



What's Happening at FMS

Feb 5, 2016

Happy Super Bowl weekend! Whether you are looking forward to the commercials, the halftime show, or the actual game I hope you have a great time to relax with your loved ones.

The basketball season is almost over, but we are ending with what might be our most exciting games! Both the boys and girls teams will be playing our crosstown rival First Avenue next Friday, February 12. The girls start at 3:30 with the A team playing on the big court in the North Gym and the B team playing simultaneously in the South Gym. The boys games will follow at 5PM. Soccer season started with our boys and girls teams winning on the road against Jefferson.

The top spellers from each 6th grade class competed in the Foothills spelling bee. Allen Qiu from Mrs. Siriani's class took first place! Be sure to check out the top 8 on the Foothills website who all move on to the Arcadia district competition on Thursday, February 18 at 7PM in the First Ave Middle School auditorium. Congratulations to all of the spellers!

We have a school dance on Thursday, February 11 from 2:40 – 4:30. The tickets will be on sale Wednesday and Thursday at lunch and cost \$5. Refreshments are graciously provide by the amazing FMS PTSA. ASB elections for second semester are right around the corner! The application packet is up on the website with all necessary information.

Smoke Signals is a publication from AHS PTSA which helps middle school students, especially 8th graders, and their families learn about what opportunities lay ahead at the high school. [Click here to see the latest edition.](#)

Checking PowerSchool:

With the conclusion of first semester, report cards will be mailed home by AUSD. Remember that you can check your child's grades at any time on PowerSchool. We highly recommend that students and parents check regularly. This is a quick and helpful way to check grades and to make sure that assignments are turned in on time. If you do not have your parent PowerSchool login from registration days, you may contact our counselor, Mrs. Oh (eoh@ausd.net) to request your password.

Safety Reminders:

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

8th 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 8th 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)

A Message from PTSA:

The Foothills Middle School PTSA Honorary Service Committee requests your input in recognizing individuals and organizations with an **outstanding** record of service that have made significant contributions to the well being of children, youth, or families in our school community. Please nominate any parent, teacher, school administrator, or group that has distinguished themselves through their generous service. Those selected for an award will be honored at the Honorary Service Awards Ceremony on May 12, 2016. Please fill out the attached form and return it to the office before March 1, 2016. Thank you!

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Tuesday, 2/9 – Boys Soccer AWAY at La Canada, 4:00PM

Thursday, 2/11 – School Dance, 2:40-4:30, MPR

Thursday, 2/11 Girls Soccer AWAY at La Canada, 4:00 PM

Friday, 2/12 – Girls Basketball vs. First Ave at AHS, 3:30 PM

Friday, 2/12 – Boys Basketball vs. First Ave at AHS, 5:00 PM

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

All Music Parents are welcome!!

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

Honorary Service Award Nomination Form

FOOTHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA



The Honorary Service Award Nominating Committee requests that members of the FMS PTSA assist in the selection of deserving recipients for recognition at the annual Honorary Service/Installation event, Thursday, May 12, 2016. We are looking for individuals that have made significant contributions to the well being of children and youth in our community. Current PTSA members, teachers and administrators may be considered for this award. This is your opportunity to help your committee select this year's Honorary Service Award recipients.

Please complete this form, providing a description of WHY you are nominating this person, listing the ways they have served and return it to the office by **March 1, 2016**. You can also submit your nomination via email to **caroynlgail@yahoo.com usrich@roadrunner.com** or **kerri.kiyomura@sbcglobal.net**.

Carolyn Prater, Cielo Ruiz and Kerri Kiyomura ~ HONORARY SERVICE CO-CHAIRS 2015-16

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Name of Nominee: _____

VERY SPECIAL PERSON AWARD

(This award is given to an individual for contributing to the school community in a special way)

HONORARY SERVICE AWARD

(This award is given to an individual for outstanding service to children and youth, serving above and beyond)

CONTINUING SERVICE AWARD

(This award is given to an individual for continued service to children and youth)

OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

(This award is given to a teacher for outstanding service to children and youth)

OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

(This award is given to an administrator for outstanding service to children and youth)

Reason for nomination: (Continue on back or attach additional paper if necessary.) _____

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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