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Family Newsletter: June 9, 2021

Hello FDS Families,

**FDS Principal News:** We did it! What an incredible school year full of challenges and constant changes in the COVID-19 landscape and respective protocols for us all. Despite that, the teachers and staff at our school were amazing in their servitude and care for our students, families, and each other. We were extremely successful by all imaginable measures. I am deeply proud of our team and take tremendous pride in knowing that our students had the most amount of in-person instruction time throughout the school year in the region. Thank you, families, as all of you were equally as important in our ability to succeed due to your collective embracement of the school's culture of "positivity, can-do spirit, supportiveness, and kindness" which carried us through the toughest times throughout the year. We, together, were FDS strong...but are now even stronger given our shared trials, tribulations, and successes over the last year. Please enjoy your well-deserved summer break!

Below is important information regarding current matters.

**Upcoming Important Dates:** June 10 and 11 – Kids Club closed, June 14 – First day of ESY and Summer School, June 14 @ 5:45p – Special Board meeting with Workshop, June 21 @ 6:45p – Board meeting (rescheduled from June 7), July 5 – Kids Club closed, July 9 – Last day of ESY and Summer School, July 28 – 7-11 Committee meeting, and Thursday, August 19 - First day of school 2021-22.

**Board Meeting:** The next regular Board meeting is Monday, June 21 starting at 6:45p. Based on the anticipated COVID-19 (C19) landscape for that time, the meeting most likely will be in-person at FDS. Agenda and access information will be on the district website by June 18 at 5:00p.

A Special Board meeting with Workshop is currently scheduled for Monday, June 14 at 5:45p. The main agenda items will be the proposed 2021-22 budget, LCAP, and Workshop. Based on the anticipated C19 landscape at that time, the meeting most likely will be held via Zoom teleconferencing. Agenda and access information will be on the district website by June 11 at 5:00p.

**Bus Transportation Punch Cards:** (Reminder) In order to help returning families to plan as early as possible for transportation to and from school, please be advised that punch cards will no longer be an option for the new school year and beyond.

**Kids Club Summer Closed Dates:** (Reminder) Please note that Kids Club will be closed on June 10, June 11, and July 5 during the summer.

**Summer "Grab and Go" Meals:** Our school will provide free breakfast and lunch "Grab and Go" meals for our students as well as all Foresthill youth 18 and younger starting on Monday, June 14. This program will operate on Mondays through Thursdays from 11:30p – 1:00p in the FDS Roundabout. Double meals will be provided on Thursdays as no service will be provided on Fridays.

**Extended School Year (ESY) and Summer School:** The ESY and Summer School programs start on Monday, June 14. Daily instructional hours are 8:00a – 12:00p. Students may arrive each day at 7:50a and will go through the same COVID-19 screening and temperature check as done this past school year. All students should be picked up at 12:00p daily. Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day.

**COVID-19 Related Laws and Guidance:** (Reminder) As of the writing of this newsletter, there have been no face covering mandate changes or updates for schools in California. All of us at FDS will continue to follow our C19 practices and protocols to keep students, staff, and visitors as safe and healthy as possible. I am anticipating more information as we approach the new set of C19 guidances for the State on June 15. Collaboration will thereafter continue over the summer in preparation for the new school year.

**Positivity, can-do spirit, supportiveness, and kindness:** It's been great all school year. Let's continue to support our terrific culture as it has been a major contributor to many of our successes.

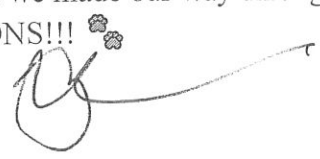
**Return to “better than” Normal and Final Thoughts as Superintendent/Principal:**

Please be assured that we at FDS have been committed to serving your children and you and will continue to do so for the new school year as well.

Thanks. Jack 

**Thoughts from Principal Kattenhorn:**

It is with excitement I write this message...I am so very ready to return to Foresthill Divide School as the Principal this fall. This year has been trying for all of us. However, you have all shown your strength, resiliency, determination and grit. The amount of strain on parents, staff and students was incredible, but we all made it through. This is Foresthill Strong!

Together as a team we conquered distance learning at home, quarantines, 6' distancing, COVID tests, and the masks! FDS opened campus far before other schools and we all did our best to offer as much normalcy as possible to the students. Our M&O team, cafeteria and Kids Club staff were stalwart and steady all through the summer and into the fall. The SDC staff were the first to return to campus leading the way for the other groups to slowly make their way to “normal” school schedules. Our staff stepped up and did double the work teaching in class and online zoom sessions for most of the school year. Their courage, strength and dedication to their students amazes me daily. We are nearing the end of this pandemic with hopes of more normalcy to come in the fall. I look forward to the campus filled with parents and families celebrating students and being together as a community once again. Please stay tuned for updates throughout the summer from myself and Mr. Kraemer regarding COVID protocols. I thank all of you for your patience and strength as we made our way through this crazy year. Always looking forward...Mrs. Kattenhorn---GO MOUNTAIN LIONS!!! 

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