



# SFCS Weekly Bulletin

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## CHILI COOK OFF & DESSERT AUCTION

The Chili Cook Off and Dessert Auction will be held on Sunday, April 5th at 1pm at The Alley. **We are in need of volunteers for the following duties to make the event a success:**

- Dessert auction support (before event and day of)
- Chili servers (day of event)
- Supervisor(s) for the kid's area (day of event)
- Bid number support (day of event)
- Clean-up crew (day of event)

**All are welcome to attend the planning meeting today, Monday, March 9th at 4pm at River Rock Inn & Deli Garden Cafe.** Please contact Amber Edwards, SFCS Board Secretary, at [aclassicedwards@gmail.com](mailto:aclassicedwards@gmail.com) or 209-769-7520 if you can help.

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

Please see the attached letter regarding the coronavirus, COVID-19. Please contact Ms. Bolar if you have questions or concerns.

## UKULELE CONCERT ON MARCH 19TH

Ms. Starchman's third and fourth grade "ukelittles" will be performing a ukulele concert on Thursday, March 19th at 2:30PM in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome to watch these students share what they have learned in music this year.

## MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Miles Levin for being named the SFCS Musician of the Month! Ms. Vanderslik, music instructor, recognizes one student each month for great effort and skill in music. Well done, Miles!

## ANNUAL STATE TESTING SCHEDULE

The annual standardized State testing for grades 3-8 will be administered this spring on the following dates:

- Grades 3-4: April 22, 23, 29, 30
- Grades 5-6: May 4-8
- Grades 7-8: May 18-21
- Homeschool Students: April 20, 21, 27, 28

**Please do not schedule appointments or vacations that will cause students to be absent on their testing dates. Thank you!** More information will be provided in the months ahead regarding these mandated tests.

## STAFFING CHANGES

Ms. McGrath has resigned her position as teacher in the grade 5/6 classroom. Ms. Peggy Decker will be serving as the long-term substitute in the class with the support of Ms. Hannah Morse, Instructional Aide. We thank Ms. McGrath for her time at SFCS and appreciate Ms. Decker for her flexibility and assistance.

## REPORT CARDS FOR TRIMESTER 2

Trimester 2 closed on Friday. **Report cards will be sent home later this week.** If you have any questions about your child's report card or wish to meet with the teacher, please contact the office to schedule a meeting.

## PI DAY CARNIVAL THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 13

In celebration of the mathematical constant Pi (3.14), Ms. Contreras' seventh and eighth graders are planning a **Pi Day Carnival with a variety of math games for all students on the afternoon of Friday, March 13th.** Students will earn tickets for a piece of pie. This is one of the few times per year that sweets will be provided on campus, in accordance with our Wellness Policy.

## STORYTELLING ASSEMBLY ON MARCH 19TH

SFCS is excited to welcome Grammy nominated storyteller Diane Ferlatte who will be performing for students on Thursday, March 19th in two assemblies at 9AM and 10:30AM. Thank you to Ms. Ferlatte and the Mariposa Arts Council for this special event!

## DENTAL HYGIENIST VISITS SFCS

Last Friday, dental hygienist Burney Stephens visited all classrooms to present to the students about good dental health. Students received toothbrushes and other goodies too. Thanks to Mariposa Oral Health for providing this opportunity!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Every Monday - Early release at 2PM
- Fri., 3/13 - Pi Day Carnival, 1:30PM
- Thurs., 3/19 - Storytelling Assemblies
- Fri., 3/20 - No school - Teacher Work Day
- Sun., 4/5 - Chili Cook Off & Dessert Auction, 1PM at The Alley
- Mon., 4/6 - Enrollment window closes



## SFCS Home School Enrichment: Week of March 9, 2020

### Core Virtue for February: Loyalty

#### 9 Monday:

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

#### 10 Tuesday:

5th/6th 11:40-3:15 Lunch, Rotations: Garden, Tech, PE Rotation  
5th-8th 12:35-3:05 Music Classes: Band, Drums, Beginning Instruments, and Guitar. Please let me know if you are interested

#### 11 Wednesday:

3rd/4th 11:40-3:15 Lunch, Garden, Spanish, and PE

#### 12 Thursday:

7th/8th 11:40-3:15 Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Tech and P.E.  
1st-8th 12:35-1:40 Music: Piano and Ukulele, please contact me if you are interested.  
TK/K 1:50-2:20  
2nd 2:30-3:00 Music Class

