

THE WEEKLY TIE-DYE

THE OFFICIAL NEWS OF FREMONT OPEN PLAN

LOOKING AHEAD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Fri, Dec 21

- **Minimum Day**
- Peace Assembly – Modesto High Auditorium
- Peace Feast – FOP Campus, in each department

Mon, Dec 24 - Fri, Jan 11

- **No School/Winter Break**

Wed, Jan 16

- **Minimum Day**

Mon, Jan 21

- **No School**

Thu, Jan 24, 6:00pm

- PAG Meeting (Open Forum) – Library

PEACE ASSEMBLY/PEACE FEAST INFO

A FAVORITE DAY OF THE YEAR

This Friday, December 21, is FOP's annual Peace Assembly and Peace Feast. The Peace Assembly will be held at the Modesto High School Auditorium at 18 H Street in Modesto, beginning around 9:15 (subject to bussing). Students need to get to school on time, as the busses will (hopefully!) leave soon after school begins and roll is taken. Carpooling to Modesto High is advised for parents/family. The Peace Feast at FOP will follow the Peace Assembly, with each Department hosting its own feast. Thank you for your generous food contributions! Please follow the instructions from individual departments regarding food drop-off.

PARKING AND ALLEY GATE ACCESS

The alley gate will be open shortly after the Peace Assembly, or you may enter through the front doors of the school. Please sign in and get a visitor sticker either at the alley gate, or in the office. **IMPORTANT:** Please do not use parking spaces in the College/Orangeburg parking lot that are across from the preschool/church buildings, or alongside the Holden business. These organizations need use of their parking spaces during the day. Let's all be good neighbors!

FOP BUDDY BENCH

IS YOUR CHILD LOOKING FOR A BUDDY?

At a recent staff meeting, teachers talked about the FOP buddy bench. What is the buddy bench? The idea is simple – if children feel lonely, they can go to the bench as a signal that they need someone to play with. Another child will see them, go and talk to them and include them in their games and/or conversations. The bench that was previously designated as the buddy bench is a little hard to see from some areas of the playground, so the official buddy bench is now the one on the grass in front of the baseball diamond. Teachers have been talking to kids about the location and purpose of the buddy bench, and reminding them to use it if they'd like, and check it regularly. Please talk to your children about the buddy bench and how they can help make it a success. Teachers are reminding students that not everyone remembers the bench yet, so they should try more than once, and let teachers know if it is not working for them.

INCOMING KINDERGARTENERS

PRIORITY ENROLLMENT FOR SIBLINGS

If you have a little one who will start kindergarten in the Fall of 2019, you may already be thinking about the enrollment process. Please plan to stop by the school office after Winter Break, no earlier than Monday, January 14 but no later than Friday, February 1, 2019, to fill out a green interest form, making sure to indicate that your child is a sibling of a current student. Siblings of current students have first priority for kinder enrollment. But please don't delay! **ALL incoming kinders (siblings of current students and new families) must have a green interest form completed and turned in to the office by February 1, 2019.**

NEW FOP FAMILIES

Word of mouth is the very best way to advertise our school, so please tell others about FOP! Any families interested in FOP should stop by the school office between January 14 and February 1, 2019 to complete an interest card, schedule a tour and learn about requirements and deadlines.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

LOOKING WAY, WAY AHEAD

Modesto City Schools has published a list of important dates for next school year (2019-2020). All of you planner types can check the front page of the MCS website (<https://www.mcs4kids.com>) for a link to see the list, which includes first and last days of school, along with dates of winter and spring breaks and other non-attendance days. Happy calendaring!

GENRE DAYS

ITEMS DEPLETED; NEED YOUR HELP

Vivien and Danita are still collecting unopened personal hygiene items such as travel-sized shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, or similar items for care packages. Please drop them off in Middle Department. Thank you for your generosity!

AMAZON SMILE

EARN MONEY FOR FOP WHILE SHOPPING

As you rush to complete your holiday shopping, please don't forget to use Amazon's Smile program, through which Amazon will donation a portion of your purchase price to FOP. It's easy! Point your web browser to smile.amazon.com. Designate Fremont Open Plan as your school of choice (if you haven't already). Everything is the same when you shop from this link – Prime benefits, prices, etc. – it simply tells Amazon that you want a portion of your purchase to go to your school. **UPDATE:** Android users can now select a school and shop through the Smile program right in the Amazon app. Go to settings to set it up, and make sure you renew your selection each month. The iOS Amazon app does not yet have Smile functionality, so you'll have to use your iPhone or iPad browser. Either way, it's easy to raise money for our school just by following a link!

❄️ Have a wonderful Winter Break! ❄️