

March 21, 2025

Dear Folsom Families,

It's starting to feel like spring, and the migration of birds, hint of green and muddy fields at Folsom show it. As the temperatures rise, students still need winter play clothes, especially mud boots and jackets. March Madness is a good name for basketball and Vermont weather.

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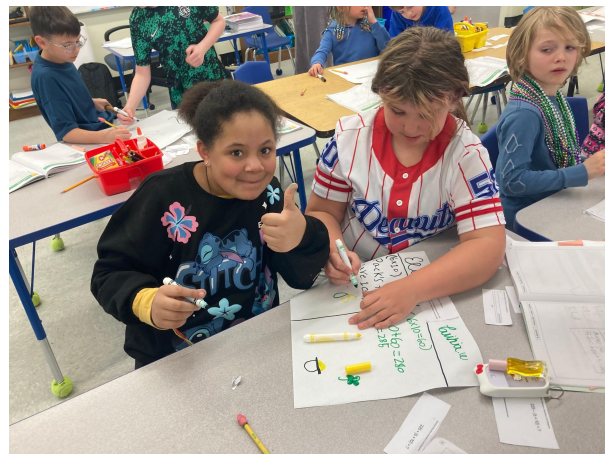
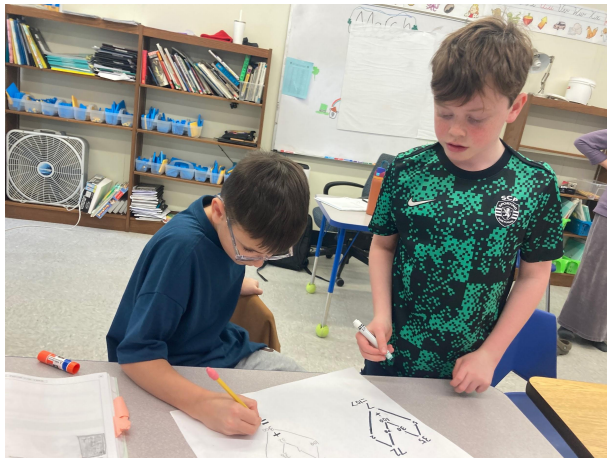
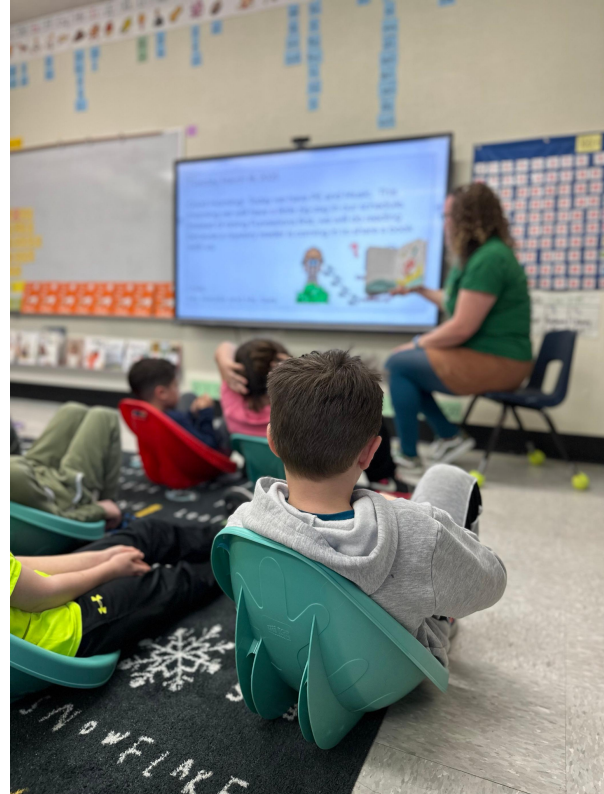
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This Week at Folsom



The beautiful weather for our Ski & Ride Trip was a midweek highlight for students. This year was trickier than anyone can remember for scheduling the trips, and we're glad we were able to get some trips to Smuggs in this month. Thank you to all the parent chaperones who helped make the trips possible. Teachers have been busy writing report cards and keeping the learning going in class.

Report cards will go home next week via email, and I will let you know when they are sent. Parent conferences begin on Monday. The full schedule is below and online. I encourage you to set up a time to meet with your student's teachers. We are partners in education, and this time to meet and share observations is critical.



Track & Field for Middle School

Track & Field will start in April for any interested 5th - 8th grade students. There is something for everybody in track and field. Please officially register your student to participate using this Google form: [Sign-Up Form](#). The sign-up form and all the forms you will need if your student in participating in a Folsom sport for the first time are on the Athletics page of the Folsom website.

- We will have a mandatory player/parent meeting for Track and Field on Tuesday, April 1, from 5:30 p.m-6:30 p.m.