#### 13 Friday: Pi Day

1st/2nd 11:40-1:30 Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Spanish and PE  
All Welcome 1:30 - 3:15 Pi Day: A Festival Celebrating Math with Pie

#### Coming Up:

- Thursday, March 19th Morning Storytelling Assembly with Dianne Ferlatte, Times to be announced. Click [here](#) for her website
- Thursday, March 19th Ukelittles 3rd and 4th Grade Concert at 2:30pm
- **Weds, March 25th** **5th and 6th Grades Field Trip The Bug in Midpines**
- Friday, March 27th Physical Fitness Testing for the Mile at MCHS, grades 5-8
- Friday, March 27 Core Virtue Assembly celebrating Loyalty and Fun Friday

### SFCS Links to Blogs, Web Sites and Curricular Connections:

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

- [Academic Support](#) and [Academic Standards and Expectations](#) from the SFCS Web Page
- [The Home School Blog](#)
- TK/K's [Curricular Connections](#)
- [Mrs. Baumann's 1st and 2nd grades' Website and Curricular Connections](#)
- [Ms. Starchman's 3rd and 4th grades' Blog and Curricular Connections](#)
- [5th and 6th Curricular Connections](#)
- [7th and 8th grade Curricular Connections](#)
- [The SFCS Garden Blog](#) - all grade levels
- [5-8th Grade Tech Exploration](#)





# Sierra Foothill Charter School

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March 6, 2020

Dear SFCS Community,

In collaboration with the Mariposa County Health Department and other officials, we are continuing to monitor developments with the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) to guide precautionary measures and to keep our school community informed. On March 4th, a State of Emergency was declared by Governor Newsom that was preparation based, designed to focus resources and activate planning. If COVID-19 becomes more widespread, we may take action in collaboration with the Mariposa County Health Department to cancel field trips or other events that bring together large numbers of people, and possibly close school. It is important to note that no children in California have been diagnosed at this time.

Our school has taken the following steps to mitigate the spread of illness. Custodial schedules have been updated to include disinfecting surfaces and touch points with greater frequency. Students and staff are being reminded to wash hands frequently and effectively, cover coughs and sneezes, and keep their hands and objects away from their faces. In addition, the teachers and I are putting plans in place to ensure learning can continue in a meaningful way if school closure becomes necessary.

To help prevent the spread of illness, please follow these important tips:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Those with fever ( $>100.4$  F /  $>38$ C) should remain home until they have no fever for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

Students may be anxious about the COVID-19 information they are hearing or seeing in the media. The following are links to resources that may be helpful to you in addressing this topic with your children.

- [Talking to Children About COVID-19](#) (National Association of School Psychologists)
- [Coronavirus Resources](#) (American School Counselor Association)
- [Talking to Teens and Tweens About Coronavirus](#) (The New York Times)
- [Talking to Kids About The Coronavirus](#) (Child Mind Institute)
- [Just For Kids: A Comic Exploring the New Coronavirus](#) (National Public Radio)

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns. Your efforts and support are appreciated as we work to minimize the impact of illness in our community.

Sincerely,

*Mindy Bolar*

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Principal/Superintendent



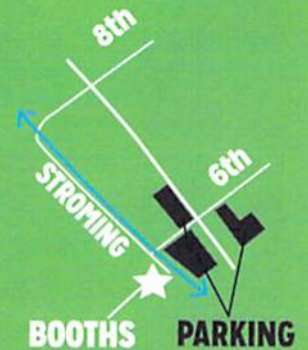


The Mariposa Health & Wellness Coalition Presents

# PATH TO WELLNESS HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR

3rd Annual Wellness Celebration

Saturday April 4 | 10AM-2PM  
Mariposa Creek Parkway at Stroming Rd.



Join us for this **FREE** health and wellness event to highlight the diverse wellness-related services and activities in Mariposa. We will have raffles, demonstrations including yoga and fitness classes, all along beautiful Mariposa Creek.

We are also proud to again be collaborating with Beat Harvest to host the spring student concert. Stick around for the student music showcase in the Arts Park at 2:00!



OUR CREEK | #MYPARKWAY