

Foothill Flyer

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DATES TO REMEMBER

11/21-25 NO SCHOOL
THANKSGIVING
BREAK



11/28 Open Enrollment
Begins (Ends 1/20/06)

12/5- 9:00am&1:15pm,
1/19/06 School Tours, (Call
office for days
available)

12/6 8:00pm, Student Gov.
Library

6:00-8:00pm, Holiday
Craft Event, Sm. Gym

12/8 6:30pm, 4th Gr. Music
Program, Big Gym

12/13 3:30pm, Choir
Program, Sm. Gym

12/14 6:00—7:30pm, Bully
Proofing Parent
Night

12/15 3:30-5:00pm
Kindergarten
Orientation,
Kindergarten
Classrooms

12/21- NO SCHOOL
1/6/06 WINTER BREAK

A Note from the Principal...

Dear Foothill Families,

November is a month to give thanks and I would like to thank all 486 Foothill Foxes for bringing sunshine to my days, our incredibly talented staff for all of their hard work and our parent community for their support. I feel very fortunate to have spent the last three months here and am looking forward to the great times to come.

I am also thankful for the additional support we have received recently. There was a rollover in Read To Achieve funds of about \$7,000 from last year which we will be using to hire additional literacy support for grades 2 and 3. The PTO donated over \$8,000 to the school for academic support which we will target to hiring an academic tutor in our area of greatest need, third grade. We are still looking for parent volunteers to help us with their extra eyes during lunch recess, however we may need to hire additional support.

Finally, I would like to thank the teachers and parents who served on the technology committee this summer and fall to create a new computer lab. The money for this project came from a grant that schools receive to update their labs. We will be sectioning off an area of the library to build a computer lab of 30 computers. Brand new computers have been purchased and should be here within the week. Our best hope is that by winter break we will have the cabling and electrical completed and the furniture in place. Referendum 3A will allow the district to carry out a 4 year plan to replace all of the computers in the schools. Foothill will be scheduled in the 2007-08 school year to replace the rest of our computers.

Enjoy your week off!

Warm Regards,

Melisa Zahn

Kindergarten Orientation

You are invited to visit our kindergartens, meet our teachers and have your questions answered. The orientation is a great opportunity to pickup the low-down and pickup all your registration materials. Information about our K-Care, a fee based complimenting half day kindergarten enrichment program, as well as YMCA before and after school care will be available also.

- Thursday, December 15th 3:30pm to 5:00pm
- Monday, January 9th 5:00pm to 6:30pm

Kindergarten Registration

Families living within our attendance area need to register their incoming Kindergarten student. Our staff will be available to answer your questions and help you complete your forms. Bring copies of your child's legal birth certificate, immunization records, a current physical and proof of residence to complete your packet. Thursday, January 12th, 8:30am to 11:00am or 1:00pm to 7:30pm. Unfortunately, Open Enrollment registrations cannot be processed until the student has been accepted after the January 20, 2006 Open Enrollment deadline.

Cell Phones at School

Foothill asks that all visitors and volunteers please turn off their cell phones while in the building. The ringing interrupts the students learning environment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment Information and Procedures, in both English and Spanish, are now available on the BVSD website, www.bvsd.org under "Enrolling your child in BVSD", "Open Enrollment". The application will be available on the website as of November 28th.

Pet Pick Up

Pet owners, for sanitary reasons, please be sure to pick up any waste your pet leaves on the school grounds. Also, please be sure that your pet is on a leash while on school property. Students, staff and parents will appreciate your thoughtfulness, and it is the law.

Bully Proofing Parent Night

The staff at Foothill has been trained in the Bully Proofing Your Schools curriculum and continues to implement it each year. Parents are invited to attend a workshop on Bully Proofing on Wednesday, December 14th to become familiar with the curriculum and lessons that students are receiving. Please join us in the library from 6:00 – 7:30pm.

Children who report being the target of bullying are more likely to experience loneliness, depression, poor academic performance, and difficulty making friends. Adults *must* intervene in bully/victim conflicts. Once children realize that reporting bullying to an adult will result in immediate intervention and action, they feel more secure in ending bullying themselves.

Nominate an Excellent Teacher for an Impact Award!

Every year, Impact on Education recognizes educational excellence through the Impact Awards program by providing a visible forum and cash awards to individuals who make extraordinary contributions to public education. Impact Award winners receive a \$500 personal award and \$1500 for their school or department. In addition, they are publicly recognized at the community-wide Impact Awards dinner which will occur on April 6. Award recipients claim it is the high-point of each of their careers! To learn more or nominate an exceptional teacher, staff member or volunteer you know, log on to www.impactoneducation.org. Click "Programs," then "Impact Awards." Nomination forms are due December 16!

