



What's Happening at FMS

March 04, 2016

We had a great week at Foothills! The girls soccer team won against Santa Fe and the our boys defeated First Ave. Great job Highlanders! The Drama class performed an amazing sculpture garden in the amphitheater. It was amazing and makes me excited for the Spring play later this year! The many hours practice before and after school really showed for Drill Team and Color Guard. Block received 3rd place and shields earned 2nd. Wonderful work team!

We also have several exciting events coming up this month. The Talent Show is Thursday, March 10 at 6:30PM in the MPR. Tryouts begin on Monday.

The Middle School Track Meet is after school at AHS on Wednesday, March 23. All those interested should see their PE teacher and start forming relay teams. Open House is on Wednesday, March 30 from 6:30 PM to 8:00PM.

The Smarter Balanced (SBAC) state testing begins in May! Check out the website for a link to practice tests.

For all of you thinking already dreaming about summer, AEF summer school catalogs will be out next month. Please see the attached flyer for summer school dates.

Safety Reminders:

If your student has an appointment during the school day or will be picked up early, please send a note with your student to deliver to the office in the morning. During fire drills, students cannot be released to parents until the conclusion of the drill for safety and security reasons.

PLEASE remind students to only cross at the crosswalks! Several students have been crossing Sycamore by the Arcadia Transit pick up location by the stairs. The traffic is very heavy after school so it is imperative that our students cross at the crosswalk to be as safe as possible.

8th Grade Promo Party:

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

On Tuesday, June 14th, our 8th graders will look forward to celebrating their achievements at Foothills Middle School with a Promotion Party in honor of their milestone achievement.

To make this event a great success, our Promo Party Team needs your support with donations to offset party costs and ensure plenty of prizes for the planned games. Would you like to help?

We are in need of more small game prizes! Gift cards make great game prizes. We would love to receive gift cards in the amount of \$5.00 or \$10 from anywhere you think our graduates may enjoy. (e.g. Jamba Juice, Yogurtland, iTunes, Starbucks, etc ..) If you would like to contribute any gift cards, please email Angela Beddawi - angelabeddawi@me.com or Donna Noda - bdnoda@yahoo.com or drop by the front office and our wonderful office staff, Coral and Violet will be happy to accept your donations on our behalf of the Promo Party Team.

Thank you for your support!

Regards,
Promo Party Game Co-Chairs
Angela Beddawi and Donna Noda

8th Grad Promo Party Donation

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.**

Thank you parents for coming to the informational meeting. The committee is very excited to plan this special event. Sign up Genius will be set up soon for volunteering options.

Thank you,
Jenny Santoyo

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mon, Mar 07 – Boys soccer AWAY vs. Dana, 3:30PM
Tues, Mar. 08 – Boys Soccer HOME vs. Clifton, 3:30PM
Weds, Mar 09 – Girls soccer HOME vs. Santa Fe, 3:30PM
Thurs, Mar 10 – Girls Soccer HOME vs. Clifton, 3:30PM
Thurs, Mar 10 – Talent Show, 6:30 MPR

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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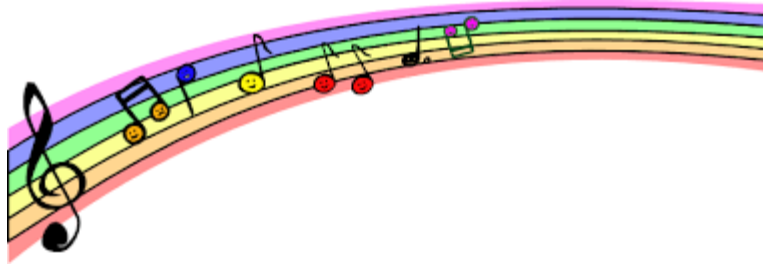
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February/March Music Club News and Events

Join us to find out about our Upcoming Events at our next Music Club Meeting on
Thursday March 10th @ 11:15 am in the Music Room.

In the meantime, please add these important dates to your calendar:

1. **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
Parade route is on Temple City Blvd.
2. **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!
3. **La Canada High School Music Festival Fri. March 11 @ La Canada HS – School Day**
Band 6 and Orchestra 6
Buses leave FMS @ 9:15 am returning around 4:00 pm to FMS.
4. **Millikan HS Music Festival on March 16th, 2016 @ Millikan HS, Long Beach**
Highlander String Orchestra – All Day event
5. **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.

6. **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 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 10th at our next meeting!



ARCADIA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

2016 Summer School Dates

Registration & Summer School Catalogs available *March 2016*.



Elementary & Middle School Summer Program

Classes will meet Monday – Thursday (21 days)

Begins: Wednesday, June 22nd

Ends: Thursday, July 28th

No School on Monday, July 4th
Location to be determined

High School Summer Program

Classes will meet Monday – Friday unless noted

Session 1 Begins: Monday, June 20th

Session 1 Ends: Thursday, July 7th (13 days)

No School on Monday, July 4th

Session 2 Begins: Monday, July 11th

Session 2 Ends: Wednesday, July 27th (13 days)

[Students taking 10 credit classes attend both sessions.]

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