

THE WEEKLY TIE-DYE

THE OFFICIAL NEWS OF FREMONT OPEN PLAN

LOOKING AHEAD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wed, Jan 16

- **Minimum Day**

Mon, Jan 21

- **No School**

Thu, Jan 24, 6:00pm

- **PAG Meeting (Open Forum) – Library**

OPEN FORUM PAG MEETING

BRING YOUR IDEAS!

Once per school year an Open Forum PAG meeting is held, where parents can share their ideas and concerns without the formality of an official business meeting. The meetings often turn out to be fun, productive and informative. Please join this year's Open Forum on **Thursday, January 24 at 6:00pm in the library**. Free childcare will be provided.

SPRING PRODUCTION

CALLING ALL THEATER KIDS!

Every other year, FOP presents a Spring Production, and this year's is sure to delight all of us. Please look in today's folder for an info page and a student interest form, to learn more about the production and how you and your children can be part of it.

Interest forms must be turned in by Friday, January 25.

FOP BUDDY BENCH

IS YOUR CHILD LOOKING FOR A BUDDY?

In case you missed this item before Winter Break... The idea of a buddy bench 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 FOP buddy bench is 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 for themselves and for others.

INCOMING KINDERGARTENERS

PRIORITY ENROLLMENT FOR SIBLINGS

If you have a little one who will start kindergarten in the Fall of this year, you may already be thinking about the enrollment process. Please stop by the school office 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 by February 1, 2019 to complete an interest card, schedule a tour and learn about requirements and deadlines.

FOP DECALS

PROUDLY DISPLAY FOP ON YOUR VEHICLE

A quick reminder – Professionally cut white vinyl FOP decals for your car window or other application are still available! If you would like to apply one of these decals to show the world that you're proud of FOP, ask your child's teacher for a decal. There is no charge for the decal, so please feel free to take one if you'll use it. The decal is white lettering only with no background.

REMIND TEXTING ISSUE

URGENT INFO FOR VERIZON USERS

The Remind texting system has been an incredibly useful tool to schools, teachers and families around the country, all at no charge to users. But starting on Monday, January 28, text notifications will be ending for Verizon Wireless customers who use the free Remind service.

What's happening? To offer the text messaging service free of charge to its users, Remind has always paid for each text that users receive or send. But now, Verizon is charging Remind a significant additional fee intended for companies that send spam over its network. Messages from school teachers, administrators and parent groups are not spam! But Verizon has not budged, and its new fee will force Remind to end free text messaging for the more than 7 million students, parents, and educators who have Verizon Wireless as their carrier.

What must you do to continue receiving messages?

IMPORTANT: If you have a phone plan with Verizon Wireless, you must begin using the Remind smartphone app by January 28 in order to receive messages. To do so, download the free Remind app on the iOS App Store, on Google Play, or at rmd.me/a. If you don't already have a Remind account, create one using the phone number where you receive Remind texts. Make sure to enable push notifications from Remind on your phone.

You can also enable email messaging, but we don't recommend that as a first choice, since it's generally not as immediate as a text message or notification from an app. However if you'd like to do this, go to remind.com on any computer. As above, if you don't already have a Remind account, create one using the phone number where you receive Remind texts. Turn on email notifications for your account so you don't miss any messages.

If you need the codes for FOP at any time during this process, they are:

Primary - @foppr Middle - @fopmi

Upper - @fop4th @fop5th @fop6th

Want to give Verizon a piece of your mind? Call Verizon Wireless Customer Service at 1-800-922-0204, let them know how useful the Remind system has been to you personally, and ask them to #ReverseTheFee.

You can also spread the word on social media. Let Verizon know that you're asking them to #ReverseTheFee on Remind, because our messages are #NotSpam. Tweet @verizon.

Remember: These issues and instructions apply to Verizon Wireless customers ONLY. Users of other wireless services are unaffected.

Questions or help needed? Ask Lori Paul (209-988-9088)