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principal's message Dr. Joseph Backman

Dear Foothill Parents,

It has been a great first week of school at Foothill Elementary! Thank you for sending us your wonderful children. The students bring life to our school and are the 'why' of all we do. I had the opportunity to personally visit each of the classes at Foothill to introduce myself briefly and encourage the students to be their best this school year. I invited each of them to take Dr. B's Challenge. Here is my challenge:

Dr. B's Challenge!

Be Kind. Be Optimistic. Learn. Work Hard. And Live Life to the Fullest!

Throughout the school year we will learn about, talk about, and live these principles within my challenge. We talked about how amazing our school would be if everyone were truly kind and how we would have few, if any problems. I promised the students that they will have a fantastic school year and will be happy in life if they live Dr. B's Challenge.

Like the students, I have given myself a challenge: to learn the names of all students at Foothill this year. To accomplish this goal I will invite students into my office for "Recess with Dr. B." During afternoon recess I will invite groups of four or five students to my office so I can learn their names, learn a little about each of them, and for students to get to know me a little better. I will start "Recess with Dr. B." this week and look forward to getting to know your wonderful children.

As the principal I have been amazed at all of the people that make a school run smoothly. At Foothill we are lucky to have the finest teachers around. They have done an extraordinary job with ensuring our students are safe, happy, and are learning. Our wonderful secretaries do so much to keep the school not only running but also a happy place to be. I appreciate all that our wonderful PTA does to make Foothill such a fantastic school. I am amazed at how much they work to go the extra mile and support all that we do at Foothill. Our custodians keep this school running and make it a beautiful place. Thank you everyone for making Foothill such a phenomenal school. I love being the principal at Foothill Elementary. I look forward to this great school year together!

Sincerely,

Dr. Backman

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Dr. B's Challenge!
Be Kind.
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Labor Day No School	3	4	5	6 Fall Festival
9 Early Out PTA Meeting 11:30 A.M.	10	11 Patriot Day	12 Picture Day	13
16 Early Out	17	18	19	20
23 Early Out	24	25	26	27
30 Early Out	1 Book Fair	2 Parent/Teacher Conferences Book Fair	3 Parent/Teacher Conferences Book Fair	4 Book Fair

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August
 Renee Wakamatsu 2nd
 Jeannette Clark 5th
 Sarah Bethel 6th
 Helen Flom 16th
 Amy Marsh 18th
 Kim Lowe 22nd
 Susan Gull 25th
 Andrea Smith 28th

September
 Pam Scott 1st
 Darlene Hebert 19th
 Jill Lamb 19th
 Caroline Judd 25th
 Cheryl Zacharias 25th
 Corrine Lindorff 28th

president's message Kelli Brown

Welcome back to the 2013-2014 school year!

Starting a new year is always exciting and hectic, and this year is no different. We are quickly gearing up to have our annual PTA fundraiser, the Fall Festival, on Friday, September 6, from 5-8 p.m. This event is a tradition at Foothill, and something the kids look forward to each year. Please plan to attend on the Friday evening and support all the festivities during this activity-filled week.

A huge thank you to all the sponsors and businesses willing to donate and all the parents that have been tirelessly working to provide a wonderful community event! Don't miss it!!

Last year, the financial success of the Fall Festival made it possible to provide many programs, including: Art, Reflections, Red Ribbon Week, Knowledge Bowl, Read Today, Spelling Bee, Fuel Up to Play 60, and Golden Apple Awards. In addition, the PTA used the Fall Festival proceeds to: give every teacher an allotment of money to supplement their budget, provide teacher dinners and birthdays, fund Teacher Appreciation Week, install seven new microphone sound systems in classrooms, purchase a complete classroom set of ukuleles for Explorer Time, and give incubators to the 2nd grade egg hatching program.

The hope is to continue funding all of the above programs and, once again, give teachers an opportunity to apply for specific needs in their grade levels and classrooms.

SO...please support the Fall Festival, vote on Give with Target (ends soon) through Facebook and continue to send in Box Tops throughout the year. Every penny counts!

There are many ways you can get involved this year at Foothill: join Foothill PTA, attend PTA meetings, Follow the PTA on Facebook, watch for updates on the website (foothillpta.org), and, of course, help our teachers as they have needs in their classroom.

