



# What's Happening at FMS

## Feb 12, 2016

Today is an exciting day at Foothills! We have our final basketball game of the season vs. First Avenue. Our students have the opportunity of playing in the big gym at AHS! The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade class enjoyed a field trip to AHS where they joined Dana and First Ave students at the Chinese Cultural assembly hosted by the FMS Chinese Parents organization. Many thanks to all of the parents and community members for bringing this event to the entire 7<sup>th</sup> grade throughout Arcadia!

The school dance was yesterday afternoon. Students took part in a fun day of dancing and snacks graciously donated by PTSA! Thank you to all of the parents who donated snacks and their valuable time as chaperones.

ASB elections for second semester are right around the corner! The application packet is up on the website with all necessary information. 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!

**NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 FOR PRESIDENTS DAY**

### **FMS TALENT SHOW 2016**

Applications are available online now and due on Wednesday, March 2. Tryouts are on Monday, March 7 at 3PM in the MPR and mandatory Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday, March 9 at 3PM. The talent show is on Thursday, March 10 at 6PM in the MPR.

### **A MESSAGE FROM AHS FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAMILIES:**

All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to apply to be in AVID in 9<sup>th</sup> grade at AHS. This process is only for students new to AVID. If you are currently in AVID and wish to continue, your teacher will have more information for you.

Applications are online and due to Ms. Anderson by March 4<sup>th</sup>. Arcadia High school is hosting a parent meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> to provide our potential applicants and their parents with information on the AVID program. The meeting will take place in Arcadia High's lecture hall at 6 PM

### **Safety Reminders:**

For safety and traffic purposes, please remember that Oakhaven and the parking lot on Oakhaven are closed to AM drop offs.

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

8th Grad Promo Party

Thank you for those families who have donated \$35 for the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

Our first Parent Kick-Off meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23 at 7pm in the Foothills classroom 112. Please join us as we begin planning for the fabulous *Hollywood Premiere on the Red Carpet* event! If you can not make the meeting, please email me and let me know in what capacity you would like to help.

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

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

**Monday, Feb. 15 – NO SCHOOL, PRESIDENTS DAY**

Tuesday, Feb. 16 – Boys soccer AWAY at Huntington, 3:30PM

Thursday, Feb 18 – Girls soccer AWAY at Huntington, 3:30PM

Thursday, Feb. 18 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade District Spelling Bee finals at First Ave auditorium, 7PM

*Thanks and have a great week!*

*Angie Dillman, Assistant Principal*

## 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!

## A Message from Music Club:

### Music Program News

1. See attached **Feb. Music Club Upcoming Events** for information on all Orchestra and Band events through March.
2. Please complete the **Foothills Music Club Nomination Form** and return to Mr. Morton or Margaret Aghili, Music Club President by Feb. 22nd. This will help gather an awesome group of volunteers in place before the end of the year so next year's Music Students and Mr. Morton can hit the ground running in August.

Unfortunately, my daughter is graduating from Foothills this year so I will be unable to continue as Music Club President. I have enjoyed this year immensely and treasure the experiences I have had with all of my fellow volunteers, students and Mr. Morton. Being part of Music Club is a very special way to remain connected with your child's education in Middle School. Please consider how you can help!

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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# 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.) \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Foothills Music Club Nomination Form**

It is not too early to start thinking about supporting your student's musical experiences at Foothills Middle School next year by becoming part of our fun family of Music Club Officers. A collective voice from every Music Club member is important. Please use the form below to list your suggestions. Self-Nomination is encouraged! Names of both current 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade FMS Music Club members, as well as, members of Highland Oaks or Hugo Reid PTSA, whose children will be attending FMS and joining the Music Program in the fall, will be considered. Please return this form to Margaret Aghili, Music Club President, by placing it in the Music Club Tray in the school office. You may also email your nominations to [margyaghili@gmail.com](mailto:margyaghili@gmail.com). No experience required!! Please submit forms by Feb. 22, 2016. Thank you in advance for your support of Foothills Music Program!

**President:** Oversees events and organization of the Music Club, provides direction and vision. Needs flexible time commitment. Works closely with Mr. Morton to coordinate various Music Club Activities and with the Treasurer.

