



Freshwater Weekly Bulletin

Monday, September 8, 2025

Upcoming Events & Activities

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| September 8 | Minimum Day – Dismissal at 1:30 p.m. |
| September 9 | BOARD MEETING – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room |
| September 12 | PICTURE DAY – Return Order Flyers before or on Picture Day |
| September 12 | ALL FAMILY POTLUCK PICNIC – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. (Watch for Flyer) |
| September 15 | Minimum Day – Dismissal at 1:30 p.m. |
| September 15 | Parent Volunteer Orientation – 6:30 p.m. – Meeting Room |
| September 17 | Freshwater Community Club – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room |
| September 18 | Parent Volunteer Orientation – 6:30 p.m. – Meeting Room |
| September 19 | TEACHER IN-SERVICE – NO SCHOOL |
| September 22 | Minimum Day – Dismissal at 1:30 p.m. |
| September 9-19 | GYM PARKING LOT – Please check note coming home today! |

ALL FAMILY POTLUCK: The Freshwater Community Club invites you to our All-Family Potluck on **Friday, September 12, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** on the blacktop area in front of the large Ball Wall. Please bring a dish to share - - anything from a salad, entrée, side, or dessert is welcome. Community Club will provide beverages and several trays of food. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** It is wonderful opportunity to relax, enjoy a meal together, and get to know other families in the Freshwater community. Table seating will be limited, so we recommend bringing a lawn chair or picnic blanket. We will share an update on the parking situation during the week of the event. **If you have any questions, please contact Katie Blair at (707) 496-3227.** We look forward to seeing you there.

FOCUSING ON ATTENDANCE: This year, Freshwater School has a district wide goal to increase student attendance! We appreciate all that our Freshwater Families are doing to establish healthy routines at home that support regular school attendance for your child(ren). Having good attendance at school increases student success, well-being, and peer relations. We will be honoring good attendance at our monthly Spirit Assemblies by recognizing the two classes with the highest attendance rates. We encourage our Freshwater Families to continue to build the habit of regular attendance at home so our students learn that going to school on time, every day, is very important. Thank you for your support!

FRESHWATER COMMUNITY CLUB: The Freshwater Community Club will hold its first meeting of the school year on **Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at Freshwater School.** All parents, grandparents, relatives, or community members are invited to attend our meetings. No dues are collected. Our main goal is to provide for the educational needs of the students at Freshwater.

NEW FRESHWAER SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE: We just relaunched our school Facebook page since our old "Freshwater Dolphins" page is inaccessible due to changed terms of service. Please give Freshwater School a "follow" at our new Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/freshwaterelementarySD>

CROSS COUNTRY: The 2025 Fall Cross Country season is open to all students. Practice times/dates TBA, and the track meets are **Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 23-October 16.** Students will be required to obtain a sports physical to participate. Contact Joy Engel at joymengel@me.com 707-822-4329 with questions and opportunities to volunteer. See the official schedule on the HRRAY.org

TOYS NEEDED FOR KINDERGARTEN: Kindergarten is looking for used toys. If you have any toys that your child has outgrown such as: Trucks, Duplo's, my little ponies, action figures, building blocks, etc., we would love to provide a new home for them.

GIRL SCOUT EVENT: Girl Scout S'mores and Campfire Event will take place on September 19 at 6 p.m. by the fire pits in the back of the school. If you would like to learn more about Girl Scouts and make new friends, please join us on Friday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. for some s'mores, songs, and skits. For questions and to RSVP, please email Jennifer Reiske at jreiske@freshwatersd.org

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.***

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM AT FRESHWATER SCHOOL: We are pleased to announce that Freshwater School is able to offer a Free Breakfast and Lunch Program, again this year, for all students who are interested. **Please complete the Income Verification Form included in your Back-to-School Packet so that Freshwater will receive cafeteria funding.** Thank you!

REFLECTIONS FROM AN 8TH GRADE PARENT

Hi everyone, I am Kathrine Bridgwater. This is my last year as a parent at Freshwater; my 8th Grader will be graduating this year. As I reflect on my time as a parent volunteer at Freshwater, in the classroom and later as Treasurer of Community Club for four years, I see this community as vibrant, compassionate, and truly dedicated to the education that the children receive.

Freshwater Community Club received generous donations from the Schmidbauer Family Foundation in Memory of Diane and Danny Cox for several years, totaling \$20,000, that went directly to the school. Diane Cox cherished the Freshwater children through acts of service. If she could see us now, she would see that we have numerous fun events, physical assets such as athletic equipment, supplies for classrooms, new playground equipment, and important educational opportunities for children and staff to learn and grow our bodies and minds every day.

This is all because of you. You give time and money to make these our reality, not just for your own children but for all children. A Community Club volunteer once told me the reason they volunteer is that they know not everyone can.

We are at a time where acts of service are still vital to the success of your Freshwater community. From classroom volunteering to tallying laps at our Annual Dolphin Dash Fundraiser event, there are many ways to get involved in community at Freshwater.

Attending events is community building. Saying “Hello” as you pick up or drop off builds community. The future of our children depends on every one of us to be involved in some way. I hope that every one of us will commit to one act of service this year no matter how small.

Please consider attending the Parent Volunteer Orientation if you haven’t already attended one.

In Memory of Diane and Danny Cox, if you have the opportunity to lend a hand, everyone is always welcome at Freshwater!