I am excited to welcome Dr. Backman to Foothill, and am so grateful for the support he and the staff have already given to the PTA. I look forward to a successful year at Foothill!

Kelli Brown

THE news

SURF'S UP FOOTHILL FALL FESTIVAL FRIDAY, SEPT. 6TH, 2013 5-8PM

COME to the FOOTHILL FALL FESTIVAL!!! VOLCANIC CLIMBING WALL, DOLPHIN WATER slide and OCTOPUS inflatable slide, SUDS FOAM PIT, golf cart BEACH CRUISERS, LIMBO, HULA DANCING and much more!

DINNER & TREATS -USE BOTH TICKET CARDS & CASH
FOOD: RUMBI GRILL, RUBIOS BAJA STREET TACOS, PIZZA,
FRESH FRUIT KABOBS and WAFFLE SHACK.
Food items may be easier to buy w/cash.

RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION

Bring your checkbook (& credit cards this year) to contribute 100% to your child's school and teachers! If you have any items Email Amy Hulme: amyhulme@gmail.com

CAKE WALK

The class that brings in THE MOST cakes wins a root beer float party!!! Please label cake with student's teacher name. Freeze your cake and bring it on Friday.

SODA-POP BOTTLES (2-liter full bottle)

The class with the most CREATIVE soda pop bottles (only one per child, but closest to 100% participation) win a root beer float party!! Decorate soda bottle ahead and bring in anytime during the week. Please label soda pop bottles with student's name and teacher.

BRING \$1 WRAPPED ITEM LABELED BOY or GIRL or BOTH

Students bring \$1 item wrapped in white tissue paper or a bag, anytime this week. The class that brings the most store items gets a prize! At festival bring \$\$\$ to get an Island gift at the Tiki Hut Store to raise money for Foothill.

COOKIE BAKE-OFF

Win a restaurant certificate for the best cookies! Bring cookies by 5:30pm for judging.

QUESTIONS: CALL SHAYNE YOUNG (801)224-6468 or NAN BLACK (801)358-5783



Earn money for the school

<http://givewith.target.com/school/93282>

You can vote once a week and the week resets every Sunday. Keep voting!

Parent/Teacher Conferences:
Look for more information to
come for online scheduling.

MORE news



Costco currently has Ziploc products with 8 Box Tops!!
Walmart has hundreds of Box Tops products with 4 Box Tops!!
Stock your pantry and help our school at the same time.

Register on www.btfe.com and....

- * daily enter the Old El Paso sweepstakes worth 10,000 Box Tops
- * daily enter the Cheerios sweepstakes worth 100,000 Box Tops
- * enter the Yoplait Super Cool School Contest worth 75,000 Box Tops
- * connect to the Box Tops Marketplace and earn eBoxTops for online shopping
- * track our school's earnings
- * get collection sheets, recipes and much more!

Every Box Top is worth \$.10 for Foothill Elementary. Last year we earned over \$3,042.00. That's 30,420 Box Tops!!

With your help, we can make this year even better!!

Remember to turn in your collection sheets each month, or put your Box Tops in a baggie with your name on it. Prizes are awarded monthly. This year there will also be extra bonus prizes! Keep posted for details...

Thanks for your support. Keep Collecting. :)



Hello all PTA members!! As you may know I (Kim Riggs) along with Shayne Young, Marianne Martin, and Crystal Bartlett started up the Fuel Up to Play 60 program at Foothill last year. The kids had a lot of fun looking forward to the Fun Fitness and Food Fridays. We are in need of several more parents to get involved for this next school year!! I have a lot of ideas for this year but can't pull it off without you! If you are a parent who feels physical activity and eating healthier choices is an important part of our children's learning and well-being, then we need your help. Studies have shown that children who participate in regular physical activity and

choose healthy foods do better on test scores and pay better attention in school. One idea of change this year will be to involve students in the planning and implementing of activities. Please email me if you can contribute!

Thank you so much! riggskimberly8@gmail.com

RECEIVE THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER!

This is a full copy of the newsletter. Each month we will send home a condensed version, with the full version available online. The full version has IMPORTANT information you don't want to miss! To receive a copy of the newsletter to your inbox, go to foothillpta.org and sign up, OR, cut off this form and RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR STUDENT. You will be added to our email list. Don't worry, we only send information about school and PTA events, no junk!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Yes, I would be interested in learning more about volunteering at the school or in my children(s) classroom.