

THE WEEKLY TIE-DYE

THE OFFICIAL NEWS OF FREMONT OPEN PLAN

LOOKING AHEAD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mon, Feb 18

- **No School**

Thu, Feb 21, 6:00pm

- PAG Meeting – Cafeteria (note location change!)

Fri, Feb 22

- **Minimum Day**

Fri, Mar 1

- Pioneer Day in Upper Dept (all grades get to enjoy!)

Thu, Mar 7

- **Minimum Day**
- Genre Day #4

Fri, Mar 8

- **Minimum Day**

Wed, Mar 13

- **Minimum Day**

Thu, Mar 14, 5:00-7:00pm

- FOP Open Mic Night – Prospect Theater

Tue, Mar 19, 6:00pm

- PAG Meeting – Library (this is a new date!)

Fri, Mar 22

- **Minimum Day**

Mon, Mar 25 – Fri, Mar 29

- **No School – Spring Break!**

POETS' CORNER CONTEST

HAVE SOME POETRY TO SHARE?

FOP parent Dana Koster chairs a contest for the City of Modesto called the Poets' Corner Contest. It's open to children and adults in Stanislaus County. This year's theme is "Community: Where do you belong? Be it family, school or a larger community, tell us about what it means to be part of something bigger than yourself." What a great topic for FOP families! There's also a "General" category where poems can be on any topic the writer chooses. Poems can have been written at any time – you don't have to submit a brand new poem written for the contest – it can be written at any time, but it does need to be unpublished. This is a great opportunity to share your poetry with others in the community. The deadline to enter is March 8. The winners will be published in a special chapbook as well as invited to read at the annual Winners' Reading in May at the McHenry Mansion.

See <https://www.modestogov.com/558/Poets-Corner-Contest> for more info and submission forms/instructions. We hope to see some FOP entries this year!

SCHOOL-WIDE MINI-COURSES

LOOKING FOR PARENT HELP

School-wide Mini-Courses are coming! One of the best days of the year at FOP is happening **Friday, May 3**. We are looking for volunteers to teach courses. Our FOP families and friends have many talents, special interests and skills that make wonderful learning experiences for the students. Do you paint, write, knit, knot, plant, craft, cook, meditate, bounce, build, dribble, throw, swing, dance, fence, drum, or weave? Anyone can teach a class and we welcome all ideas! Please check your Tuesday folder for a parent sign-up form. **Sign-up forms are due by Friday, March 8**. There is much organizing to be done once we have enough parents, so thanks for getting those forms in right away! Contact Emily Malsam (malsame@yosemite.edu or 209-495-6499) or Mercedes Tapia if you have any questions or need additional information. If you're new to FOP and aren't sure what mini-courses are all about, ask another parent or a teacher and they'll fill you in and perhaps give you some ideas for courses.

FOP OPEN MIC NIGHT

KIDS' CHANCE TO SHINE

You may fondly remember the special evening called the Open Plan Jam, but this year it's being changed up just a bit. The FOP Open Mic Night will showcase a wider range of talents of our FOP kids, with performances to include dancing, singing, acting, music, or whatever other talents our kids love to perform for others. Please see the flyer in today's Tuesday folder for more info and instructions for signing up. Open Mic Night will be held at the Prospect Theater in downtown Modesto on **Thursday, March 14, from 5:00 to 7:00pm**. **Sign-ups are due no later than March 1**. Please tell your kids that their FOP family cannot wait to see them perform! We hope you can attend!

PAG FUND DRIVE INFO

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Please check your Tuesday folders for a note outlining how much of your \$130 per child, per year fund drive commitment is still unpaid. These balances will reflect any credit applied after the fundraisers were completed. We are well into the second half of the school year, and many have not yet paid. These funds must be collected in order to meet our budget for the rest of the school year and pay for needed items such as supplies and curriculum, and to cover planned field trips and special on-campus activities. You can drop a check for your balance into any of the black PAG mailboxes located in various FOP classrooms, or give your payment to one of the PAG Exec members. Contact PAG Exec at pag@fremontopenplan.com if you have questions.