

What's Happening at FMS September 4, 2015

After our first full week of school, we have a 3 day weekend! Remember that Monday, September 7 is Labor Day and school is not in session. Many of our activities will begin next week as well, including opportunities for students to run for ASB office and form a club! Students have received emails with this information which can be found on the ASB link on the FMS website. We highly encourage our students to get involved and stay informed. Please remind

your child to regularly check his or her AUSD email and listen to the daily bulletin (or read it online).

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Monday, September 7 – NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY HOLIDAY September 9th – 11th - Book Fair Wednesday, Sept 9 – Chinese Parent Meeting, 7:30 PM, MPR Wednesday, Sept 16 – Music Club Parent Orientation, 6:30 PM – 8PM, MPR Thursday, Sept 10 – PTSA Meeting, 8:45, FMS Day Care Room

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 Phillipi, 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

Arcadia Educational Foundation

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

All Parents of 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Music Program Students

are cordially invited to FMS Music Club's Back to Music

Parent Orientation Night

Wednesday September 16, 2015

6:30 - 8:00 pm

FMS Cafetería

Please join us to learn about the exciting events planned for FMS music students this school year. Mr. Morton will discuss key dates, band/orchestra uniforms, and other important program information. This is also the first Music Club meeting of the year! Light refreshments will be served.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get your questions answered, meet other parents of music students and our instructors, sign-up to participate at orchestra or band events, and get to know the current music club parent volunteers!

Looking forward to seeing you,
Karl Morton, Music Director
Margaret Aghili, Music Club President
Kathryn Camranond, Orchestra Vice-President
Mery Montgomery, Band Vice-President



Foothills Middle School **P754**

Please join us for

Foothills Middle School's First PTSA Meeting of the year

Thursday, September 10, 2015 8:45 AM in the FMS Day Care Room

Come join us for a morning of great information shared by our Administration, Teachers, Students and Parents. Learn all about what we do at Foothills Middle School!

Foothills Middle School PTSA

Monthly Update

September 2015



Dear Foothills Middle School Parents.

Thank you to Donna Noda and Sharleen Nakamoto for heading up Scottie Days for us on the 19th and 24th of August. They did a fabulous job working with the office staff to organize and arrange our many volunteers and WEB crew to best suit the flow for our registration days. Thank you ladies, the WEB Crew and your many volunteers for all of your hard work. Thank you parents for coming through and helping our school and staff to run smoothly when school started. We really appreciate your patience with the new adjustments.

We had an awesome Back to School Coffee on August 27th in the MPR, Thank you to Kerri Kiyomura and Cielo Ruiz for all of their hard work and their committee of parents who donated refreshments. We hope that all who were able to attend gained some valuable information about Foothills Middle School. I would like to share with those of you who were unable to attend, the speech that I made that morning. Hopefully, you too, will be able to possibly obtain some valuable information as well.

It is so great to finally have school begin again. While I will miss the absolutely priceless moments I spent with my kids and their friends this summer, I know how important it is for them to be in school learning and having a routine.

First, I would like to thank you all for coming out this morning. It is so important to be a part of your students education. For those of you who don't know me, I am Jennifer Jackson, your PTSA President and a parent of three Arcadia students. I have a sophomore at the high school, an 8th grader here at Foothills and a 5th grader at Hugo Reid. I have served on the PTSA in many capacities, as well as PTSA President.

For some of you I know this may be your last year at Foothills and for others, you are just beginning. Wherever you are in your Foothills Middle school journey, I would like to share a few things I have learned over the years.

Being involved in your students education is so important. I am sure you are saying to yourself, "but at Foothills, I never know what is going on", "My student doesn't want me around" etc. Being involved means that you have the knowledge of what is happening at your school. Being involved means that you are receiving emails, list serves, peach jar flyers, checking websites, and attending PTSA meetings if you can. It does not mean that you are standing by your students side physically, holding their books or hand and walking them to class. These students here are young independent adolescents. When they leave here they will be young independent leaders in one way or another. Be involved by keeping up to date on the information provided and taking part in the events and activities that we do invite you to attend. Your student will acknowledge your presence eventually and know that you care.

