



The Falcon Flash

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IMPORTANT DATES

Early Release Every Monday

- 4/6 - "Mother/Son" Dance
6:30 - 8:00PM
- 4/7 - "Father/Daughter" Dance
6:30 - 8:00 PM
- 4/10 - Create a Tile 5:30-6:30
- 4/10 - PTO Meeting 6:30-7:30
- 4/17 - Law LHS Farm
8:30-11:15
- 4/18 - 3rd Gr Bernhard Museum
- 4/19 - 3rd Gr Bernhard Museum

Parent Input Forms

Preliminary planning for the next school year has begun. We look at the enrollment numbers to begin configuring classes to ensure we have adequate staffing and to begin the process of class assignments. Parent Input forms will be going home with students next week.

If you are not returning to Foskett Ranch next year, please call the school office at (916) 434-5255 or email kmodellmog@wpusd.k12.ca.us by Friday, April 27th.

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Welcome back! It is great to be back at school for the final quarter. Third quarter ended on March 23rd, and teachers are finishing students' progress reports this week and will send them home with the students on Friday. Semester report cards will be sent home after the fourth quarter

You will notice that PTO also paid to install the safety bars on the front gates of the school. Two years ago PTO purchased door magnets that allow us to lock our doors quickly if we ever needed to go into a lock down, and last year PTO purchased portable toilets should we ever need to remain in our classrooms for an extended period of time.

In addition to our appreciation for the safety items/equipment, teachers and I are grateful to PTO for their recent purchase of an additional mobile Chromebook cart for grades 1 - 5. We now have four mobile carts. PTO is able to purchase this cart due to your participation of our fundraisers. You are a part of PTO, and we thank you for your continued support.

Speaking of fundraisers, PTO will be hosting a fun run (similar to a jog-a-thon in April). It is hosted by a company called Apex, and it promises to be a fun and comprehensive event for students and staff. Please see the attachment for additional information regarding the fun run, and please be on the lookout in the upcoming weeks as your children take home packets that will include pledge forms. The proceeds from this fundraiser are dedicated towards the purchase of a 5th Chromebook cart so that every 1st through 5th grade level will have one to share. Thank you in advance for supporting the fun run.

Tile Tuesday and PTO Elections 4/10/18

The last opportunity to make a tile for this year is next Tuesday from 5:30-6:15. For only \$5 your student can have a permanent spot on our front wall. Please join us after for our PTO meeting and elections in the staff lounge! The PTO meeting will have childcare, all are invited and welcomed. Please join us!!



The "Mother/Son" dance and "Father/Daughter" dance is this weekend!! Tickets will be available at the door (\$20 for pair) if you haven't purchased yours yet. Both events will have a variety of actives to keep you busy along with pizza, water and baked goodies for sale at the event. This is a fundraiser for the 5th grade Fort Bragg trip and fun for all grades!



Apex Fun Run is coming to our school! The kick off for this amazing fundraiser is April 16th and the Fun Run will be April 25th with great character lessons through the week. Look out for more info!



Foskett Ranch Elementary

COMING SOON!

April 16th – April 25th

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to announce that our school will be participating in the Apex Fun Run this year as our major Spring fundraiser! The Apex program will be with our students from April 16th to April 25th as we raise much needed funds to help our school. Please look in your child's folder and for e-mails that will be sent to you as the fun run gets nearer.

Apex Fun Run is an interactive leadership program that helps schools all over the country raise money, while promoting leadership, good character and fitness. This year's theme is UNITED! Students will join the Apex Squad on an exciting journey as they learn what it truly means to unite as a team.

- ➔ Unique
- ➔ No Excuses
- ➔ Inspire Others
- ➔ Teachable
- ➔ Empathize
- ➔ Do Your Best



During the Apex Fun Run program, students are challenged to get pledges for the laps they will run on Fun Run day to help our school. Students will run for 30 minutes and will run an average of 26-36 laps around the Apex Raceway. The maximum amount of laps is 36 and each lap is 1/16th of a mile. Through Apex's top-notch online pledging system, sponsors can pledge \$1/lap, \$2/lap, \$5/lap, or any other amount for students and can pledge from anywhere in the world!

Thank you again for your continued support of Foskett Ranch Elementary and we are excited to begin this journey with you!

Kelly Castillo, Principal and Foskett Ranch Elementary PTO

ALL STUDENTS INCLUDED

- All students will receive Apex wrist bands, an Apex t-shirt, and team awards.
- All students will experience Apex Fun Run's world class character program and have access to additional character lesson videos on the free Apex Fun Run App!

FITNESS, CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This year, Apex Fun Run's character and leadership program focuses on being UNITED as a group and valuing each others differences. The interactive lessons discuss the important role we each play in the world, but also promotes the idea that we're always stronger together!

WE'LL NEED YOUR HELP

- Connect your child to potential sponsors and help acquire pledges for the number of laps they will run on Fun Run day. Family and friends anywhere in the world can support our school.
- All students will also receive their own pledge kit with an individual access code that allows you to enter pledges online.

SAVE THE DATE

- Come to the Apex Fun Run and don't forget to invite others to attend our fun-filled community event.
- Help volunteer for the fun run! We need a few parents to help cheer on students and mark laps.

Dear Parent or Guardian

Each spring, students in grades three through eight and high school participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP).

This year, your child will take the following test(s), depending on his or her grade level:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment in English language arts/ literacy (grades three through eight and grade eleven)
- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment in mathematics (grades three through eight and grade eleven)

The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments are online tests that measure what your child knows and is able to do. The tests include many different types of questions that allow students to interact with the test questions. Results help identify gaps in knowledge or skills early on so your child can get the support he or she needs to be successful in school.

California is in the process of implementing the California Next Generation Science Standards. As part of that implementation, students in grades five, eight and high school will try out a new test called the California Science Test, or CAST.

To learn more about either the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments or the CAST, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>.

You can look at sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the CAASPP Web Portal at <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>.

For information on specific dates and times when your child will take the test in each subject, please contact the main office at 916-434-5255.

The CCCs identify priorities in each content area to guide the instruction for students in this population and for the alternate assessment.

Sincerely,

Kelly Castillo

Principal, Foskett Ranch Elementary

How can I help my child get ready for the CAASPP?

You are an important part of your child's education. Some things you can do to help your child are:

- Talk about the test with your child. Make sure they are not scared or anxious.
- Tell your child that you and his or her teacher have high expectations and that you are both there to help, every step of the way.
- Take a practice test with your child.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.