Dear Folsom Families,

It's a long stretch from the first day of school to Thanksgiving break. I hope you enjoy the opportunity to have a more relaxed schedule, to sleep in, and to read and play with your children. If you are traveling over the vacation, may your journey be smooth!

We enjoyed the opportunity to meet with many families this week about students' progress. Conferences occur at a scheduled time of year, but please don't hesitate to reach out to our teachers if you have questions or concerns. We are happy to connect anytime!

Tomorrow is the final day for our <u>PTO popcorn fundraiser</u>. Please consider adding some popcorn to your life and supporting PTO.

Finally, I'd like to take the opportunity thank Ms. Cavalier for stepping in as our 3rd and 4th grade ELA and Social Studies teacher this trimester. This was her last week in 3rd and 4th grade. Mrs. Branon will be back from her leave on Dec. 1. We could not have asked for a better substitute than Ms. Cavalier! The great news is that this isn't goodbye. Ms. Cavalier has agreed to stay on to fill in when Mr. Currier takes a planned absence. We are fortunate to have such a capable "pinch hitter" helping us provide excellent learning opportunities for your children.



A big thank you to Ms. Cavalier for her teaching and TLC in 3rd and 4th grade!





Kindergarten enjoys the outdoor nature trail, and students create art in Community Groups.





Story hour with Mr. Nolan in Social Studies, and learning more about the natural world during Community Groups.

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Report Cards for Trimester 1

Report cards for Trimester 1 were emailed home today, Friday, Nov. 21. If you didn't receive your child's report, please contact Julie Pidgeon (jpidgeon@gisu.org).

Caring & Sharing

Dear South Hero Community,

Caring and Sharing is a PTO program that helps families make our children's holiday wishes come true. We are here to help, and every year our South Hero community is so generous in supporting this program. Helen Bishop is the contact for Folsom PTO.

If you are inclined to support our local holiday gifts this year, here is the link: <u>Caring and Sharing sign up 2025</u>

Due date to Folsom is Wednesday December 17.

The Paypal link is also on the sheet or right here!

Thank you from Helen Prakelt Bishop and the Folsom PTO.

Thanks for Attendance

Please see the <u>letter</u> from Margaret Gilbert, GISU's Family Engagement Specialist. We are grateful for your efforts to get your students to school on time. It makes a difference in their learning.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday is our final day for conferences. If you did not have an opportunity to meet with your student's teachers, and you would like to connect, please email them directly. We are happy to meet with you!

Conferences at a Glance	
Monday, Nov. 24	1st Grade, 8 a.m4 p.m. To schedule: www.ptcfast.com/reg1 Code: 8NM112386

See Folsom Alumni in SBHS's "The Drowsy Chaperone"

With the houselights down, a man in a chair appears on stage and puts on his favorite record: the cast recording of a fictitious 1928 musical. The recording comes to life and The Drowsy Chaperone begins as the man in the chair looks on. Mix in two lovers (South Hero's own **Dan Jackson**) on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man, a desperate theatre producer, a not-so-bright hostess, two gangsters posing as pastry chefs (South Hero's own **Vivien Liversedge**,) a misguided Don Juan and an intoxicated chaperone, and you have the ingredients for an evening of madcap delight. (The cast also features South Hero natives **Chase Chevrefils** and **Catherine Trombley**.)

Check out the stage and tech crew, and hair and makeup team to find more Folsom Alum, including but not limited to; **Aurelia Wickenden**, **Leo Frank**, **Isabelle McClain**, **Axel McMillian**, and **Olivia Nesbit**.

When:

Friday Nov 21 at 7pm Saturday Nov 22 at 5pm

Where: South Burlington High School Auditorium

Tickets: \$10 Adult, \$5 Student

Click link to learn more about the show & ticket sales: bit.ly/482AzHd

Bake Sale: Yes!

Who Else Will You Know?: The show is directed by Karlie Kauffeld, choreographed by Kristen Bartle, with costume design and build by Melanie Henderson!

Community Food Resources

Please see this <u>flyer</u> with information on the current food programs and community food resources available in our area.

Feed it Forward

#Feeditforward is a neighbor-and small-business-powered initiative brought to you by Nextdoor, the essential neighborhood network, to feed hungry neighbors.