If you are not already a member of our PTSA, I would like to encourage you and your student to become members of the PTSA. I understand you are busy, we all are. PTSA is one way to keep apprised of the happenings at Foothills or any school. While we would love for you to attend our association meetings that take place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, you are not obligated to attend. We try to provide information in Ms. Dillman's weekly emails as well as in a monthly update on peachiar. PTSA has many perks, that people forget about. If you show your card at certain businesses/attractions, they will give you discounts for being a PTSA member. Volunteering to help at our events throughout the year, builds our community and only makes our school stronger. It also helps you to know what is happening around school and our community.

We are currently having our school fundraiser which is the Direct Donation Drive. This means that you donate any amount of money you are comfortable donating and it will be used to support our school community and its programs. All of the money raised goes directly back to our school. We provide books, computers, program assistance for ASB and other school activities, the talent show, benches for our sports programs, etc. We cannot do these things without you. Please consider donating to a very good cause....your students education. You can make your donation this morning, or drop it off at the office. This is the simplest fundraiser there is, help us out, so that we don't have to do those other fundraisers out there.

Finally, you and your students are experiencing change in many ways. Middle School students have the most changes going on physically, mentally, socially, emotionally, during these three years, more than Elementary or High School Students. Be there for your students, listen to them, provide the support they

need with a little bit of space for growing and becoming independent. I will be the first to admit that my first child has never prepared me for my second child, so navigating middle school with him has been a challenge. He is his own person and has his own learning style and ways of accomplishing things. He needed time to find his strengths. They didn't happen in sixth grade. He was nurtured by his teachers the last two years to become a very different independent individual who still looks to his parents for guidance, but now is capable of making responsible decisions to shape who he wants to be. This is because of the great faculty and administration we have here at Foothills and because we gave him the expectations and space to grow. Please note that our faculty is here to work with you and your student every step of the way.

Again, thank you so much for coming and sharing in our community here at Foothills. The PTSA Executive Board and I look forward to an exciting year of growth and new horizons for our community here at Foothills. Come be a piece of the puzzle.

Thank you!

Jennifer Jackson - 2015-16 PTSA President

PTA MEMBER PERKS

Start the school year off right when you share these benefits of PTA membership! **SCHOOLA**

Turn quality clothing into money for your school! Looking for a fundraising idea that is easy, green and doesn't require students to be salespeople? Run a one-week clothing drive through Schoola – it's easy and it's free and you can book online now at www.schoola.com/bookadrive. Shop kids clothes online and 40 percent of your sales proceeds go to one of 15,000 schools nationwide! Shop an assortment of gently used kid's and women's clothing online – every order supports schools and as a member of California State PTA, shipping is free with code "CAPTA." Visit our Member Perks page for the link and more details.

VOLUNTEERSPOT

Get a kick-start on back-to-school planning. Use VolunteerSpot to recruit and organize fall volunteers and boost participation. California State PTA members get a FREE premium upgrade (up to a \$300 value) with promo code "CAPTA1415." Take a tour and register your account today at www.volunteerspot.com/school-volunteers.

STAPLES

Staples is partnering with National PTA to give more exclusive discounts in store and on www.staples.com. Save 10 percent on supplies and furniture and 25 percent on copy and print purchases. To receive these benefits, visit www.pta.org/benefits for more information.

SYLVAN LEARNING

Sylvan Learning supports student success. Sylvan Learning is offering PTA members free and discounted educational resources for students and parents. Receive 50 percent off a Sylvan Insight Assessment, get exclusive savings on a detailed academic assessment and take advantage of free parent seminars. Find your local center at www.sylvanlearning.com/locations and when you visit, use coupon code "PTA 2015."

