



Farallone View Elementary School

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Message from the Site Director - February 2012

Welcome to February, the month that we start dreaming of spring here on the coast! While February is short, it is packed full of excitement. Some upcoming events follow:

- Don't forget our **monthly book** exchange in A1; as always, bring your gently used children's books on the first Wednesday of the month and exchange it for other students' books. This is a great way to recycle, build your child's library and get to "shop" for books that you may not typically find at Target or Barnes and Noble. While most of the popular titles are present, I have seen some really unusual offerings, as well. Encourage your student(s) to come be part of the fun!
- Join us to honor our very own **Angelo Molossi** at our next School Board Meeting, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the district office. Angelo is being acknowledged for winning the "Do a Good Deed" contest sponsored by Dr. Alexa Alborzi's orthodontic office. Participants submit an essay about a good deed they have done. This contest is open to any youth 18 years and under, and the lucky winner receives a brand new laptop! Angelo wrote about the time he has spent volunteering with senior citizens, and his essay is quite touching!
- Please also come celebrate with us as Ms. Diana's and Ms. Kelly's classes bring us their production of **William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."** The play will premiere to the Farallone View audience at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday the 16th, with an encore performance that evening at 7:00 p.m. Parents, families and community members are welcome to attend either (or both!) performances. The students have been working extremely hard to not only master lines and learn stage blocking, but to really understand the play. Second and third grade? I couldn't get my high school kids to master it!
- Don't forget about **President's Week!** Plan lots of fun for February 20th-24th!
- Classes to prepare our English language learning students to reclassify as English proficient are set to start during lunch and after school in February! This is critically important to our students as they are preparing to go on to Cunha and HMBHS, as it allows them a greater range of classes they are able to register for. Thanks to our wonderful School Liaison, Rosibel Acosta, as well as our fabulous literacy coach, Jenny Scarpaci, for getting this idea off the ground.
- **After School STEM** (science, technology, engineering and math) classes are also set to go in February, thanks to the combined effort of our PTO with Mr. Len Erickson. The class will serve interested 4th and 5th grade students after school at absolutely no cost to the student or school. Have a budding engineer in your house? Encourage her or him to sign up in the office!
- **Have you been in your child(ren)'s class lately?** If so, you have probably noticed lots of adults helping. We are so blessed to have not only our wonderful teachers working to provide top-notch educational opportunities to all our students, but families as well.
- **Smartboards** have been installed and training is being provided to increase technology offerings to science and upper grades. The PTO is purchasing five licenses for Math Tools, a program designed for Smart Technology which will give the kids (and teachers) a much more hands on, interactive experience in exploring geometry.

Remember: February weather is often unpredictable! Enjoy the sun, rain, surf and snow, and come back for March ready for the home stretch!

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