

October 2015 Newsletter

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Reminders:

Oct 9 Attendance 2 Due

Oct 19 ~ 23 MHSC Closed for the October break

At the Oakhurst Site:

Oct 6 Parent Group meets at 1:00

Oct 8 Fresno Fair Day

Oct 16 Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

At the Fresno Site:

Oct 9 Fresno Fair Day

Oct 30 Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

*Congratulations to Brook Bullock on her
recent marriage!! We are so happy for you,
Mrs. Hirata!*



The Mountain Home School Charter Cross Country Team is open to ALL students Kindergarten through 8th grade. We will meet on Fridays, starting November 6th, from 12:30 to 1:00 at Camp Oakhurst to help prepare you to compete in the Mountain Area Cross Country meets (there will be 3 or 4 this year). The first meet is scheduled for November 11th at Raymond! Our Mountain Home School Charter - Ahwahnee Hills Meet is scheduled for November 20th.

Please sign up on the class sign up wall or email Mrs. Patterson at apatterson@wscsfamily.org to let us know you'd like to participate. See Mrs. Patterson with questions.

This is open to students from both Fresno and Oakhurst campuses.



Bear Creek Pumpkin Patch Field Trip



When: October 16th at 10:30 a.m.



Where: Meet at Bear Creek Pumpkin Patch

**(Address: 3000 Plainsburg Rd Merced, CA
95341)**



**Ages: Stations are geared toward
Kindergarten to Third Grade but all ages
are welcome**

**What To Bring: Good walking shoes, water,
and a sack lunch**

**Cost: \$3 per person – children under 2
are free (this includes a mini
pumpkin) by October 9th**



Questions: See Mrs. Cudd or Mrs. Patterson

PLEASE PAY CHERYL BEFORE SIGNING UP!



SUGAR PINE RAILROAD FIELD TRIP

This field trip includes an excursion on the Sugar Pine Railroad.

Date: September 30, 2015 Time: 10:00 Teacher: Kathi Bales

We will meet at the Sugar Pine parking lot at 10:00

Cost for Student: \$8:00 Adult: \$16:00

Money due at the time of sign-up!! Sign-ups close September 25th!!



SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!

Do you have great shots of exciting experiments, family field trips, or school events?

If the answer is YES...please share them with our yearbook staff.

You can email to: kmeeks@wscsfamily.org

Unfortunately, the online program doesn't allow cell phone pictures unless they are high resolution. Please understand that your pictures may not be used due to either low resolution or an abundance of photos.

If you have questions please contact Kim at 642-1422 ext. 14

You can also contact Stephanie Ganzenhuber at our Fresno site:

sganzenhuber@wscsfamily.org

Attention All 8th Graders!!

We want all of you to be able to attend the 3 day Catalina Island Science Trip on May 11th-13th, 2016! Please see either Brook Bullock, John Rumohr, or Mindy Klang for more information and fundraising opportunities!

ACADEMIC PENTATHLON MEETING AND LUNCH

When: Tuesday, October 13th

Time: 11:30 – 12:45

Where: Secondary Classroom

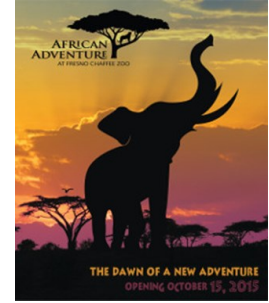
For: Students and Parents

Come enjoy a bite to eat and listen to an overview of the Academic Pentathlon. You are not committed to participate at this point; this is your opportunity to ask lots of questions.

Please make every effort to attend...there have been lots of changes to the event since last year. If you have questions please contact: Mrs. Meeks at 642-1422 ext. 14

This meeting will be held for our Oakhurst students & parents, but we will have a meeting for our Fresno parents & students—we will notify you when we have a date!

Let's Go to the Zoo!



Chaffee Zoo: 894 W. Belmont, Fresno 93728

Date: Friday, November 13th

Time: 9:00 Meet at front gate and enter as a group to tour zoo. The new 18-acre African Adventure will be open! There are also Keeper Chats throughout the day in many animal exhibits.

**1:00 - 2:30 Hands-On Lab Stations (Additional fee)
These stations will focus on reptile life cycles and habitats. One of the stations will have a live reptile to see and touch.**

Zoo Entrance Fees:

Adults - \$5.00

Children/Students Ages 2 through 8th Grade - \$2.50

Children Ages 0-23 Months are Free

Families with zoo memberships are free

Education Event Lab Station Fees:

Students K-8 - \$3.00

Adults and Preschoolers - Free

(Adults and children may be present, but participation in station activities is for the students)

Families with zoo memberships MUST PAY LAB FEES

Roeding Park Entrance Fee: \$5.00/Car

Sign-Up:

Please sign up and pay at the Fresno office - Deadline Friday, Nov. 6

Payment MUST accompany registration

Zoo entrance is not limited to a certain number, but the lab event is limited to 50 students. If this is important to you, please sign up and pay ASAP.

Trip to the Pumpkin Patch!



**Come join the fun with Mountain Home School – Fresno
as we tour the Hillcrest pumpkin patch farm in Reedley on
Friday, October 30.**

Tour includes:

PUMPKIN for each child

HAYRIDE STORY (includes how pumpkins grow)

HILLSIDE PLAY AREA AND NATURE TRAIL

PICNIC AREA USE (if you want to bring a snack or lunch)

Arrival time is 10:15

Tour begins at 10:30

Price is \$6.00 per child (all ages including infants)

Parents are Free

Sign up and pay at the office. Payment must be made at time of sign-up. Deadline is Friday, October 16th.

**Location: Hillcrest Pumpkin Patch
6943 S. Reed
Reedley, CA 93654
www.hillcrestreedley.com**

NOTE: DUE TO COUNTY RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE CARPOOL TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CARS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

Note: This trip is intended for K-6 children, but older siblings in a family are very welcome!



FIREFIGHTERS NEED YOUR HELP!

ONE OF OUR FAMILIES THAT LIVES IN SQUAW VALLEY
WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS.
(THERE ARE OVER 3,000 FIREFIGHTERS FROM ALL OVER THE NATION AND CANADA)

TOP 3 THINGS THEY NEED:

1. PILLOWS
2. PILLOW CASES
3. WASHCLOTHS

THERE WILL BE 2 BOXES LABELED “TO OUR FIREFIGHTERS”
FOR YOU TO PLACE YOUR DONATIONS.

DONATIONS WILL BE PICKED UP & DELIVERED ON:

***9/22**

***9/24**

***9/28**

***10/1 (LAST PICK UP)**

Contacts

To contact a staff member by phone in Oakhurst, dial 559-642-1422 and press the extension number for the person you wish to contact.

To contact a staff member by phone in Fresno, dial 559-248-0471 and press the extension number for the person you wish to contact.

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Please note that our email address has changed!

Our website is: **www.wscsfamily.org**

When you email a staff member, it will always be the initial of their first name and their full last name@wscsfamily.org
(ex. mklang@wscsfamily.org)