TEENSAFE

TeenSafe offers discounts and support to PTA members and schools. With the TeenSafe smartphone monitoring service, parents are given a window into their children's digital lives to create an open dialogue between parents and their kids. As a PTA member, TeenSafe will offer a 33 percent lifetime discount on its monitoring software and contribute \$10 to each new customer's selected local PTA. Sign up for a free trial at www.teensafe.com/pta.

www.capta.org/join/member-perks

AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

Don't miss the new Jellies exhibition that opened May 22! Discover sunny Southern California and Baja, the frigid waters of the Northern Pacific, and the colorful reefs of the Tropical Pacific. Visit www.aquariumofthepacific.org for more information and contact your PTA leader for discount coupons.

LEGOLAND

LEGOLAND California and SEA LIFE Aquarium offer exclusive PTA member discounts. Book a PTA Family Field Trip at LEGOLAND and SEA LIFE Aquarium for only \$52 per adult or child – that's half off! Call (760) 438-5346 or visit www.legoland.com/pta for more details and to request coupons for your PTA.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

BigPicture, Natural World Photography Competition opened July 31! Visit their website for other great learning opportunities for students and families! California State PTA members receive discounts when preordering tickets at www.calacademy.org/etickets2 with sales code "CAPTA."

ENTERPRISE

PTA members are eligible for a discounted rate on all cars. Wherever you travel, whenever you travel, and no matter when you make your reservations, PTA members always receive the same low rate, depending on the vehicle rented. Visit our Member Perks page to access the discounted online ordering link.

TRUECAR

See what others paid for the car you want, so you know you're getting a good deal. PTA members will receive an average savings of over \$3,000 off the MSRP* on new vehicles and discounts on used vehicles when purchasing through TrueCar. * Visit capta.truecar.com for details.

COMCAST INTERNET ESSENTIALS

Bring the power of the internet to more students and families through www.internetessentials.com. Qualifying households in Comcast service areas receive discounts on monthly service and free internet training.

THE VIA FOUNDATION

The Via Foundation is committed to helping schools become heart safe. Visit **www.theviafoundation.org** to find out about their discounts on AED packages for your school, heart screening events for teenagers and other fundraising opportunities.

www.capta.org/join/member-perks

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Labor Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL - September 7, 2015

Book Fair - September 9-11, 2015 - during school hours - we need volunteers.

First PTSA Meeting - September 10, 2015 8:45am - on school campus in the day care room - Come hear all of the exciting things going on at Foothills.

First Common Core Day - September 17, 2015 - early release 11:40 am

AEF Inaugural Event "Bright Night" - September 19, 2015 (see information below.)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS NEEDED

We are still in need of Chairpeople for the following PTSA positions...
Promo Games Chair
Can You Help Drive Chair
Scrip Chair
Procedure Books Chair
Talent Show Chair
Teacher/Faculty Treats Chair

If you are interested in taking on the positions so that we can continue these programs, or if you have any questions about these questions, please contact Jennifer Jackson jaxson72@sbcqlobal.net.

REFLECTIONS

The Reflections Art Program is now under way. The theme for the 2015-16 program is "Let Your Imagination Fly". Entries from all grades and all abilities welcome. The categories available for entry are Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. Information packets will be available soon in the office. Deadline will be in October. For more details contact: foothillsreflections@gmail.com

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Arcadia Unified School District in it's ongoing relationship with schools in Shanghai and PuDong, China will once again be hosting educators from China to exchange best practices. The experience of this exchange is invaluable for our teachers as well as the visiting teachers. In order to enhance their Arcadia Experience, these visitors will spend 2 weeks on Arcadia campuses and live with Arcadia families. If you are interested in opening your home to these individuals for two weeks (September 26-October 10), please reply to this email and I can provide you with more information. Below is some additional information on the expectations of a host family:

Guidelines for selecting host families are:

- 1. Families with school-age children that could provide transportation to the visitors (to and back from school) are favorable.
- 2. The host family shall be able to provide a bedroom(s), a work area for a desk, and wireless Internet services. A pair of same gender guests could share one bedroom equipped with two beds.
- 3. Other responsibility to the host family is to provide breakfast (providing dinner is optional), take their guest(s) to do grocery shopping (guests will pay for their own groceries) and provides accommodations to their guests for preparing their own meals.