The idea is simple: Local establishments sell gift cards to be used for #Feeditforward. Patrons buy them and leave the cards at your establishment, or the establishment uses a house card for a hungry neighbor to pay with. It's a win for hungry neighbors and small businesses!

In South Hero, Keeler's Bay Variety, Pan's Pizza, and Wally's and Two Heroes are participating. If you need free food, go to these establishments, get the groceries, or order the food you want and tell them you want to pay with #Feeditforward funds.

Last Chance to POP!



Support our local school and treat yourself to award-winning, ultra-delicious gourmet popcorn- all from the comfort of home!

FUNDRAISER DATES

Starts Tuesday, Nov. 18 @3pm Ends Saturday, Nov. 22 @3pm

WHY IT MATTERS

· 50% of every sale goes directly to Folsom PTO to support Folsom school programs, events, students, and teachers!

HOW TO ORDER

- · Aim your phone camera at the QR code and follow the link.
- Add gourmet popcorn to your cart and checkout.
- Double Good will pop your order fresh, then pack and ship it anywhere in the https://popup.doublegood.com/s/l:
- Made-to-order popping and shipping ensure that caramelicious, cheddarrageous, sweetsalty popcorn is delivered fresh and at its peak flavor.





THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Questions? folsompto@gmail.com

This is the final reminder for the Double Good Popcorn fundraiser. Sales end tomorrow (Saturday) at 3:00 PM. The kids have done an amazing job raising funds this week, and there's still time left to participate! Click or share the PTO store link for last-minute orders:

https://s.dgpopup.com/l2z1t7s7

This is a wonderful way to support Folsom as 50% of all sales go directly to the PTO, which funds numerous school and community enrichment programs. We truly appreciate all of your support and generosity!

1st-4th Grade Rec Ski Program

Hello families! It's getting colder out and we are looking forward to getting the South Hero Recreation Ski & Ride Club going again! The Club is an opportunity for South Hero kids in grades 1 through 4 to be introduced to skiing / riding or to improve their skills. The Club will travel to Smuggler's Notch three different school day afternoons to ski/ride and participate in a 2-hour group lesson based on their skill level. This is an amazing program offered by Smuggs to get our kids out and about during the winter months. Pricing is greatly reduced by Smuggs, and the South Hero Rec program has scholarships available! Information and sign-up packages will go home with students next week.

The sign-ups are online via Cheddar Up. The link is: https://my.cheddarup.com/c/south-hero-ski-ride-club-2025-copy/forms The due date for sign-ups is **today**, **Friday November 21st**. The paper equipment rental form can be

dropped off to Mrs. McNayr's office.

Lastly, if you are interested, please volunteer to chaperone! This program runs on chaperone volunteers to drive students up to the mountain, corral our kids and also ski/ride with them on the mountain. We need both drivers and on-mountain chaperones. Thank you in advance. It's a great time and there are 2 hours where the chaperones are free to ski.

While our program is completely separate from the Folsom Middle School Ski & Ride Program, we work hand in hand with Folsom to make this awesome opportunity happen. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the SH Rec Ski & Ride Club Coordinator, Eric Hammond, at erichammond22@gmail.com or 802-922-0984

Interested in PTO?

Check out the PTO webpage on how to get involved: https://www.gofolsom.org/o/fecc/page/pto.

Lost and Found

Please stop by and check our growing Lost & Found table. Items will be available for you to look through this month. We will donate what is not claimed at Thanksgiving break. We would love to reunite the clothes with their owners!

Upcoming Events

Nov. 18-22: PTO Popcorn Fundraiser. <u>Virtual Popcorn Fundraiser flyer</u>
Nov. 21: Last day to sign-up for 1st-4th Ski Program. The link is:
https://my.cheddarup.com/c/south-hero-ski-ride-club-2025-copy/forms
Nov. 24-28: No School: Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 17: K-4 Winter Concert at 6 p.m. Snow date is Dec. 18.
Jan. 23: Puppet Show! At 6 p.m., our Visiting Artist & students will showcase their
learning
Jan. 28: 5-8 Band and Chorus Concert, 6 p.m.

Enjoy your time away! We'll see you back at school on Dec. 1. Julie