

March 28, 2025

Dear Folsom Families,

We have enjoyed meeting with you this past week and sharing student progress. You should have received your student's Trimester 2 report card by email on Wednesday. Please let us know if you did not receive it. Remember: No school on Monday, March 31! This is our final conference day.

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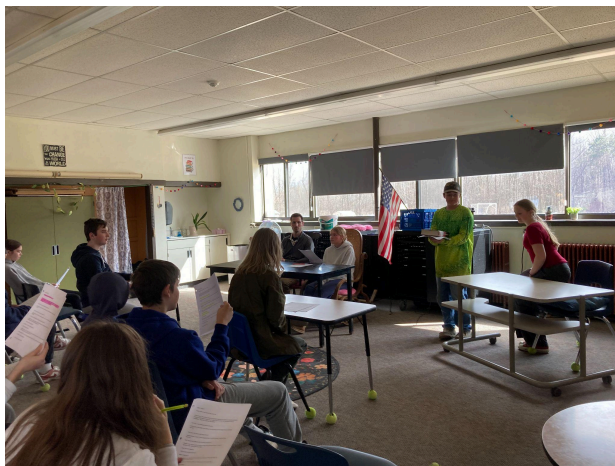
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This Week at Folsom



The whole school danced a safe Macarena as part of our monthly PBIS / Community Groups assembly. We're working on the Folsom Five of being safe.



PE students have been working on balance and upper-body strength, including using the balance beam and climbing rope. ... In Community Groups, the drama group had fun creating characters... And in 7-8 ELA, students performed a Readers' Theater. They were reading *Browder vs Gayle*, a play written about a case that desegregated the buses in Montgomery in the 1950s. It is part of the Wit & Wisdom Unit centered on *Twice Toward Justice*. ... Plus making Tic Tac Toe boards in art, and a read aloud in a Community Group.





Science! Natalie Kendrach and Samantha Cantell are attending the National Science Teachers Conference in Philadelphia with colleagues from Grand Isle School. Ms. Cantell's students just finished their dissection unit in time for Ms. Cantell to leave. BELOW: Balancing as a class.



TONIGHT: Movie Night: Moana 2!

Folsom PTO will be hosting a Family/Community Movie Night, showing *Moana 2*, today, 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.



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 is 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.

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

Report cards were emailed home Wednesday. Today is our last day of conferences, and there is no school today. If you were unable to sign-up for a conference, contact your student's teacher by email directly to arrange for a conference. It's important to us that we connect with you.

Conferences at a Glance	
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.

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.

K-2 Storytime & PTO Meetup



Please join the Folsom PTO for a ...

K-2 Social Hour

Worthen Library

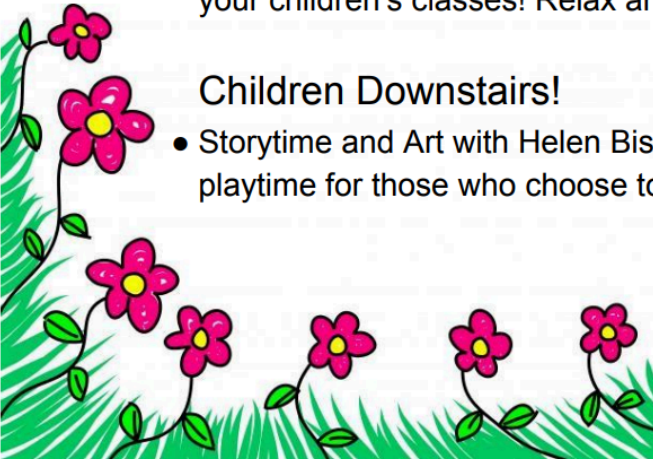
Saturday, April 12, 10-11am

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 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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- ☐ **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.

Enjoy the weekend!

Julie Pidgeon
Folsom Principal