

Foothill Ranch Elementary School

PTA NEWS

Saddleback Valley Council - 4th District CCPTS

September 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

"Join Yer PTA Crew"



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all new and returning FRE families. Welcome Mr. MacNevin and Mrs. Green to our FRE family. Thank you for your support so far. We look forward to a great year under your new leadership.

We kicked off the year with our Ice Cream Social on Sept. 8th, it was a huge success. It was great to see all the children excited about seeing their friends and finding out who their classroom teachers will be. Everyone seemed to enjoy the treats from Repicci's Italian Ice. Thank you to all who turned in your paperwork and joined PTA. Your support is appreciated,

The PTA's major goal this year is to aid our school in recovering some of the budget cuts that have affected our students. Based on the survey we took from parents last year, we will be funding the computer lab & mobile science lab. We will continue with the Art Masters program but are only able to support this with parent volunteers. Please sign up in your child's classroom on back to school night. Watch for updates from our legislation team, they will bring us information as things continue to change in our district & state government.

Our schools success depends on you! "Join Yer PTA Crew" every 3rd Tuesday of the month, for our PTA meetings. They are held in the MPR at 7 PM. Your voice and efforts count.

Dawn Walcher

Calendar of Events

9/16-9/30	Sally Foster Gift Wrap Sale
9/25	Food Drive
10/2	Bobcat Store open at lunch
10/7	Walk To School Day
10/13	Family Fun Dinner at Out-back Steakhouse
10/20	PTA meeting @ 7 PM in MPR
10/22	Flu Vaccine Clinic
10/19-23	Red Ribbon Week



WELCOME BACK BOBCATS

Students enjoy Repicci's Italian Ice treats, seeing their friends and viewing their class rosters at annual Ice Cream Social.

New Editions to Teacher Staff at FRE

Christine Yuketch is new to our 3rd grade team but certainly not new to teaching. She has taught 3rd grade at O'Neill Elementary for 11 years. She was on the Principal's Advisory Committee, served as Student Council Advisor, School Site Council, taught After School Intervention and After School Enrichment Academy courses. She earned her BA in Liberal Studies with a minor in Child Development, & her teaching credential from CSUF.

Julie Jacobs joins the 4th grade team after teaching 1st grade in the Magnolia School District and 12 years teaching 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades at O'Neill Elementary. She served as O'Neill's technology coordinator, grade level chairperson, master teacher and was honored as Teacher of the Year in 2008. She earned her AA in Interior Design from FIDM, her BA in History, & her teaching credential at UCI.

Michon Miller rounds out the 5th grade team after teaching 3 years in Provo, Utah. She took time to raise her 4 children, then continued teaching in 1997 at Robinson Elementary where she has taught grades 3-6 for the last 12 years. She earned her BA in Elementary Education with a minor in Piano Performance from BYU.

Marilyn Sick joins the 6th grade team following 11 years of teaching 6th grade at Robinson Elementary. She was named Teacher of the Year in 2009. She has been married 25 years, has 3 children and looks forward to wearing her new Bobcat spirit wear to 6th grade camp!

We're glad you're here and wish you great success with our FRE Bobcat Family!

Make a Note of It:

- The first Bobcat Bingo will take place October 30 at 6 PM in the MPR.
- Spirit wear order forms are now available. Be sure to order your Bobcat apparel by October 23.
- Keep clipping those Box Tops, we earned \$2,000 last year and General Mills will donate up to \$20,000. This is free money.....KEEP CLIPPING!!!

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EASY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL:

Ralphs Club Card: Just by doing your regular grocery shopping at Ralph's, we earn money. You must re-enroll every September so please take a moment to register your card at www.ralphs.com. Enter your email and create your password. Follow the links to Community Contribution and enter our non-profit #82576. Please remember to check your receipts to insure FRE is getting your contribution. Last year we earned over \$26,000 - no gimmicks no cost to you. You can also get friends, family or co-workers to link their cards for FRE. We will have a 1st quarter drawing for a Ralph's gift card, sign up today!

Food Drive: Our monthly food drive will occur the last Friday of each month. Bring your items to the front of school on **Friday, September 25**. Any donation helps out those in need. Items most in need are peanut butter, cereal, tuna, canned veggies. Please make sure all items are non-perishable and unopened.

SCRIP: This is one of the cheapest and easiest ways to earn money for our school. Just go online to www.shopwithscrip.com, enter the enrollment code D68EAA261691L to view the huge list of all the stores and restaurants that participate, then purchase a gift card through our program. Any questions contact Misty Whitney, mistwhitney@cox.net.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE

On Tuesday, October 13, from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Outback Steakhouse will donate 20% of your dinner back to **FRE**. Why cook when you can get out and support your school? The donation is good on Take Out orders too. For more info contact Sue Schwartz at momdriver3@cox.net or Melissa Boscovich at melbosko@cox.net. Flyers will be distributed in Friday folders the week before. Please take the flyer with you to Outback.

Yearbooks On Sale Until October 2

Don't miss out on capturing the memories of all the fun & friends. Get your yearbook order in. Order forms are available in the Bobcat Cabinet in the office.

Ahoy Bobcat Parents: Fall Fundraising Has Begun!

Foothill Ranch Elementary PTA is proud to announce 2 opportunities for you to support our school this season. World renowned products by Sally Foster will be available for purchase and sales beginning September 16. Sally Foster will offer a beautiful catalog of merchandise just in time for birthday and holiday gifts. 50% Of each item sold goes directly to benefit the programs here at FRE. Along with our sale, we are launching a direct donation campaign. It is a great way to participate by giving a donation that goes 100% directly to the school. Or do a combination of both. These donations will count for the same prize levels offered with the merchandise sales. Checks can be sent either to your child's teacher or to the school's front office. Please make checks payable to FRE PTA and please mark your child's name and teacher's name on the check. All proceeds from both the donation campaign and catalog sale will benefit the PTA programs at FRE.

Our PTA thanks you for your on going support.

PTA REFLECTIONS

Parents: Are you looking for an opportunity to enhance your child's creativity? The National PTA Reflections program is your answer! This program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in Kindergarten through grade 6 are encouraged to create and submit works of art to their local PTA in any of six areas: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts. When children express themselves through words, pictures, music, dance, film, and other art media, they grow intellectually; they learn to analyze their thoughts and feelings.

Please stop by the office and pick up a Reflections packet for more information and an entry form. Entries are due to the office by October 19th. Please contact: Mary Lou Adame-Martinez at marilu@cox.net or Tracy Janos at tracy_janos@hotmail.com. You can also visit the reflections program gallery online at www.pta.org.

This years theme: **Beauty is.....**



National Walk To School Day Is October 7

Join the thousands of participants across the nation, show how you can help the planet by walking to school on Wednesday, October 7. By reducing the amount of cars on the street you help the environment. Plus studies show kids & adults who exercise on a regular basis are healthier. Stop by the entrance at Borrego or by the kiosk to get your treat.

Art Masters Needs You

This year's program relies on parent volunteers to make it happen. 3 art instructional lessons will cover Monet, Van Gogh & Picasso, over the school year. There is no art background needed. Simply attend an hour long in-service which gives you the step-by-step instructions on how to teach the art project for each artist. The first in-service will be on October 20 for the project artist Vincent Van Gogh.

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