April Menu

The [April Menu](#) is now available on the website.

Movie Night: Moana 2!

Folsom PTO will be hosting a Family/Community Movie Night, showing *Moana 2*, on Friday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. There is no entry fee, and PTO will have treats and refreshments for sale. This is a family event, and adults need to stay to chaperone and enjoy the movie with their children. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, and pillows to make yourself comfy for Movie Night. We look forward to seeing you next Friday!



South Hero History

South Hero Historical Society is having a program on Tuesday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. "What kids did in the winters in the 40s." Come hear stories from Sue Crowley, Joyce Blow, and Heidi Chamberlain. From handmade wool snowsuits to snowmobile parties on the ice: Winters were fun! All ages are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Legislative Forum

The Grand Isle Supervisory Union will hold a special forum on Vermont school reform on Saturday, April 5, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the North Hero Community Hall. Legislative leaders will be there to answer your questions and hear thoughts on current legislation about proposed education finance and school changes. There is a virtual attendance option via Google Meet: meet.google.com/asp-ocgz-jgj. Phone: +1 475-441-4662. PIN: 555191705

Parent-Teacher Conferences & Report Cards

Conferences take place starting on Monday. There is no school a week from Monday, March 31, for conferences. Please reach out to your student's teacher if these times do not work for you. Connecting with parents is a priority for us.

Report cards for Trimester 2 will be emailed to parents and guardians next week. I will send an email notification when they have been posted to you.

Conferences at a Glance	
Monday, March 24	Mrs. Mobley/2nd Grade: 3:15-4:45 p.m. Mrs. Branon & Mrs. Holm / 3rd & 4th grades: 2-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 25	Mrs. Couture/Kindergarten: 3:15-7 p.m. Mrs. Mobley/2nd Grade: 3:15-4:45 p.m. Mrs. Branon & Mrs. Holm / 3rd & 4th grades: 2-3:00 p.m. UA Teachers - drop-in 3-5 p.m. Principal - drop-in 3-5 p.m.
Wednesday, March 26	Mrs. Mobley/2nd Grade: 3:15-4:45 p.m. UA Teachers - drop-in 3-5 p.m.
Thursday, March 27	Mrs. Couture/Kindergarten: 3:15-7 p.m. Mrs. Branon & Mrs. Holm / 3rd & 4th grades: 2-3:30 p.m.
Friday, March 28	Mrs. Branon & Mrs. Holm / 3rd & 4th grades: 2-3:00 p.m.
Monday, March 31	(NO SCHOOL - Inservice & Conferences) Ms. Kendrach/1st Grade: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mrs. Branon & Mrs. Holm / 3rd & 4th grades: 7:30-Noon Mrs. Harte /5th-8th ELA: Noon-7:30 p.m. Mrs. Perry /5th-8th Math: Noon-7:30 p.m.

	Ms. Cantell / 5th-8th Science: Noon-7:30 p.m. Mr. Nolan / 5th-8th Social Studies: Noon-7:30 p.m. Principal - drop-in 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
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Here is how to sign up for conferences

Conferences can be in person or virtual. Teachers will connect with you about their meeting format. To schedule Parent/Teacher Conferences with homeroom and core academic teachers, please sign up online. Each teacher/team has set up schedules that offer various dates and times. To sign up online, please follow these instructions: Pick a time slot by entering this link in your internet browser: www.ptcfast.com/reg1

Select a code:

Parent /Teacher Conference Codes:

Kindergarten - Couture - CVZ112383

1st Grade - Kendrach - 8NM112386

2nd Grade - Mobley - ZVJ180139

3rd/4th Grade - Branon & Holm - OMY112629

Middle School Language Arts - Harte - 3WB1248408

Middle School Math - Perry - E001248401

Middle School Science - Cantell - XEQ112388

Middle School Social Studies - Nolan - PVS1248398

If you are not able to sign up online, please call Sue at 372-6600 x.1

Unified Arts Teachers - Bedard, Currier, Jedziniak, Fouts, Lyon-Horne: The UA Team is offering drop-in time for any/all parents. Teachers will be available in their classrooms on Tuesday, March 25, and Wednesday, March 26, from 3-5 p.m.

Principal: You can have a conference with your principal, too. Please drop-in if you'd like on Monday, March 31, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or Tuesday, March 25, from 3-5 p.m. You may also call the office to arrange a conference at a different time.

