



EXPLORER NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By: Dr. Vallen Thomas

Welcome to 2013!!! I hope each of you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. We here at the school are excited to be back to launch into the second part of our school year.

As a child, and now with my own family, we share the tradition of receiving a new holiday book each year to read together. Keeping with that tradition here at Foothill I had the opportunity to visit every grade during Dr. T's Holiday Read to read and to share holiday traditions during December. This month Dr. T's Readers will be back in full swing with the following books: Grades 1-3 BFG by Roald Dahl; Grade 4-6 Lunch Money by Andrew Clements. My monthly reminder is, as always, to please keep encouraging your students to read not only the Dr. T books, but any good book they can get their hands on.

In January, we will kick off the use of our Explore Vision TV in the main entrance of the school. This

TV was made possible by patron donations, and funds from our annual 3K Run fundraiser. Thank you to all who have made this possible so that we could have a place to continuously showcase information, announcements, birthdays, student recognition, and pictures of school events. We are excited to have a place that will allow us to communicate all day long about our great students and the wonderful things going on in our school.

Thank you to the PTA for their donation toward the purchase and installation of voice enhancement systems in our upper grade classrooms. These permanently installed systems will assist in the following: enhance teacher's voices so all students can hear; be used for student presentations and projects; and to enhance the use of multimedia in classroom instruction. These systems should be installed by the end of January! Our long-term plan is to install some more of these systems next year in our lower grade classrooms

as well. Another huge thank you to the PTA for the teacher supply money for each classroom – these funds are very much appreciated and help stretch our school supply budgets!

Coming up this month we have some great opportunities available for our students to participate in Knowledge Bowl, Geography Bee, KSL Read Today contest, and the Spelling Bee. Additionally, our sixth grade students will be holding their N.O.V.A. graduation! We are also excited to participate in a Direct Reading Assessment (DRA). This tool helps us to see the progress of our students in reading by this midway point of the year. The data collected will help us to continue to move forward with our school-wide reading program.

Thank you for the support we feel each day as we continue to the "Go for the Gold by Building a Community of Learners" here at Foothill.

Dr. Thomas

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Jan. 10
Reflections Recognition
Night

Jan. 14 - Noon
PTA Meeting

Jan. 21
Human Rights Day
No School

Jan. 23 - 5-8 p.m.
PERC Open House

Jan. 26 - 6:30 p.m.
School Reflections Award
Night

Jan. 28 - Feb. 1
Class Spelling Bees

LOOKING AHEAD

February 4
Minimal Day

February 5-8
Book Fair

February 6-7
Parent Teacher Conf.

February 7
Harmon's PTA Day

February 12 - 6:30 p.m.
Spelling Bee

February 14
Class Valentine Parties

February 18
Presidents Day - No School

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Kelli Brown

Happy New Year! It is amazing to me that we have already made it to 2013. Our Foothill PTA has accomplished so many things so far this year and we still have many enriching activities to come.

We will be installing the sound systems during the month of January in seven of the classrooms. The teachers are very excited. Prior to Christmas, we also were able to give each teacher an allotment of money to spend on needed supplies in their classrooms. Thanks to everyone that has worked so hard to provide the resources for these gifts!

This year I have felt it is very important to have a user friendly and updated website as a resource for our parents. So far, I feel like this has been successful. I hope that you are finding the information that you need as you search www.foothillpta.org. Please refer to it often for any calendar questions, details in reference to the activities that we are providing, and notes home from both PTA and the school. It is a very valuable resource. I also welcome any feedback to improve the site.

Upcoming events in January

Jan 10: Reflections Recognition Night (watch website for details)

Jan 14: PTA Meeting 12 noon, library, all are invited

Jan 21: NO School

Jan 26: 6:30 School Reflections Award Night

Last Week: Classroom Spelling Bee

Things to look forward to in February include the Book Fair, Parent/Teacher Conference, PTA Day at Harmon's, and the School wide spelling bee (lists are at www.foothillpta.org).

In light of everything that happened in Connecticut last month, I want to personally tell our teachers, administration, and support staff at Foothill how much I appreciate the love, care, and concern they give my 4 children every day. I think we have all enjoyed our kids more during the Christmas break and appreciate knowing they are in good hands as we send them back to Foothill this new year. Thank you!!

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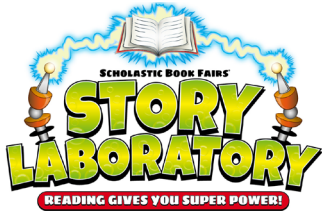


Spelling Bee

Classroom spelling bees will be January 28-February 1. School Spelling Bee is February 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Start studying the words for your grade levels and then learn words at myspellit.com. The grade level words are available here:

<http://www.foothillpta.org/programs/spelling-bee>

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Shauntell Partridge at shauntellpartridge@hotmail.com.



Book Fair

Join us for a Book Fair in the Library! Tues. Feb. 5 to Fri. Feb. 8



Choir

Registration is not officially reopening. If, however, you are interested in your child joining choir, please contact Liz Livingston at liz@foothillarts.org



Happy Birthday PERC!

PERC is a Parent Education Resource Center. It is a FREE lending library of educational games, toys, puzzles, parenting books and more.

Join us for an open house, January 23, 5-8pm on the Lower Level of the Orem Library.



Read Today!

Foothill will be participating in the Read Today program. Look for more information to come!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Camille Granados - 9th
Eda Hill - 13th
Jamie Madsen - 25th
Lauren Brady - 30th



Grades 1-3:

BFG

By Roald Dahl

Grades 4-6:

Lunch Money

By Andrew Clements

SUBMISSION TO THE
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oremfoothillpta@gmail.com

with newsletter as the subject

by **January 25th**



To attend the 7th grade a student must have proof of receiving the following immunizations:

- 1 Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td Booster or Tdap)
- Kindergarten dose DOES NOT count as booster for 7th grade requirement.
- 1 Varicella (Chickenpox)

-Previous history of chickenpox disease is OK but parent must submit written statement of history of disease or shot is required.

-If a student is already 13 years old, 2 doses are required.

These immunizations are IN ADDITION to other immunizations which should have already been completed (MMR, Polio, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B).

If you have a student in 6th grade, avoid the last minute rush. Get the shots done and turned into the school as soon as possible. Students will not be able to start 7th grade without the school having this information on file.

Sincerely,
Kim Lowe, RN, School Nurse

OUT OF THE LOOP?



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