



# Freshwater Weekly Bulletin

Monday, March 11, 2019

## Upcoming Events & Activities

March 11-15	<b>PARENT CONFERENCES – 1:20 P.M. Dismissal All Week</b>
March 12	<b>Board Meeting – Conference Room – 6:00 p.m.</b>
March 21	<b>Minimum Day – Early Dismissal (Grades K-8)</b>
March 27	<b>FCMS Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Room 16</b>
April 1	<b>Community Club Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Conference Room</b>
April 4	<b>Minimum Day – Early Dismissal (Grades K-8)</b>
April 5	<b>LEGO/Game Night – 6:30 p.m. - Cafeteria</b>
April 9	<b>FEF Meeting – 3:00 p.m. – Room 12</b>
April 9	<b>Board Meeting – 6 p.m. – Conference Room</b>
April 18	<b>Minimum Day – Early Dismissal (Grades K-8)</b>
April 22-26	<b>Spring Break (NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK)</b>
April 27	<b>Rhododendron Parade - 10:00 a.m.</b>
May 2	<b>Minimum Day – Early Dismissal (Grades K-8)</b>
May 3	<b>DOLPHIN DASH – 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>
May 3	<b>LEGO/GAME NIGHT – 6:30 p.m. – Multipurpose Room</b>
May 6	<b>Community Club Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Conference Room</b>
May 14	<b>FEF Meeting – 3:00 p.m. – Room 12</b>

**PARENT CONFERENCES:** Today is the first day of Parent Conference Week. Dismissal all week for Grades K-8 will be 1:20 p.m. Please make every effort to attend your conference and visit with your child's teacher to learn how he/she is doing in school. If you are unable to attend your conference, please let us know as soon as possible so that other arrangements may be made for you. Thank you!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP:** Many parents are calling in just before the end of school requesting a change to after school plans. **IF YOU ARE MAKING DIFFERENT AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE BY 1:30 p.m.** so that teachers/students can be notified of the changes as early as possible.

**STUDENT ABSENCES:** Success in school goes hand in hand with good attendance! When your child is absent, it is important that you call Mrs. Mintey in the office, 442-2969, with the reason for the absence. If you do not call, you must send a written explanation to the office when your child returns. Unverified absences will be recorded as truant. The California Department of Education mandates how we define "Excused" and Unexcused" absences. It is also mandated that parents/guardians receive notice through a "Notice of Truancy" if their child has either three or more days of "unexcused absences" or tardies in excess of 30 minutes or more on three days. Students with poor attendance totaling more than 10% of the year or more may be referred to SARB. ***Examples of excused absences are personal illness, religious holidays, serious illness or death in immediate family, medical appointments, and court hearings.*** Examples of unexcused absences and tardies include missing the bus, oversleeping, car problems, birthday celebrations, family trips, etc.

**TARDINESS:** When students are tardy, they are missing out on crucial learning that occurs when class begins promptly after the bell rings. Not only are they missing instruction, but they are causing a distraction to other students as well as the teacher.

**SAFETY FIRST:** We have had some very close calls in our gym parking lot lately during the upper grade dismissal at 3:00 p.m. Our custodian, Jack Surmani, has been helping to direct traffic so if you could please follow his lead, this will help improve the traffic flow. **For the safety of our students, please remember to drive slowly and be patient when you are picking up your child(ren) after school.** Also please remember our safety rules for upper grade pickup:

1. **Park your vehicle and walk over to pick up your child from the safety zone where our staff is supervising.**
2. **Do not idle in the traffic lane while waiting as this prevents parked cars from backing out and exiting the lot. Students will not be released until you park and walk over to pick them up.**

If everyone exercises caution and follows these protocols, our parking lot will be safer during dismissal times. Your cooperation is much appreciated!!

**SACRAMENTO KINGS TICKETS AVAILABLE:** The Varsity boys and girls basketball teams will be heading to Sacramento on Friday, March 22, and will play Fieldbrook School at the Golden 1 Center on Saturday, March 23. After their game, they will all watch the Sacramento Kings play the Phoenix Suns. There are extra tickets for sale in the front office and the cost is \$60 per ticket. Please see Mrs. Mintey if you are interested. Come out and join us for this great event!

**YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR HELP:** The Yearbook Staff is gathering the following: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade baby pictures and any photos you may have taken of sporting events, class parties/projects, field trips, and school events. Please share with [yearbook@freshwatersd.org](mailto:yearbook@freshwatersd.org) You can take a digital photo of a baby picture and email it to us. We are also sponsoring an Art Contest that all students may enter and the selected art work will be on the inside cover of our yearbook this year. Please submit any medium of art that is 8 ½ x 11 vertically to the office or teacher with the student's name on the back. Thank you!