State Testing

Each year, students across Vermont take state tests in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science. At Grand Isle Supervisory Union, students in grades 3-8 participate. These assessments are called the Vermont Comprehensive Assessment Program (VTCAP). This is the third year we have been using this test in the state. The tests are taken on computers and have many options to support student needs. The tests will be given between March 10 and May 2, 2025. Tests will be given at any time during the testing window and will be held at school during the regular school day. Our school's schedule is below:

Grades	Dates	Time	Subject Area
3rd-4th	April 1-4	8:30-10 a.m.	ELA
	April 8-11		Math
5th-8th	April 1-4	9:30-11 a.m.	ELA
	April 8-11		Math
5th & 8th	April 14-17	9:30-11 a.m.	Science

Please make sure your student has a good night's sleep and eats a nutritious breakfast before testing. We also encourage students to bring wired headphones from home if they have a pair that is most comfortable for them.

We will send home your child's student report once we receive it. State assessments are just one way that we measure student learning. It is important to remember that the VTCAP measures broad areas of understanding while our local assessments are more specific to what students are learning in the moment. If you have questions, please reach out to the school.

Middle School Calcutta

The Folsom Middle School is holding a Calcutta fundraiser to help pay for the costs of busing for middle school field trips and graduation. This fundraiser is a chance to win \$1,000 by buying a Calcutta ball. If your numbered ball is the last one drawn, you're the grand prize winner. There will be additional prizes from local businesses, ski resorts and more.

- When: 4-7 p.m. Sunday, April 6
- Where: McKee's of South Hero
- Cost: \$50 for 1 ticket/1 dinner; \$75 for 1 ticket/2 dinners. You can buy as many tickets as you'd like.

How to participate: Fill out the [FORM](#). Or, email or call Alison Perry: 802-238-6950 aperry@gisu.org. Thanks for your support!

Please join the Folsom PTO for a ...



K-2 Social Hour

Worthen Library

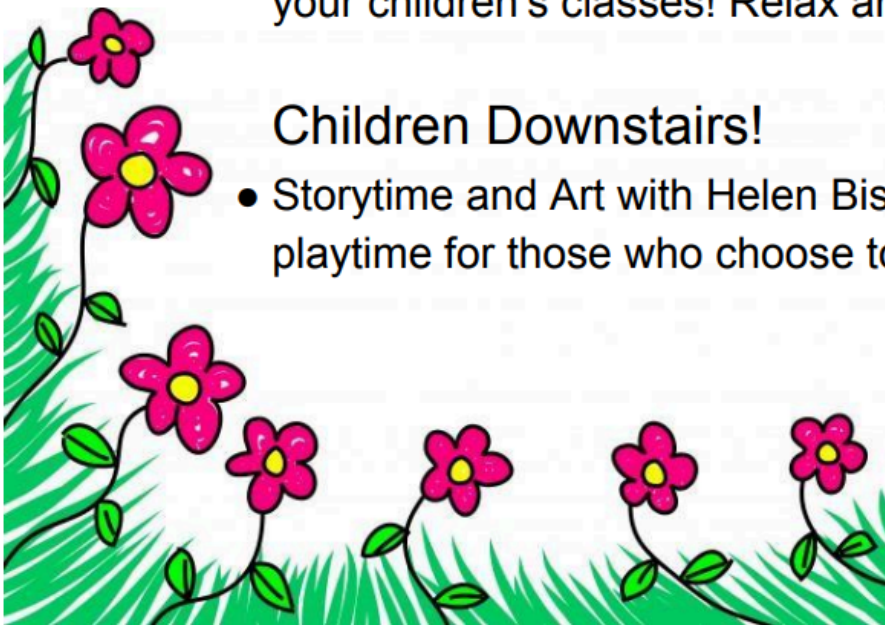
Saturday, April 12, 10-11am

Parents Upstairs!

- Have fun getting to know other parents in your children's classes! Relax and chat...

Children Downstairs!

- Storytime and Art with Helen Bishop with playtime for those who choose to play!



Upcoming Events

- ☐ **March 22:** Storytime with former teacher Helen Bishop, 10 a.m. at Worthen Library
- ☐ **March 28:** 6:30 p.m. PTO-sponsored Family Community Movie Night.
- ☐ **March 31:** No school for conferences
- ☐ **April 1:** Parent-Player Meeting for Track & Field, 5:30 p.m. Mandatory
- ☐ **April 5:** Vermont School Reform Forum, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at North Hero Community Hall.
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meet.google.com/asp-ocgz-jgj. Phone: +1 475-441-4662. PIN: 555191705
- ☐ **April 6:** 4-7 p.m. Middle School Calcutta fund-raiser at McKee's.
- ☐ **April 1-17:** State VTCAP testing at Folsom. Required for all students in grades 3-8.
- ☐ **April 10:** Half-Day Inservice. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. with a grab-and-go lunch if they request it. The next half-day is May 8.
- ☐ **April 12:** 10-11 a.m. Storytime with Helen Bishop and PTO Meetup for K-2 kids and parents at Worthen Library.
- ☐ **June 10:** Folsom 8th Grade Graduation, 6 p.m.

Happy Friday!

Julie Pidgeon
Folsom Principal