Foothill Flyer Deadlines

The deadline for articles for the next Foothill Flyer is on Friday, December 2nd. Please email articles to lucia.catalano@bvsd.org.

PTO Holiday Craft Night

Parents and Children come and join us on December 6, from 6:00 to 8:00pm in the small gym, for an evening of crafts and snacks! It will be fun for the family and no set up or clean up is involved.. Sign up in advance and purchase the crafts you'd like to make. Please make sure all children are accompanied by an adult. For more information please call Millicent Kang at 303-442-1856 or e-mail Kari Santos at karisantos@pobox.com.

More Picture Retake Opportunities

Re-takes are available during the following days at the Lifetouch Studio.

11/19 9:00am-3:00pm

11/21 3:00-6:00pm

12/10 9:00am-3:00pm

The Lifetouch Studio is located at: 7000 N. Broadway, Suite 207 (just off Hwy 36 & Broadway) 303.565.5200.

Recycle for the Rainforest

Bring your empty inkjet/laser cartridges and old cell phones to school! Recycle for the Rainforest will pay us \$1 to \$15 per cartridge we collect! They also will save 500 Sq. Ft. of Rainforest for every cartridge/cell phone we recycle.

Foothill Kids Care

Parents and children at Foothill Elementary have been searching for ways to help in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. It is difficult to involve our children in a meaningful way, when often what is needed is financial support. However, Foothills Kids Care has located a school in Mississippi, Rawls Springs Attendance Center, which has been severely impacted by the hurricane. Rawls Springs Attendance Center is located in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and is part of the Forest County School District. They serve K-6 with a school population of 183 children, all personally affected by Katrina. Prior to Katrina, this school was already a designated Title One school with 80% free and reduced lunch population. They have since absorbed additional children from other schools that remain closed following the

hurricane. After speaking to their principal, Mr. Greer, we have formally offered to "adopt" this school as our Sister School. It is our hope that this will be a long-term relationship and is primarily geared to provide support, both emotional and financial, as we are able throughout the school year. Mr. Greer identified "emotional support" as the most pressing current need. We are planning to send letters, cards, drawings, etc. this month, connecting with students, teachers, principal, and staff. This will be our first introduction of our community to this school. There will be additional activities occurring throughout the school year in all classrooms. It is our hope to connect with our sister school on a monthly basis and in an increasingly personal manner. Some ideas for future activities for the children might be homemade laminated book-marks with photos for the Holiday season, valentines in February, ongoing letter writing (pen pals), etc. We will plan more specifics as the needs of our sister school become more defined. For more information contact: Kari Santos—karisantos@pobox.com, Jeannie Walsh—repowoman2@aol.com, Julene Thom—julenethom@aol.com

Impact on Education Mini Grant Recipients

This year Impact on Education received 315 Classroom Mini-Grant Applications – a 90 percent increase over last year. About 47 percent of the applicants received funding. The grant applicants that were funded adhered to our application criteria, presented a creative and innovative project that enriched the curriculum and used the funds to support the implementation of the project. This year Impact on Education

awarded 148 Classroom Mini-Grants totaling \$83,770 in 48 BVSD schools. Two teachers at Foothill, Sophie Ramus and Jackie Bedwell, were awarded Mini-Grants this year. Congratulations to them and thanks to all who applied.

After School Arrangement Procedures

All after school arrangements must be made before school. Only emergency notices will be given to students. If you need to call the office to change an after school arrangement for your student, please do not leave a message after 2:15pm. Voice mail may not be retrieved before the 2:30 announcements.

Thanks from the Library

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! The library had another successful Book Fair! We would like to thank the following parents for their efforts: Kenda Peterson, Lynn Buhlig, Bruce Bridges, Millicent Kang, Caroline Goosman, Susan Feagler, Carrie Cavanaugh-Kayak, Annie Weber, Rebecca Maytubby, Leslie Sorstokke, Caroline Douglas, Dayna Granston, Timolyn Esson, Yasmin Forouzandeh-Wymore, Juliette Harrington, Maria Colvin, Anita Brattland, Cindy Miyake, Peggy Pease, Elicia Arwen, Leila Thomas, Krista Furie, Sherry Mukundan, Martha Lancaster, Heather Ford, Pam Lemme Raup, Julie Powell, Janet Neben, Krista Furie, Jennie March-Aleu, Jeanne Walsh, Kelly Hildebrandt, Amy Adams, Chris Ford, Stephanie Patratas, Lonny Granston, and Hal Sorstokke.