### Weekly Newsletter November 9, 2023

# French Gulch-Whiskeytown School

FGWS PARENTS: Parent-Teacher conferences are next week. If you are unable to make the time of your student's conference, kindly let the office or the teacher know so that it can be rescheduled.

#### HONORING VETERANS AND LITTLE CRITTERS TOO

On our way to the IOOF Cemetery, Maddy's eagle eyes spied a small black "blob" on the side of of the pavement. After several "what is its" made the rounds it was determined it was a red bellied newt. They are mostly found in coastal regions within the state but sometimes in valley foothill areas too. They tend to hybernate among the roots of trees. After student discussion about this little guy, Ms Hill gently placed him at the base of a tree far from the road where hopefully he will have a long and safe winter's nap.





FGWS students were very respectful as they replaced flags on local veterans' gravesites. They were curious about the people who were laid to rest in our small, beautiful cemetery. From the dates on the tombstones, we talked about the different eras people lived in- some as far back as the 1800s. Several students have relatives buried locally and made a special point of paying respects.

Mr Dude spoke of his time in the service. He was stationed off the coast of Viet Nam on the USS Oriskany. As a young man with a wife and two small children at home, he

bonded with

two pilots who also were young married sailors with littles at home. One crashed at sea. Sadly, his body was never recovered. The other was shot down and captured. His fate remains unknown to this day. When Mr. Dude wears his USS Oriskany hat, he wears it especially in memory of his fellow sailors who were lost. His hat, by the way, was a gift from the students of FGWS several Veterans Days ago. Ms Hill researched and



orchestrated the purchase. Mr.Dude wears it with pride and reverance. Thank you to all of our veterans, living and dead for their service to our country. A special salute to you, Mr. Dude, for your service not only to this country but your service to the kids of FGWS too. Your dedication inspires us.



## **Upcoming Events**

**November 10** 

Veterans Day Observed No School

**November 14** 

Special Board Meeting 5:30

LCAP Advisory Board Mtg 4:00

November 14-16

Minimum Days- 1:35 dismissal Parent Conferences

November 20-24

**Thanksgiving Break** 

#### LUNCH MFNU



Menu for November 13-17

(subject to change)

Monday: Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup, celery sticks and fruit

Tuesday: BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, oven fries, veggies and fruit

Wednesday: Chicken Wing/Tenders, smiley fries, veggies and fruit

Thursday: Meat Loaf, dinner roll, veggies and fruit

Friday: Pizza, green salad, something fruity and a surprise

Milk (choice of low fat white or chocolate), fruit and veggies served at every meal

