



# What's Happening at FMS

## April 01, 2016

Happy Spring Break Friday!!!

Thank you to our many Foothills families for coming to Open House. Open House is one of my favorite events of the year. It is great to see our students proudly showing their work to family members. The projects, writing, artwork, and so much other student work reveals what talented and diligent students we are so fortunate to have at Foothills as well as what creative and supportive teachers we have. I am so very grateful to this community for your support of our school, our teachers, and, most importantly, our students.

Many thanks to our wonderful PTSA and our amazing librarian, Mrs. Lucas, for hosting the Book Fair!

We are in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and its time to start thinking about Scottie Days! The registration forms for the 2015-16 school year will be found on the FMS website. The forms will be posted in July along with a list of holds for cafeteria fines, damaged books, or office fees not paid during the 2015-16 school year.

If you are interested in finding out more about what's going on at AHS, check out the new edition of [Smoke Signals](#).

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 were distributed this week. Summer School Registration begins at our "Spring into Summer" event on Thursday, March 24th at 4:00 p.m. at Arcadia High School. Please see the attached flyers for more information including summer school dates.

Have a wonderful and restful spring break!

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

**APRIL 4- 8 SPRING BREAK. NO SCHOOL**

Thursday, 4/14 – PTSA Meeting, 8:45 Daycare Room

### **Safety Reminders:**

Traffic Officer:

Our FMS Traffic Officer liaison from Arcadia PD has some valuable safety observations for our school community. Please be aware that it is unsafe and not permitted to drop off or pick up students in the area with the red curb. Traffic should keep moving so this area is clear for emergency vehicles. Also, please remember that all traffic rules apply during drop off in front of school.

Thank you in advance for being respectful to our school neighbors by not parking or turning around in their driveways and always putting the safety of our students first.

*Thanks and have a great week!*  
*Angie Dillman, Assistant Principal*

## **PTSA MESSAGES:**

### **FMS Scrip**

Supporting our school couldn't be easier when you buy gift cards through SCRIP program! We have many different Scrip cards for all your regular purchasing needs. It costs you nothing extra and our school benefits by receiving a percentage of the sales donated by the vendors.

How can you buy Scrip at FMS?

- Obtain the Scrip Order Form at the school office or AEF website ([arcadiaedfoundation.org](http://arcadiaedfoundation.org)) and leave the completed Order Form with payment (cash or check made payable to "AEF") at the school office. We will contact you when your order is ready to be picked up.
- Join the "Scrip Club" to receive your Scrip in the mail every month. Download the Scrip Club application form at AEF website and mail the completed form with a voided check to AEF, P.O.Box 660009 Arcadia, CA 91066.

Please contact Grace You at [thyou@yahoo.com](mailto:thyou@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promo Party:**

#### **FOOD COMMITTEE**

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 academic, sports, arts and music accomplishments!

The Food Committee needs your help!! Do you know someone with a local restaurant who would be willing to donate finger-type foods for our party? We are also looking for donations of food for our party (sorry, no homemade food!)

If you would like to donate, please email Vicky Ryan at [vsryan517@yahoo.com](mailto:vsryan517@yahoo.com) or Teresa Kelley at [teresa3,kelley@gmail.com](mailto:teresa3,kelley@gmail.com). If you would like ideas on donations please give me a call at 626-264-0077!

Thank you for your support!

Regards,  
Promo Party Food Co-Chairs  
Vicky Ryan and Teresa Kelley

#### **GAME COMMITTEE**

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](mailto:angelabeddawi@me.com) or Donna Noda - [bdnoda@yahoo.com](mailto: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



## April Music Club Upcoming Events

Please see the Foothills Music Program Newsletter (following page) for some highlights of the last few months for our Music Groups at Foothills. There are many events still to come!

1. **Music Club Meeting, Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 in Music Room**

Please join us as we discuss upcoming events and finalize plans for the rest of the year! All are welcome.

2. **Highland Oaks Run Out Concert Fri. April 15 in the afternoon**

Highlander Strings will return to Highland Oaks to perform!

3. **Disneyland Trip for HSO and HB Wed. April 20 – All Day Field Trip**

Students will get a chance to work behind the scenes with a conductor, sight read some music,

and it will be recorded. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and the first time that both groups will go on the same day!

**Payment deadline is Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>!**

4. **Hugo Reid Run Out Concert Fri. April 22 in the afternoon**

Highlander Band will return to Hugo Reid to perform!

5. **Aloha String Concert Wed. May 12<sup>th</sup> @ FMS Quad, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm**

Come out to celebrate the end of a successful year for our Orchestra 6 and Highlander String Orchestra, Say Goodbye to our Graduating 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!

6. **Aloha Band Concert Thurs. May 13<sup>th</sup> @ FMS Quad, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Come out to celebrate the end of a successful year for our Band 6 and Highlander Band,

Say Goodbye to our Graduating 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!

**Hope to see you on April 14<sup>th</sup> at our next meeting!**



## Foothills Middle School Music Club News

We are smack in the middle of two busy months full of concerts and field trips!

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, the Highlander Band Uniform Committee successfully took in the marching band uniforms for this year. Thank you to those volunteers who came out to spend the morning to input and sort the different pieces for our 125 uniforms. It was like watching a well-oiled machine in action! Uniforms are at the cleaners and will be rehung on their return ready for next year's Highlander Band students!

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, our talented 6<sup>th</sup> grade musicians had a wonderful experience attending the La Canada Music Festival in neighboring La Canada.



*They had a lot of fun relaxing between sessions!*



Highlander String Orchestra had a couple of exciting performances in March. Millikan Festival is one of the official Southern California School Band and Orchestra

Association (SCSBOA) events held every year. Judges who are specialists in their respective fields are hired to make constructive comments and criticism. This was on March 16.



The Vertical String Concert at the PAC was held on March 24<sup>th</sup> and was a chance for FMS, Dana, and First Ave to perform individually followed by an AHS String Orchestra performance. It was great to see where our students will progress to in a few years.



A big shout out to all the volunteers who have taken time from their schedule to help at our events so far this year. It takes many hands to help Mr. Morton with each of his groups, from Orchestra 6, Band 6 to Highlander String Orchestra, and finally Highlander Band. Hope to see you at our next event!

Warm regards,  
Margaret Aghili, Music Club President



# Foothills Middle School April PTSA Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2016

8:45 am  
FMS Day Care Room



Please join us for a brief meeting and learn all about Foothills Middle School's accomplishments and events.

Everybody is welcome.

Dr. Brent Forsee the principal of Arcadia High School will be present to share information about Arcadia High School this next year.

