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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By: Dr. Vallen Thomas

What a fabulous month this has been!! There are so many great things going on there is simply not enough room to list them all. Perhaps the best place to start is to report on the newly released reports on Foothill's academic achievements, as measured by state and federal goals set in Math, Language Arts, and Science. Foothill's superior achievement in these areas has earned us high marks throughout the district and state. These successes are a direct result of our ability to collaborate on student learning each Monday during our early-out time. Teachers are always reaching higher, as our theme of "Exploring the Possibilities" indicates, to make our high achieving school even better. Way to go teachers and students!!!

A big THANK YOU goes out to the PTA for putting on our annual Fall Festival! There was fun had by all – especially the students who had the opportunity to dunk me in the dunking booth. This "Gold Medal" event, along with our 3K Spring Run-Off, are

traditions that over the years have created the strong sense of community that continues to be a part of Foothill's culture. Additionally, we appreciate that the funds raised by the Festival go directly back to students and teachers. Thanks PTA for your support of our efforts in "Going for the Gold By Building a Community of Learners" with your students.

Speaking of traditions, we were honored again this year to have a special flag raising ceremony lead by our own Orem Firefighters. This occurred on 9/11 in honor of Patriot's Day. With this being the 11th Anniversary this year the ceremony brought back again those feelings of gratitude for those who protect us through their public/military service.

Dr. T's readers had HUGE crowds this past month and we are looking forward to some spooky reading for the month of October. For grades 1-3 we will be reading: Araminta Spookie - My Haunted House by Angie Sage. For grades 4-6: The very spooky Wait Till Helen Comes by Mary Downing

Hahn. Please keep encouraging your students to read not only the Dr. T books, but also any good books they can get their hands on.

Coming up in October will be our Parent Teacher Conferences on October 3 & 4 from 4:00 -7:30 PM. We hope all of you can attend as we spend this night celebrating your children and their success! Also, this month, in conjunction with our theme of "Going for the Gold," the PTA and Foothill are kicking off our "Fuel Up to Play 60" program. This program will run through the year to promote healthy food choices that provide fuel to play 60 minutes a day. Look for lunchtime activities, food demonstrations in Explorer Time, and school-wide competitions. Lastly, our annual Second Grade Halloween Program will spook your socks off towards the end of the month – just in time for Halloween.

Thanks again for joining us as we "Go for the Gold By Building a Community of Learners."

Dr. Vallen Thomas - Principal

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Oct. 2-5 Book Fair

Oct. 3-4
Parent/Teacher Conf.

Oct. 3
Int. Walk to School Day

Oct. 5 Vision Screening

Oct. 8 PTA Meeting 12pm

Oct. 8-10 Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 11-12, 15
Fall Break - No School

Oct. 19
Reflection Entries Due

Oct. 30 Dr. T.'s Readers

Oct. 30
2nd Grade Program

Oct. 31 Halloween Parade
9:30 a.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 4
Reflections' Entries Due

Nov. 14
Minimal Day
School from 9:05-1:45

Nov. 23-25
Thanksgiving Break
No School

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Kelli Brown

During the month of September, I was very overwhelmed with my new responsibilities. I wondered if the coming year was going to result in a large "Failure" stamp across my term. However, as we enter the month of October, and school is under way, I am so encouraged and know this year will be a huge success because of the parents and staff at Foothill.

During the past week, I have had the opportunity to see parents and staff from Foothill at their best. I attended the School Community Council Meeting. There I saw concerned adults who are committed to providing the best education and using the trust lands money wisely to benefit our kids.

I also attended the Art Mom Meeting, and was in awe at seeing the organization and dedication of our Art Team, which is second to none. So many parents attended and committed themselves to providing this invaluable service all year.

I know teacher's birthdays are recognized, box tops are collected, home reading library books are exchanged daily, teachers are being fed, newsletter items are collected, Reflections will be on time, art lessons are being planned, etc. It is all getting done.

Lastly, I witnessed the tireless and countless hours expended to pull off

the best Fall Festival to date. The Olympic theme of "Go for the Gold" was taken seriously! We were able to make enough money to fund all of our current programs, and even add a few more. The behind the scenes efforts are unfathomable, and you would only believe it when you witness it firsthand. Our heartfelt thanks go to the many dads who picked up the pieces while moms were away planning. Foothill PTA truly appreciates all your sacrifices! Thank you to the set up crew, clean-up crew, cooks, those that donated and those that purchased the items, babysitters, drivers, and, of course, Dr. Thomas, teachers, custodians, staff, and supportive parents. You are the best!!!

