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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By: Dr. Vallen Thomas

This past month we have participated in some outstanding activities that have provided our students memories to last a lifetime. Here is a small list to just give you an idea of what your students experienced this past month: Spelling Bee, Science Fair (with winners going on to regional completion), Fun Fitness Friday Zumba activity, Invention Convention, 2nd Grade Living Plant Reptile Show, Storyteller visit, Storytelling Competition, 5th Grade Solider Hollow trip & State Capitol Visit, and our Fabulous First Grade Patriotic program (way to go Mrs. Rodas, Mrs. Bethel, and Miss Mills). So, as you can see, on top of providing great academics our fabulous teachers and PTA go out of their way to provide wonderful enrichment activities that benefit all students. Thank you to each of you

who had a hand in any of these great activities. This is just another example of how Foothill is "Going for the Gold by Building a Community of Learners!"

Coming up this month the school and PTA are very excited to kickoff our Read Today reading program. It is easy (minutes are login online), fun, and can be counted just about anytime your student(s) are reading. We will be using our Fuel to Play 60 program as a tool to help us have some fun in logging our minutes. **THE GOAL:** to get our students reading more everyday. The Read Today program is sponsored by KSL/TV. One of the benefits in partnering with KSL is the opportunity we will have for Chopper 5 and Nadine Wimmer to come to our school to recognize our reading efforts; and honor us on the evening

news! Look for more information in a flier coming home soon.

This month, Dr. T's Readers books will be the following: Grades 1 – 3 Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo; Grades 4 – 6 39 Clues – Book 1 by Rick Riordan. My monthly reminder is, as always, to please keep encouraging your students to read – not only the Dr. T books, but also any good book they can get their hands on.

Finally, coming up this month is our Knowledge Bowl and we wish our students good luck!

Thank you for choosing and supporting Foothill, as we continue to "Explore the Possibilities in BUILDING a Community of Learners."

Dr. Thomas

MONTH AT A GLANCE

March 1
March Madness!

March 4
Minimal Day

March 8
Dads & Donuts

March 9
Knowledge Bowl Tourn.
5-6 grades

March 11 - Noon
PTA Meeting

March 11-13
Clear Creek 6h Grade

March 14
4th Grade Field Trip

March 20-22
Order Yearbooks!

March 20
Spring School Pictures

March 22
Moms and Muffins

March 22 - 2:30pm
Maturation

March 26
Dr. T's Readers

March 28 - 6 pm
4th Grade Wax Museum

March 29
5th Grade Ellis Island Day

April 1-5
Spring Break
No School

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Kelli Brown

MARCH MADNESS READING AND EXERCISE

We are "teaming" up with KSL's Read Today & the NFL and Dairy Council's Fuel Up To Play 60 programs!
(www.readtoday.com and www.fueluptoplay60.com)

Tuesday, Feb. 26th 3:00 pm Kick-off Assembly

Feb 26-March 1 online sign-up: PTA will be Handing out mood pencils (from KSL) when kids bring back signed note indicating that they are registered.

Friday, March 1: Everyone should be signed up online and March Madness begins!

4 weeks of March will be the "4 quarters of the game".

- March 8, 8-9 am (Friday) End of 1st quarter : "Fathers and Fruit"
- March 15 (during school) 2nd quarter "Half time Show" .
- March 22, 8-9 am (Friday) End of 3rd quarter: "Moms and Muffins"
- March 26th (Tuesday evening) 6:30-8:00 pm is "Read with a Hero".
- Friday March 29, End of the game!
- Lots of surprises!

Track minutes for READING and EXERCISE. Packets with instructions were sent home on Tuesday. Please refer to instructions or our website (www.foothillpta.org) for all the information.

If we meet all of our goals we will have a visit from the KSL Chopper and be featured on Channel 5 KSL news in early April!!

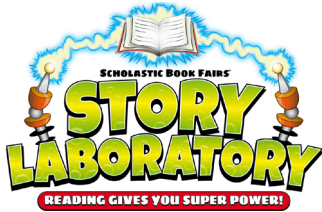
Please take this month to read and exercise with your kids!



NEWS

Order Yearbooks!

All students are pictured! Send your money March 20-22
More information to come!



Book Fair

Thanks to everyone who supported the library by purchasing books at the book fair. A big thanks to all of the volunteers that helped to run the fair.

We had \$8780 in sales, which is the highest we have ever had at our second fair of the year. Our sales were even higher than our first fair this year - which has never happened before! The school received \$3730 in profit that went towards purchasing books for the library and the teachers.

Thank you for donating books to our classrooms. A total of 98 books were donated through our Classroom Wishlist program.

Based on our sales, about 1750 new books were purchased. We hope you are enjoying them. Keep Reading!



Spring Soccer Mini-Camp

Get a jump on the Spring soccer season! Practice dribbling, passing, receiving, and shooting in skills sessions and small-sided games!

