting, June 21 @ 6:45p – Board meeting (rescheduled from June 7), July 9 – Last day of ESY and Summer School, and Thursday, August 19 - First day of school 2021-22.

Board Meeting: The next regular Board meeting is Monday, June 21 starting at 6:45p. Due to the current COVID-19 (C19) landscape, the meeting may be held via Zoom teleconferencing. All efforts will be made to have an in-person final Board meeting of the school year based on the C19 landscape at that time. Agenda and access information will be on the district website by June 18 at 5:00p.

A Special Board meeting with Workshop is currently scheduled for Monday, June 14 at 5:45p. The main agenda items will be the proposed 2021-22 budget, LCAP, and Workshop. More information will be provided soon.

School Site Council Elections for 2021-22: The School Site Council (SSC) ballots will be included with this week’s hardcopy Family Newsletter. This volunteer organization meets to discuss academic, financial, resource needs, and safety matters of the school. Each family may submit one ballot per student. Please be sure to complete and return your ballots by Friday, May 28.

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) State Assessments: Please note that next week is the final week for SBAC testing with 7th grade Science.

Summer School: Students approved for Summer School will receive confirmation by Tuesday, May 25.

A Message from the Families of This Year’s FHS Graduating Class: The families of this year's Foresthill High School graduating class would like to invite all future Wildfires and their families to the 2nd annual graduation parade. Come help us celebrate the class of 2021! The parade will be held on May 29th at 11am immediately following this year's invite only graduation ceremony. It will run from Brew Master’s Deli up towards Mega’s. Let’s show up to the parade and send our graduates off with all the fanfare they deserve!

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony: FDS was one of the few middle schools last school year to have a live in-person 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony that wasn't a car parade. Actually, due to the C19 landscape at the time, teachers volunteered their time to move the event to Saturday in order to safely accommodate **nine** separate ceremonies in groups of five for each and every one of our promoting students. This took up the whole day. Though not ideal compared to normal times, it was fantastic in the time of C19.

For this school year, I am pleased to announce that we will once again have a live in-person 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony. While some middle schools will not be having live in-person ceremonies, and some doing so with giving two tickets for attendance, and others giving four, due to the C19 landscape at the current time along with the physical and staffing capacity of our school, each promoting student will be provided with three tickets for their family. Though not ideal compared to normal times, it is fantastic in our current time of C19. I understand there will be disappointment and challenges for many of our families due to the limited number of tickets. Please know that this was a difficult decision and that safety for all is always our first priority. With that said, the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony will officially take place on Wednesday, June 9 at FDS starting at 6:00p. More information will be provided soon by the 8th grade teacher team.

COVID-19 Related Laws and Guidance: With the very recently updated guidance from CDC regarding the loosening of face cover requirements, I know there are many questions in the minds of our families. Please know that the main guidance entity that the schools in Placer County follow is California Department of Public Health (CDPH). It is my full anticipation that the face covering information will be the main topic of my next meeting with Placer County Office of Education, Placer County Health Officer, and regional Superintendents next Wednesday. As mentioned for clarification in the last Family Newsletter regarding C19 guidance and protocols, please be reminded that there are requirements for the public in general, and there are specific requirements for schools. They are not necessary one and the same. In essence, many guidance and requirements for the public do not apply to schools, this may very well include the updated face covering guidance.

Last 17 Days – The Final Push: 17 more school days and counting down. Thank you, families, for the overwhelming support and well wishes to our teachers and staff throughout this school year. 17 more school days is all I ask. It's worth it. The children are worth it!

Positivity, can-do spirit, supportiveness, and kindness: It's been great all school year. Let's continue to support our terrific culture as it has been a major contributor to many of our successes.

I want to continue to steadfastly assure you that we at FDS are always committed to serving your children and you.

Thanks. Jack

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