PTA activities coming up this month (continue reading the newsletter for full details on all activities):

- Book Fair
(during Parent Teacher Conf.)
- Red Ribbon Week
(just before Fall Break)
- Reflections
(due Oct 19, right after
Fall Break)

I continue to see your wonderful faces around the school, and appreciate every minute you are sacrificing for our kids. Thank you, and keep up the good work!!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Tues.: 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Wed./Thu.: 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fri.: 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

40% of our Book Fair Sales stay at Foothill to benefit the Library. All major credit cards accepted. Returns will only be accepted with a parent present, or with a parent's note.

Click here to visit our Book Fair Homepage for more information and to preview the books. The link is also in the Book Fair section of <http://www.foothillpta.org>

Online Book Fair is open through Tuesday Oct. 9

The online fair will have a greater selection of books - including more books of a series that we may not have in our school fair. Orders will ship for free to the school after the online fair closes, and the school will receive 50% of your purchase to buy books for the library!

Click here or see the link in the Book Fair section of <http://www.foothillpta.org>

Try the new eBook app for kids

Storia is a new app from Scholastic featuring eBooks for kids! It is available to download for iPad, Windows PC, and Android tablet. You receive 5 free books when you download the app. For every 50 app downloads we have, the school will receive \$25. Check it out here.



Just a reminder that red ribbon week is **October 8th, 9th, and 10th**. In conjunction with that is our Classic Skate Night on **Tuesday the 9th 5:30-8:30**.



Foothill will be starting a new program. Look for more information to come!

SUBMISSION TO THE NEWSLETTER?

oremfoothillpta@gmail.com
with newsletter as the subject
by **October 24th**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 7 Diane Thayer
Oct. 24 Kris Pinegar
Oct. 29 Johnathan Bradshaw



Grades 1-3:

Araminta Spookie -
My Haunted House
By Angie Sage

Grades 4-6:

Wait Till Helen
Comes
Mary Downing Hahn

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.

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s u n d a n c e
Ski & Snowboard School Program ~ 2012-2013 Season
FOOTHILL ELEMENTARY

Day of Lesson	Monday
Arrival Time	3:30 pm
Lesson Time	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
# of Weeks	4 weeks of lessons
Lesson Dates	Jan 14, Feb 4, 25, March 11

Cost w/o Season Pass	\$ 168.00
Cost w/ Season Pass	\$ 128.00
Rentals	
Ski/SB Rental Cost (additional cost)	\$ 10 per wk = \$40 for 4 wks
Helmet Rental	\$5 per wk = \$20 for 4 wks

Program Terms and Conditions:

- * School Program packets (list of students info, release forms, etc.) needs to be returned to Linda two weeks prior to the first day of lessons.
- * Payment is due by the 2nd week of lessons.
(Make one check payable to Sundance Snowsports School)
- * There will be an extra \$50 late fee for any students who add after the deadline.
(No one may add once the first week of lessons is completed)
- * NO REFUNDS.
- *NO MAKE-UP LESSONS.
- * All students must have a completed and signed release form from a parent/guardian.
- *Skiers must be at least 8 years old to participate & snowboarders must be at least 9 years old.
- * Helmets are suggested but not required.
- *Parents must be made aware that there is free skiing after the lesson without supervision of the Sundance instructors. Students should be encouraged to ski with a parent or chaperone after ski/snowboard class

Explorer Time: We have enjoyed great success in our newly implemented Explorer Time. During this time, Tuesday – Friday, students who need just a little extra instructional support to re-learn important concepts have received that extra help in our Extra Miler Club. At the same time, other students have been provided enrichment/extension-learning opportunities that have enhanced their learning. We like to thank you for your support of this new program and the efforts you have made to ensure our students are there the whole time. We also would like to extend an invitation to parents who may have interests/hobbies/talents they would like to share (i.e. - Foreign Language, pottery, music, and etc.) as one of our Explorer Time offerings to contact Dr. T - we would love to have your help.

Thanks - Dr. T

Nursing News

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC AT SHARON ELEMENTARY!
DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2012
LOCATION: AUDITORIUM AT SHARON ELEMENTARY
TIME: 3:30-5:30 PM

KINDERGARTEN AND OTHER RECOMMENDED VACCINES AVAILABLE.
FLU VACCINE WILL BE AVAILABLE!

INSURANCE CAN BE BILLED

***IF NO INSURANCE OR INSURANCE DOES NOT PAY FOR VACCINES,
THE COST WILL BE \$14

WE ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING INSURANCES

MEDICAID/MEDICARE	SELECT HEALTH/CHIP
UNITED HEALTHCARE	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD
HUMANA/CHOICE CARE	CIGNA
ALTIUS	PEHP
EDUCATORS MUTUAL	DMBA

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MOST CURRENT IMMUNIZATION RECORD!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!

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for important news and updates.



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