



SFCS Weekly Bulletin

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SAFETY AT SCFS

The tragedy in Florida raises many questions about the safety of our children. **SFCS is grateful to partner with local agencies to support this critical effort.** Staff training and updates to the SFCS Emergency Plan are coordinated with the Sheriff's Office. Mariposa Safe Families provides annual instruction to students regarding safety, with this year's grade TK-4 unit beginning this week. Chevon Kothari, Director of Mariposa County Human Services, has recently identified funding and personnel to provide ongoing counseling services at SFCS. Also appreciated is parent/guardian support of school plans, policies, and procedures regarding all aspects of student safety. Please contact Ms. Bolar if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions to further improve our safety practices. We must work together to protect our students.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO KIDS FIRST!

Congratulations to teachers Erika Miranda, Teena Starchman, and Wendy Baumann who learned last week that their Kids First mini grant requests were approved! Ms. Miranda will be purchasing headsets with microphones for students. Ms. Starchman will purchase puppet theater supplies to be used as part of a service learning project. Mrs. Baumann will purchase books that integrate science standards at various reading levels. Kids First is a non-profit, volunteer organization formed to aid Mariposa County public school students by providing grants to teachers for supplemental funds for their classrooms. **Thank you, Kids First, for your tremendous support!**

ARTISTS IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Beginning February 22nd in Ms. Miranda's grade 5/6 class, artist Phyllis Becker will be teaching an 8-week ceramics unit through the Mariposa Arts Council's *Artist in the Schools* program. We thank Ms. Becker and the Arts Council for this wonderful learning opportunity!

DENTAL HYGIENIST VISITS TK/K CLASS

On Friday, February 23rd, a dental hygienist arranged through Mariposa First 5 is going to visit the TK/K class to teach students about good dental health. Thanks to First 5 for providing this learning opportunity!

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION EVENTS

SFCS eighth graders will participate in Freshman Orientation at Mariposa County High School (MCHS) on Wednesday, February 28th. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about the high school experience that awaits them next year. **Also, parents/guardians are invited to an informational meeting at 6PM at MCHS on February 28th.**

GARDEN DONATION CONTEST

Parent Kendra Lingenfelter has donated an enormous jar of change to our school and given the students a great opportunity to practice their estimating skills. The students who come closest to guessing the amount of money and the weight of the jar will receive a prize. **The contents of the jar will support the SFCS Learning Garden. Thank you to Kendra and family for the generous donation and the idea for the fun contest!**

PARENT/GUARDIAN RESOURCES ON SFCS WEBSITE

Have you checked out the SFCS website lately? **Many useful parent/guardian resources have been added to <http://sierrafoothillcharterschool.org/> to further support a strong home/school connection.** Take a look at the "Academic Standards" and "Academic Support" pages found under the "For Parents & Guardians" tab at the top to find grade level academic expectations, state testing information, parent guides, websites children can use to practice skills, and much more. Huge thanks to parent Kathy Leonard for her time and support with maintaining our website.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- *Every Monday - Early release at 2PM*
- **Tues., 2/21 - Child Protection Unit begins in gr. TK-4**
- **Fri., 2/23 - Core Virtues Assembly, 1:45PM & Fun Friday, 2:15PM**
- **Tues., 2/27 - SFCS Board Meeting, 6PM**
- **Wed., 2/28 - MCHS Orientation Mtg. for Parents, 6PM**
- **Wed., 4/11 - Open Enrollment and Re-enrollment window closes for the 2018-19 school year**



Home School Enrichment: Week of February 19th, 2018

Core Virtues for February: Honesty and Justice

19 Monday: No School - Happy Presidents Day!

TK/K 11:40-2pm Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Tech and PE

20 Tuesday:

5th/6th	8:30-3:15	Ag Expo, Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Tech, PE Rotation
7th/8th grades	8:30-12:25	Ag Expo at Mariposa Elementary, bus leaves school at 9am; permission slips required.
5th-8th grades	Music	Various times, please contact me

21 Wednesday:

3rd/4th 11:40-2:00 Lunch, Rotations: Garden, Tech, PE Rotation

22 Thursday:

7th/8th	11:40-3:15	Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Tech and PE
5th-6th	11:40-3:15	Lunch, Ceremics Class begins at 1pm. 8 week commitment. Please sign up with me.
1st-8th	1:10-1:40	Piano - Please see me if you are interested
TK/K	1:50-2:20	Music Lesson
1st/2nd	2:30-3:00	Music Lesson

23 Friday: Permissions Slips due for 5th-8th grade Mile Run and Monterey Bay Aquarium

1st/2nd	11:40-3:15	Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Tech and PE
All Welcome	11:40-3:15	Lunch, Core Virtues Assembly at 1:45, Fun Friday at 2:15

Coming Up:

Friday, March 9th	Physical Fitness Testing for 5th & 7th grades, Field Trip Forms Required
Thurs, March 22nd	5th-8th grade Field Trip to Monterey Bay, Field Trip Forms Required
Thursday, May 17th	Step back in time: Columbia Diggins, 1852, \$5 Suggested Donation

Click [here](#) for more information.

SFCS Blogs and Web Sites:

Subscribing to classroom blogs and websites is a great way to get ideas from what is happening at school.

- The Home School Blog: <http://sfchomeschooling.wordpress.com/>
- Mrs. Stillwell's TK/K's blog: <http://kindergartenfuninroom1.blogspot.com/>
- Mrs. Baumann's 1st and 2nd grades' Website: <http://mrsbaumannsclass.snappages.com>
- Ms. Starchman's 3rd and 4th grades' blog: <https://starchmanroom3.wordpress.com>
- Ms. Miranda's 5th and 6th grades' Blog: msmirandas5thand6th.com
- Mrs. Contreras's 7th and 8th grades' Blog: <https://mscontreras7thand8th.wordpress.com>
- The SFCS Garden Blog <https://sfcs garden.wordpress.com/> - all grade levels
- The SFCS Tech Blog: <https://sfcs tech.wordpress.com/> - all grade levels