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**Band VP:** Oversees and helps band event chairs and band 6 coordinator(s) prepare for parades or music field trips, distribute uniforms, and decorate for concerts. Needs flexible time commitment. It is helpful but not required to be at events.

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**Orchestra VP:** Oversees and helps orchestra event chairs and orchestra 6 coordinator(s) prepare for concerts or music festivals, and distribute uniforms. Needs flexible time commitment. It is helpful but not required to be at events.

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**Recording Secretary:** Takes notes at the music club meetings (once a month), and sends it for meeting minutes' approval at the next meeting. Maintains a record of meeting attendance.

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**Treasurer:** Watches over the budget, prepares checks to various vendors and provides monthly financial statements for each month's music club meetings. Much work can be done at home. Works closely with Mr. Morton and Music Club President.

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**Band Uniform Coordinator(s):** Organizes the distribution of marching band uniforms and shoes to the students. Time commitment is at the beginning of the school year, September and October; and organizes the return of the uniforms at the end of the year (usually in March). This is a great job for you and your friends to do together! Team of 3 Co-Chairs is perfect!

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**Orchestra Uniform Coordinator(s):** Help organize the distribution of the orchestra uniforms to students. Time commitment is at the beginning of the school year, like September and October; and helps organize the return of the uniforms at the end of the year. This is a great job for you and your friends to do together! Team of two Co-Chairs is perfect!

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**Fundraising Chair:** Coordinates the fundraising efforts of Music Club usually a Pie Voucher sale in the Fall/Winter.

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**Communications Chair:** Send informational eblasts that other officers have written to keep all involved. Can be done entirely at home.

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**Bagpiper Coordinator:** Help our bagpipers with their uniforms and during class if needed. Flexible time commitment: Parades & Concerts, Uniform Fitting Day and Return Day.

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**Band Classroom Aide:** Help Mr. Morton in class with clerical tasks. Flexible time commitment during school hours or events.

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**Orchestra Classroom Aide:** Help Mr. Morton in class with clerical tasks. Flexible time commitment during school hours or events.

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**Music Event Chairs:** The following Chairs will help event planning/setting with VP; remind volunteer parents when and where to help during specific events:

**Highlander String Orchestra Concert Chair:** Coordinates Volunteers for the HSO Concerts and Music Festivals.

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**Orchestra 6 Coordinator:** Coordinates the 6<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers in conjunction with HSO VP and HSO Concert Chair.

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**Highlander Band Parade Chair:** Coordinate Volunteers for 3 Parades for HB in Fall and Spring

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**Highlander Band Concert Chair:** Coordinates Volunteers for the HB Concerts and works with B6 Coordinator as needed

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**Band 6 Coordinator:** Coordinates the 6<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers in conjunction with HB VP and HB Concert Chair.

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**Historian/Videographers:** – One Historian for Band and One for Orchestra: Someone to videotape and take pictures of the performances for the different groups. Document the year for the students and Mr. Morton.

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Band:

Orchestra:

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## February/March Music Club News and Events

Join us to find out about our Upcoming Events at our next Music Club Meeting on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11:15 am in the Music Room. In the meantime, please add these important dates to your calendar:

1. **Band Vertical Concert Wed. Feb. 24th @ AHS PAC 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm**  
Highlander Band - a concert with the other middle schools and AHS Band  
We still need concert chaperones – it's easy, you can enjoy the concert with the students.  
Email our Band VP, Mery Montgomery at [mery.montgomery@gmail.com](mailto:mery.montgomery@gmail.com) if you can help!
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  
A sign up Genius will be published soon!
3. **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. **La Canada High School Music Festival Fri. March 11 @ La Canada HS – School Day**  
Band 6 and Orchestra 6
5. **Millikan HS Music Festival on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ Millikan HS, Long Beach**  
Highlander String Orchestra – All Day event
6. **String Vertical Concert Thurs. Mar. 24th @ AHS PAC 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm**  
HSO will get a chance to play with the middle schools and the High School Orchestras.

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

There are many ways your talents can help 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!

Please complete the attached Nomination Form and return to  
***Margaret Aghili, Music Club President 2015-2016***  
at [margyaghili@gmail.com](mailto:margyaghili@gmail.com) with any suggestions or self-nominations for next year.  
You can also leave the form in the Music Club Mail Box at FMS office.

**Hope to see you on March 10<sup>th</sup> at our next meeting!**