For: Boys and girls ages 6 - 10, all skill levels

Date: Saturday, March 9, 1:00p - 4:00p (registration starts at 12:45)

Location: Soccer Fields at Orem Community Hospital (400 North 600 West)

Cost: \$20 (\$15 preregistration by March 6)

For a preregistration form or more information, contact: Darrin or Marsi VandenBos (dvandenbos@comcast.net; 801.225.2902).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rick Rothaug	8th
Melissa Bostwick	8th
Shannon Hyatt	10th
Vallen Thomas	14th
Taina Reece	15th
Kayla Walker	18th
Su Ely	27th

Dr. T.'s Readers

Grades 1-3:

Because of Winn
Dixie
By Kate DiCamillo

Grades 4-6:

39 Clues - Book 1
By Rick Riordan

SUBMISSION TO THE NEWSLETTER?

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with newsletter as the subject

by **March 25th**

Looking Inside Machines Inspires New Inventions Written by students in Mrs. Hardy's class

Ever wonder what the inside of a DVD player looks like? Ever wonder how the bread pops up in a toaster? Wouldn't it be fun to take it apart and see? Mrs. Hardy's students thought so. The students in Mrs. Hardy's class spent an exciting Monday taking apart various machines. "We got to see what's inside machines and how they work," said Jarrett Nelson. Bailey Tucker added, "We took apart broken electronics and found chips, motherboards, levers, inclined planes, screws, wedges, pulleys and wheels and axles."

Why did Mrs. Hardy's students take apart machines? "We were learning about simple machines, so we wanted to take things apart and see if they were a wedge, lever pulley, wheel and axle, inclined plane or screw," answered Andrew Singer. With tool in hand, the students went to work. Isaac Yokota said, "We were the ones unscrewing and opening things. Parents helped us if we needed to get something opened. Take-apart day is a day I will remember. It was so fun to take stuff apart. There were big things and small things. It was one of the best days during school."



What's next for Mrs. Hardy's students? Taking apart and looking inside machines inspired the students in Mrs. Hardy's class to create their own inventions. "Since we saw what cool things were inside the things we took apart, we decided we could make our own," Alex Stringham noted. Jarrett Nelson added, "We looked at problems, and we tried to formulate a way to fix the problem with an invention."

On February 11, 2013, the students held an open house for parents and Foothill students to view their inventions. They called it an "Invention Convention." "People went around and looked at our inventions. They asked questions. We told how the inventions worked," echoed Mrs. Hardy's students. "Some of the inventions solved every day problems like not having to wear socks to bed and spiking your hair," added Isaac Yokota. "The invention convention and take-apart day were two fun days," shouted all the students in Mrs. Hardy's class. Mrs. Hardy expressed her appreciation, "I would like to thank our four parent helpers and all those who donated old appliances. Because of their efforts, these two wonderful activities were possible."

Paper Request

It has been brought to the attention of the PTA that the teachers are unusually low on paper and their budgets have run out. It may be due, in part, to the new core and the need for more copies.

Dr. Thomas has asked the PTA if we would be willing to purchase more paper for the teachers and it is something we are considering. However, I thought I would take it to the parents before we spend the estimated \$750. Each teacher could use about a box (10 reams). Not everyone would need to do this, only 10 per class, so please do not feel like you have to if you are not able. It must be plain white copy paper that is still in the ream...not scratch paper. It needs to be able to run through the copier.

Once we see if there have been some donations, then we will determine if there is still a need from the PTA. The paper can either be given directly to the teacher, or dropped off in the office.

Thank you to those that have already made a donation!



Nearly 90% of childhood poisonings happen in the home and most can be treated at home with advice from the poison control center. However, it's important to know when a poisoning is serious enough to require medical treatment.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- *drowsiness
- *sudden change in behavior
- *unusual odor
- *pill fragments on the lips or clothes
- *excessive drooling
- *vomiting
- *a confused mental state
- *listlessness

WHAT TO DO

*If you suspect that a child has taken a poison and he/she is alert, contact your local poison control center- 1-801-222-1222.

*SEEK EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE OR CALL 911 IF:

the child has taken a poison and has a change in mental state. It's important to remember to bring in the specific bottle or container of the substance that the child ingested.

DO NOT GIVE A CHILD IPECAC!

THINK PREVENTION

Help prevent poisoning by:

- *keeping medications in locked cabinets
- *keeping cleaning products and alcohol in locked cabinets or far out of reach
- *discarding used button cell batteries (like those in watches) safely and storing any unused ones far from children's reach
- *never telling a child medicine tastes like candy
- *never putting cleaning products in containers that were once used for food or drink
- *never putting insect poison on the floor

Sincerely,
Kim Lowe, RN, School Nurse

OUT OF THE LOOP?



Email your request to be added to the email list for important news and updates, including this newsletter. oremfoothillpta@gmail.com



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