### Weekly Newsletter October 15, 2021

# French Gulch-Whiskeytown School

FGWS will be in session on Monday, October 18. Teachers, aides and office staff will be at work. We understand that in some area schools walk outs and/or protests are planned to make a statement regarding mandated wearing of masks, verification of certificated employee Covid vaccination as terms for employment and mandatory testing for unvaccinated classified staff. In all likelihood required student vaccination is coming down the pike, adding to the required childhood vaccinations for polio, mumps, measles, whooping cough, chicken pox and tetanus. If mandated, however, there may be caveats for families to opt out of Covid vaccines. This is because the mandate comes from the governor, and not the Legislature, allowing exemptions for medical, religious or personal reasons. We will see where this takes us. In the interim, since anticipated future mandates have not been issued yet, school will remain in session as it has been since August. Long term independent instruction remains an option. Please contact your child's teacher if this is an option you would like for your child now or possibly when the smoke clears on this situation. By then you should be able to make an informed decision with all the facts and requirements in place on what will best meet your child's needs. Please be advised that independent study comes with very clear parameters and expectations this year. During the lockdown in the spring of 2020 and our hybrid beginning last year things were a bit more lenient than they will be on independent study this year.

### **HOT SPOTS AVAILABLE**

We have received a federal grant that will allow us to provide hot spots to families who currently are unable to afford internet access or afford plans which have greater data caps allowing for streaming, participation in Google classroom meets, zoom sessions and other applications that require greater speed and more reliable internet access. Please let the office or your child's teacher know if this applies to your family's situation. Living in a digital divide region has so many challenges! In addition to hot spots, the grant will allow us to upgrade the 5-8th grade students' chromebooks to laptops.

### THINK PINK

October is breast cancer awareness month. There are not many families that have not been touched by this pervasive disease. Next week is THINK PINK WEEK. To honor loved ones who have battled this disease or currently in the process of treatment we encourage staff and students alike to wear pink on Monday in support of those on that journey.



### **FEATURED ARTIST OF THE WEEK**

Maynard Wheeler was thinking of Mrs. B's donkey when he drew this picture of him. The younger children often save their uneaten vegetables for him. "What?!" we hear parents cry. "My child doesn't eat all of his/her vegetables served at lunch?" It's sad but true. They do eat a lot of them and fortunately Mrs. B's donkey is only too happy to be the closer on those left on the tray. Maynard captured that donkey in a state of carrot heaven. Nice job Maynard.



### **Upcoming Events**

### **OCTOBER 18-22**



Think Pink Week

### **NOVEMBER 2**

October 11 Board Meeting resumed 5:00 pm

### **NOVEMBER 9**

Picture Day (more info coming)

## LUNCH MENU



Menu for Oct 18-22

(subject to change)

**Monday:** Sloppy Joes. tater tots, cherry tomatoes, and a banana

Tuesday: Hot Dogs, chips, macaroni salad and apples

Wednesday: Grilled Cheese w/Tomato Soup, Cheddar Goldfish crackers and applesauce

Thursday: Beef Burritos, refried beans, red bell pepper strips and grapes

Friday: Pepperoni Pizza, spinach salad baby carrots and pineapple

Milk served at every meal

