



Freshwater Weekly Bulletin

Monday, March 18, 2019

Upcoming Events & Activities

March 21	Minimum Day – Early Dismissal (Grades K-8)
March 27	FCMS Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Room 16
April 1	Community Club Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Conference Room
April 4	Minimum Day – Early Dismissal (Grades K-8)
April 5	LEGO/Game Night – 6:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
April 9	FEF Meeting – 3:00 p.m. – Room 12
April 9	Board Meeting – 6 p.m. – Conference Room
April 18	Minimum Day – Early Dismissal (Grades K-8)
April 22-26	Spring Break (NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK)
May 2	Minimum Day – Early Dismissal (Grades K-8)
May 3	DOLPHIN DASH – 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
May 3	LEGO/GAME NIGHT – 6:30 p.m. – Multipurpose Room
May 6	Community Club Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Conference Room
May 7	School Site Council Meeting – 4:00 p.m. – Conference Room
May 14	FEF Meeting – 3:00 p.m. – Room 12
May 16	Minimum Day – Early Dismissal (Grades K-8)
May 16	OPEN HOUSE – 6-7:30 p.m.

As you are aware, the Freshwater community has been grieving the loss of our beloved staff member, Kari Holmberg. Ms. Holmberg gave our school 16 unforgettable years teaching P.E., Technology, GATE, Art Enrichment and Third Grade, in addition to coaching basketball and caring for our Garden of the Dolphins. Her impact on our school community is immeasurable and she will be missed. Please visit her obituary at the Lost Coast Outpost.

NEW PICKUP PROTOCOL FOR UPPER GRADES: Starting on Monday, March 18, we will begin having our FCMS students (7th and 8th Graders) picked up with their siblings at the flagpole at the 3:00 p.m. dismissal. These students will be escorted to your vehicles while you idle in your vehicle just like the primary dismissal. Keep in mind that our primary students are picked up at the flagpole between 2:45-3:00 p.m., so if you are a FCMS parent please don't arrive early, otherwise you will be directed to circle back around until all of the primary students have been released. **The rest of our upper grade students (4th-6th Graders) will continue to be picked up at the gym parking lot.** We are hoping that this will help relieve some of the traffic congestion in the gym parking lot at this time and make our parking lot safer. **Thank you for being patient and driving slowly when entering and exiting the parking lots after school!**

PARENT CONFERENCES: Thank you to all of the parents who made the extra effort to attend their child's (ren's) Parent Conferences. We had an excellent turnout this trimester and our teachers enjoyed the opportunity they had to meet again with all of 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.

YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR HELP: The Yearbook Staff is gathering the following: 8th 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 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!

