



What's Happening at FMS

August 28, 2015

Wow! What a great start to the school year! We are deeply grateful to all of our parent volunteers who helped with Scottie Days! Your help on the last days of summer is the epitome of generosity and such a reminder of why Foothills is a great place – because of our wonderful families and all the support you give our school. Many thanks to PTSA for organizing the volunteers and setting up a great registration! Our PTSA also organized a warm welcome at “1st Day Coffee.” It was wonderful to meet so many new families and catch up with our upper classmen parents as well. Our first day back concluded with Back to School night. Our teachers appreciate your support and willingness to meet them after a long hot day!

Throughout the year, be sure to check the FMS website at fh.ausd.net for regular updates and stay tuned to my weekly newsletters which are also found on the website. You can find out more information by reading the daily student bulletin which is also found on the website.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 6PM, MPR - OSS Parent Meeting – 7th Grade Parents

Monday, September 7 – NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

September 9th – 11th - Book Fair

School Procedures Reminders

Dropping off items at school

Items are not permitted to be dropped off for students during the school day. This includes lunch, homework, PE clothes, flowers, balloons, etc. If a student forgets lunch, they are always able to purchase lunch in the cafeteria with cash or by charging to the student account.

Absence letters

Students are required to bring an absent letter to the office when they return to school. Letters can be given to Miss Herrera in the front office.

Safety

AM Drop Off

Help keep our students safe! Please remind your children to cross only at crosswalks and to obey the crossing guard. For parent drivers, please obey the crossing guard and do not block the cross walk.

PM Pick Up

It is crucial that students only cross at the crosswalk! Remember that the parking lot is closed to parent drivers in the afternoon. Please arrange a safe place to park and have your child meet you at this location.

A Message from AEF:

Throughout the years, Arcadia Education Foundation has provided students with innovative technology, classroom fundamentals, district communications, scrip benefits, teacher mini grants, annual summer school, and most recently, additional counseling services for transitioning students.

It is with great pride that AEF announces its 1st annual fundraiser on September 19th at the home of AUSD School Board President, Lori Phillippi, and her husband Steve. The event is entitled “Bright Night” and will

illuminate the accomplishments and excellence of Arcadia's students; featuring special performances by AHS' renowned marching band and pep squad as well as their nationally honored speech and debate team. AEF will host prestigious members and parents of the community at an elegant backyard dinner and live auction event. Please consider supporting Foothills Middle School and all of the campuses in the Arcadia Unified School District by joining us at this community fundraising dinner. For more information and tickets, please visit: www.ArcadiaEdFoundation.org/BrightNight

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

THE 2015 FALL BOOK FAIR



FOOTHILLS' LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th
to
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th
8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Join us for the annual Scholastic Book Fair!

- Shopping at the Book Fair is a convenient way to purchase a wide variety of reading materials.
- All profits are used to purchase additional books for the Foothills' Library.
- Spring Book Fair will be held in March 2016.
- Please mark the "Book Fair" box on the PTSA volunteer form if you'd like to help out.

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INCOMING 7TH GRADERS FOR 2015-16:



We would like to inform you that all incoming seventh graders are cordially invited to attend Outdoor Science School (OSS) this fall. Here is some information you may find useful:

Who: Incoming 7th graders

Where: Pali Mountain (<http://www.paliinstitute.com>)

When: Wednesday October 21st to Friday October 23rd

Cost: \$300 (Includes transportation, lodging, food, classes)

An informational meeting for 7th grade parents on September 1, 2015, 6PM, MPR.

While at camp students will rotate through “classes”. This science experience involves an excellent hands-on opportunity for our students. The classes at camp are centered on our science 7th grade standards. An example of a class is Not Easy Being Green. Students will experience activities and up-close experiences with various animal artifacts and differentiate between animal adaptations and how they thrive in their ecosystems.

Students sleep in cabins that hold about 10 other students along with their camp staff counselor. Before going to camp students will make a list of other students they would like to be housed with while at camp. We try to fit them together with many friends but can only guarantee one.

Food at camp is served buffet style and is of terrific quality. Students with dietary restrictions will indicate this is on coming health forms that need to be completed. The camp does an excellent job at accommodating special needs.

Special health conditions and prescription medications are also a regular part of camp. These will be indicated on coming health forms as well. A camp staff nurse will supervise all students taking medications. These are collected by FMS staff the morning we leave for camp and are delivered right to the camp nurse. Parents will be immediately notified should any problem or injury occur.

Students will receive detailed packing lists and other important information closer to our departure. Optional t-shirts, sweatshirts, and a camp picture are available for purchase during Scottie Days.

We hope every single seventh-grader will attend camp. It could be the highlight of their entire seventh grade year at Foothills! If there are circumstances that prevent a student from attending camp, there will be school those three days at Foothills for them to attend. Please return the bottom portion of this letter to your child’s science teacher and notify us if you have any questions or concerns.

We are offering Science Camp T-shirts, hooded/pullover sweatshirts, and camp pictures for sale. These items are completely optional. • T-shirts are forest green, short sleeve, and are a cotton blend. They have “Foothills Middle School” & “Outdoor Science School” with a design on the front and the camp name on the back. **Shirts are available in adult sizes from small to XX-large. T-shirts are \$15.00.** • Sweatshirts are grey, hooded/pullover with a pocket in front. The same design will be on front of the sweatshirts. **Sweatshirts are available in adult sizes from small to XX-large. Sweatshirts are \$30.00.** • A 10” x 13” group picture is also available for \$13.00. **It is the only picture taken this year that will include the entire grade level.**

See the Scottie Days Purchase Form for payment information.

Thank you,
The 7th Grade Science Teachers

Student’s Name _____ ID # _____

My child will attend OSS and I will follow up in the office for a payment slip.
My child will not attend OSS.

7TH GRADERS ONLY: TURN IN THIS FORM AT STATION 5