



# What's Happening at FMS

## January 29, 2016

It's hard to believe that we have already started 2<sup>nd</sup> semester! The Highlanders of the Quarter were announced today! You can see the recipients on the Foothills website. The Highlanders of Quarter 1 & 2 will be honored with a lunch from In N Out on Wednesday. We are thrilled to have so many students representing the Highlander characteristics – optimism, industriousness, acceptance, empathy, and tenacity.

Our week ended with a feast! Our deepest thanks to the Chinese Parents Club for their delicious lunch, the beautiful decorations, and the generous gifts. We are so grateful to have such caring and supportive parents. Our families are what makes Foothills such a wonderful place to work and we all feel continually thankful for this community.

### **Safety and Procedure Reminders:**

The parking lot is closed for parent pick up after school due to students exiting and busses entering. If you or a family member, tutoring center, or driving service picks up your child after school, please pre-arrange a location to meet.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:**

8th Grad Promo Party

Thank you for those families who have donated \$35 for the 8th grade promotion party. It is not too late to donate if you haven't done so. There will be a collection box in the school office. Please write your child's name on the check or envelope. **Checks must be made out to Foothills PTSA.**

We are still taking orders for the 8th grade T-shirts. The form is attached below and was emailed to all 8<sup>th</sup> graders. You may drop off your order form with your check (please write your child's name on the check) in the school office.

There will be an 8th grade parent promo meeting in February. Date and time will be available in the upcoming newsletter.

Sincerely,

Jenny Santoyo ([jenny\\_santoyo@yahoo.com](mailto:jenny_santoyo@yahoo.com))

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

**Tues, Feb 2** – Girls Basketball AWAY vs. Northview, 3:30

**Weds, Feb 3** – Boys Basketball AWAY vs. Northview, 3:30

**Thurs, Feb 4** – Common Core Minimum Day, DISMISSAL AT 11:40

*Thanks and have a great week!*

*Angie Dillman, Assistant Principal*

### **A Message from Music Club:**

**Foothills Middle School Music Program Information**

**Join us to find out about our Upcoming Events:**

**1. Band Vertical Concert Wed. Feb. 24th @ AHS PAC 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm** Highlander Band

2. Temple City Camellia Parade Sat. Feb. 27 @ Temple City – All Day Come out and watch the last Parade of the season for HB and Drill Team

3. Highlander Band Uniform Return Day – Wed. March 9 @ FMS 8:00am – Noon We need as many volunteers as possible to help sort and collect the uniforms for Dry Cleaning so they are ready for next year!

4. Can you see yourself taking on a more active role in Music Club next school year?

Come find out the many ways you can get involved in the Music Program, whether it be taking notes, organizing events, managing the finances, sending the emails, helping with uniforms...there is a place for everyone and everyone has a place! The Music Program Serves over 300 Musicians at Foothills and the more parents involved the richer the experience for our children! If you are unable to make the meeting but are interested in helping next year please email me: Margaret Aghili, Music Club President 2015-2016 at [margyaghili@gmail.com](mailto:margyaghili@gmail.com)

All Music Parents are welcome!!

As always please check Mr. Morton's homepage for the Up to Date Calendar!

## A Message from AEF:

### Things get solved if you get involved!

AEF invites new volunteers to serve as members on its board of trustees

If you're looking for an opportunity for meaningful involvement in your child's education, please consider joining the AEF Board. In addition to giving back to the community and positively impacting your child's educational experience and opportunities, you will have access to information and AUSD personnel, so that you know what is happening in the district.

As a trustee, you will meet regularly with senior members of AUSD administration and the Arcadia Board of Education. You will get insight into changes at the state and local level that affect our district, including impact to funding and curriculum and staffing. You will have a say in AEF's fund raising strategies and how the funds are used. AEF meetings occur once a month in the evening, which makes it easier for all parents, including full time working parents, to attend and participate.

Maintaining (and expanding) the excellence of our school district is an important cause, and we have a great group of dedicated parents and community members working to further that cause; but we need more help. If you are interested in learning more about AEF and how you can become part of it, please contact us. Our staff, our executive committee or any of our trustees would be happy to speak with you and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### Benefits of being an AEF Trustee:

- Gain non-profit board and leadership experience
- Access to superintendent, AUSD administration and school principals
- Stay informed of school and district news
- Involvement in new funding opportunities
- Knowledge of funding and curriculum
- Meetings held once a month in the evening; ideal for working parents
- Camaraderie with AUSD parents from all school campuses

#### If you are interested in more information, please contact AEF

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