*Weekend activities with the host family would be another great avenue by which our guests may enjoy to experience American culture and our Golden State. However, host family has no obligation to make special arrangements for their guests.

The hosting period starts on Saturday, September 26, 2015 and ends on Saturday, October 10, 2015.

Each host family will be reimbursed on an average of \$250 per guest for the two-week hosting period, \$350 if host family provides dinner to their guest.

All guests will be equipped with travel insurance including emergency medical services during their stay in US.



AEF's Inaugural Fundraising Gala "Bright Night"Saturday, September 19th, 2015 250 Hacienda Drive, Arcadia, CA 91006

AEF is lighting the way to a better and brighter future for Arcadia students! Join the Arcadia and AUSD communities for a night of camaraderie, al fresco dining, and student entertainment, as AEF hosts its inaugural fundraising gala — "Bright Night."

For TICKETS and EVENT SPONSORSHIP visit:

www.ArcadiaEdFoundation.org/BrightNight

For more information and an invitation, contact AEF at (626) 447-2165 or email Bright_Night@ArcadiaEdFoundation.org.



"Join Us" in our mission of enhancing Arcadia schools

AEF's purpose is to raise funds for the AUSD. The Foundation is populated by parent and community member trustees who represent the interests of each of Arcadia's 10 public schools. AEF has helped to ensure, through its fundraising efforts, that AUSD is among the finest in the state of California. AEF is currently seeking to enlist new trustees, school site liaisons, and volunteers from the Arcadia community. Guests are encourage to attend AEF meetings as they are open to the public. For more information on the Foundation and ways you can become involved in AEF, contact us at info@ArcadiaEdFoundation.org or (626) 447-2165.

2015-2016 AEF Meeting Schedule:

AEF meetings are held at the Arcadia Education Center, AUSD's district office, located at 150 S. Third Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006.

Meeting begin at 7:30 p.m. and visitors are always encouraged.

For more information visit: www.ArcadiaEdFoundation.org

- August 19
- September 9
- October 14
- November 18
- December 9
- January 13
- February 17
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11
- June 8

Be Part of PTA's Reflections® Program



2015-2016 Theme: Let Your Imagination Fly

Dance Choreography • Film Production • Literature Music Composition • Photography • Visual Arts



Deadline for entries:





THE 2015 FALL BOOK FAIR



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

Join us for the annual Scholastic Book Fair I

- 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.

For more information, please contact Pamela Wang at <u>pamelalamwang@yahoo.com</u> or Kerri Kiyomura at <u>kerri.kiyomura@sbcglobal.net</u>





Foothills Middle School PTSA

2015 PTSA Membership Form

Student (1) Last Name	Student (1) First Name Student (1) E-ma						Grade	ID #:	
Student (2) Last Name	Student (2) First Name		Student	(2) E-mail			Grade	ID #:	
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Parent (2) Last Name	Parent (2) First Name	Parent (2)E-mail					Parent (2) Phone #		
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	Direct Donation to PTSA (All Contributions Welcomed!)								
TOTAL					\$				

Please include payment with your PTSA Purchase Form and this membership form.



PTSA Direct Donation Fund-Raiser

Parents: A One-Time Donation made directly to PTSA helps run critical programs throughout the year!

100% of your donation goes directly to funding programs such as:

-Alumni Scholarships -Eighth Grade Promotion Party

-Book Fair -Talent Show

-Teacher Appreciation -Teacher Treats

-Red Ribbon Week -Library Funds for book purchase

-ASB funding for clubs/sports -Reflections Program

PTSA graciously provides these programs for Foothills Middle School students and faculty. An important component to keeping Foothills ranked among the top outstanding schools in California is the continued relationship between parents, teachers and students.

Please support Foothills Middle School (FMS) by giving to this Direct Donation campaign (suggested amount \$10-\$100, whatever is comfortable for your family to give) so that we can continue to provide these valuable programs. You can make your donation on the PTSA Payment Plan included in this packet and make your check payable to Foothills Middle School PTSA.

Thank you very much for your support of the FMS PTSA and your student's education.

Sincerely, Lynda Conner, Vice-President Ways and Means