



Freshwater Weekly Bulletin

Monday, October 14, 2019

Upcoming Events & Activities

October 14*	Freshwater Education Foundation Meeting - 3:00 p.m. – Room 12
October 17	Author Michael Elsohn Ross Visits Freshwater School
October 17	Minimum Day – 12:30 p.m. Dismissal (Grades K-8)
October 22	FCMS Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Room 16
October 25	Trick or Treat Street – 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
October 31	Halloween Parade – 1:00 p.m.
November 1	IN-SERVICE DAY – NO SCHOOL
November 4	Freshwater Community Club Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – Conference Room
November 7	Minimum Day – 12:30 p.m. Dismissal (Grades K-8)
November 8	Spirit Day – “Backward Day” – Wear clothes backward
November 11	Veteran’s Day – NO SCHOOL
November 12	Freshwater Education Foundation Meeting – 3:00 p.m. – Room 12
November 12	Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Conference Room
November 18-22	Parent Conferences – 1:20 Dismissal All Week
November 25-29	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

LAST DAY FOR COOKIE DOUGH/MAGAZINES/TOTES SALE: All orders and money for the Cookie Dough/Magazines/Totes Fundraiser must be turned in by **Monday, October 14**. No orders will be taken beyond this date. Thank you for supporting our annual fundraiser.

SACRAMENTO KINGS BASKETBALL TRIP: Our Varsity Basketball Teams will be traveling to Sacramento on Halloween to play against Hydesville School at Golden 1 Arena on Friday, November 1. Later that evening, we will watch the Utah Jazz play the Sacramento Kings. We are selling the last few tickets for this game for \$65/piece in the front office. See Mrs. Mintey for details.

OCTOBER MENU CHANGE: Please note that on **Tuesday, October 15**, we will be serving Taco Pie and not tuna sandwiches for lunch.

***CHANGE IN DATE OF FRESHWATER EDUCATION FOUNDATION MEETING:** Please note that due to a scheduling conflict FEF will hold its October meeting on **Monday, October 14, at 3 p.m. in Room 12**. Anyone interested in learning about FEF and its role supporting STREAM at Freshwater School is invited to attend.

AUTHOR VISITS FRESHWATER SCHOOL: Freshwater School has the pleasure of welcoming Michael Elsohn Ross, Visiting Author, to Freshwater School as part of the 2019 Humboldt County Children’s Author Festival. **Mr. Ross will visit our school on Thursday, October 17**, and give presentations to our primary and upper grade classes sharing several of his books. Some of the books written by Mr. Ross are: **Baby Bear Isn’t Hungry, Earth Cycles, Mama’s Milk, Sandbox Scientist: Real Science Activities for Little Kids, What’s the Matter in Mr. Whisker’s Room**, and his new book entitled **Plantology – 30 Activities and Observations for Exploring the World of Plants**.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR DOLPHIN CARD FUNDRAISER: Order forms went out in September to purchase your \$10 Dolphin Card through the Freshwater Educational Foundation (FEF). This yearly card offers discounts from 18 local businesses, and is FEF’s main fundraiser for the year. Last year, FEF sponsored a school wide Sky Dome Assembly for the Freshwater students when our goal of selling 300 cards was attained. This year, if we can reach our goal of selling 250 Dolphin Cards, we will be sponsoring a Live Animal Education Assembly from Turtle Bay Exploration Park located in Redding, CA. We are continuing our fundraiser through the beginning of December, and money raised will go to support our Afterschool Enrichment Classes as well as our yearly STREAM focused school assemblies. Order forms can still be turned in with your student, and cards can also be purchased through the office. Keep an eye on our fundraising gauge on the office window to see our progress!

GARDEN COORDINATOR NEEDED: Freshwater School is looking for a new Garden Coordinator to help take over gardening activities in our Garden of the Dolphins. Please contact the front office if you are interested or would like more information. Thank you!

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL: Are you interested in becoming more involved with the many programs at Freshwater School and sharing your input in these programs and events? If so, being a member of School Site Council might just be the thing for you! We presently have a vacancy on the Freshwater School Site Council. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Mr. Talty or the school office at 442-2969. Thank you!

STUDENTS LEAVING FOR APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY: Please note that when it is necessary for you to take your child early from class for an appointment, it is our policy that **we will call your child to leave when you arrive in the office to sign him/her out.** When planning your pickup time, please remember that your child may enter and exit the classroom throughout the day for PE, Music, Recess, Buddies, etc., and may need extra time to return to his/her classroom to retrieve belongings and homework for the evening. Thank you for helping us to make this a smooth transition for your child and the office.

SLOW DOWN AND BE PATIENT: For the safety of our students, please remember to drive slowly and be patient when you are dropping off and picking up your child(ren) before and after school. **Early Release Days will require some extra patience as we are dismissing up to 350 students at the same time.**

Also, keep in mind that the pickup protocols are different for primary and upper grade students:

Front Parking Lot: A single lane (closest to flagpole) is used in the morning for drop-off, and two lanes are used in the afternoon. Teachers will escort your child to your vehicle during dismissal time. If your child's class is not present for pickup yet, you may be directed to circle back around for them.

Gym Parking Lot: Please park your vehicle and walk over to pick up your child. Do not idle in the traffic lane as this prevents parked cars from backing out and exiting the lot. Also, be mindful when backing out of parking spaces as families may be walking behind your vehicle. If everyone exercises caution and follows these protocols, our parking lots will be safer for our students. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!!

SPORTS PHYSICALS: A reminder to parents that if your child is planning to play any sports this year, he/she will be required to have a Pre-Sports Physical prior to playing. It is your responsibility to arrange for a physical for your child before he/she can participate in athletics at Freshwater School. If you have any questions, please contact Bryce Patton at 707-267-4535

ABSENCES AT FRESHWATER SCHOOL: When your child is ill or absent, please take time to contact the school office **in the morning** to let us know. It saves us making many phone calls to verify these absences each day. Thank you!

AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS REGARDING Education Code Section 49423:

Medications (both prescription and non-prescription) to be administered at school require **BOTH** the physician's signature and parent/guardian signature authorizing designated school personnel to dispense such medication. ***Please obtain a PERMISSION TO GIVE MEDICATION form from the School Secretary if your child is required to take medication during the regular school day.*** All medications, excepting those which must be kept on the student's person for emergency use, must be kept and distributed by staff. ***Medication must be brought to school in the original container with printed instructions on the label.***

WEEKLY PARENT SUPPORT MEETINGS: Parent Support Meetings will be held again this year on **Tuesday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** in Room 15 (Former Library Room) out by the Daycare. Student Support Services Provider, Audrey Shears, will be facilitating these meetings. Won't you please come and join us? Parent meetings are available by appointment also. Any questions, call Ms. Shears at Freshwater School - 442-2969.

