



## ***Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 1/15/2018***

### **Thank you!**

Thank you to all our students and parents who contributed towards our gifts for the Adopt-a-child family. We were able to provide an abundance of gifts for all five children and help make their family's Christmas extremely special. We accepted gifts as well as monetary donations which went towards purchasing any gifts that were still needed. Thank you all for your generosity and help with this activity!

Thank you to the following parents who chaperoned for the Rose Parade/Disney trip over the break: Bonnie Bayard, Sharon Didion, Darla Edwards, and Sharon Tate. This event would not have been possible without your help and support, thank you!

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **This week**

**Monday 1/15** No School

**Tuesday 1/16**

\*Lunch: Vet Science practice in P-2

\*4pm-6pm: Parli Pro practice in S-2

\*6:30pm: State FFA Convention Fundraising Meeting in Rm L-14. Please be sure to bring at least 25 email addresses for personal contacts to help get this fundraiser started.

**Wednesday 1/17**

\*Lunch: Local Project Competition Meeting in Rm L-14. This contest is for students to compete with a presentation of their SAE projects to a group of local community members. Competition date is Friday, Feb 2.

\*Lunch: Vet Science practice in P-2

\*2:30-4:30pm Public Speaking Competition practice in S-2.

5:45-6:45pm: Rabbit Project Meeting for 4-H and FFA students. All FFA members are welcome to attend this project meeting to help gain knowledge about their upcoming rabbit SAE projects.

**Thursday 1/18**

\*Lunch: Fields of Learning Meeting. If you are interested in participating in Winter Session for Fields of Learning, come to L-14 for pizza and signing up for which schools/locations you would like to attend.

**Friday 1/19**

**Saturday 1/20**

Sacramento Section FFA Public Speaking Contest: Saturday, January 20 at Elk Grove High School, 8am. Meet at L-14 at 6:15am

### **Future Events**

\*Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership Academy Final Payments of \$75 are due by Tuesday, Jan 23rd to the Finance Window.

\*FFA Chapter January Meeting: Tuesday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm in the Cafeteria. **FFA Parent Boosters Mtg** 6pm in Rm L-14.

\*Livestock Feed and Nutrition Seminar 6:30pm, Tuesday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. This is **MANDATORY** for all El Dorado County Fair FFA exhibitors. We will be asking for final numbers of students looking for help with finding their fair livestock animals.

### **Fundraisers**

\***Ponderosa FFA Decal Stickers on Sale Now!** Decals come in your choice of three colors: Green, Grey, or White. Perfect for your vehicles, water bottles, and more. Available Monday-Friday this week for \$5 each in Mrs. Sawyer's room, either at lunch or after school.

\***Drive Thru BBQ!** Thursday, Feb 22, 5-7pm. Tickets will be available soon!



### **Bruin Blooms**

\* Want to send flowers to a friend or sweetheart? Bruin Blooms students are ready to create a beautiful design for you! All orders are due by Friday, 1/19. The order form can be found on the Ponderosa FFA website or from any FFA member. [bfletcher@eduhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:bfletcher@eduhd.k12.ca.us)

## **Pondo Pups!**

Pondo Pups will be having an information night if you are interested in raising a guide dog. Families need to come to this meeting. It will be held Wednesday, January 24th 7:30 pm at the El Dorado Pet Club training center. See Mrs. Gilroy if you are interested in attending.

## **Leadership Opportunities**

**\*Central Region Officer Applications** available at <http://centralregionffa.wixsite.com/crffa>. Applications must be submitted online no later than January 26 at 11pm. All applicants must also sign up for an interview time by the deadline.

### **\*State FFA Convention Important Dates**

Due to FFA Advisors by Friday January 19th:

State Convention Permission Slip, Commitment page, and Transport slip (for students who have not turned one in)

Tuesday January 16 at 6:30pm Snap Fundraising Meeting for students and parents. Rm L-14. Bring AT LEAST 20 email addresses with you.

### **Payment Schedule**

Payments are per person

\$100 non-refundable deposit by Friday January 19<sup>th</sup>

\$200 non-refundable payment by Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Final payment of \$150 due by Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

All payments need to be turned into the PHS Finance Window.

Cash or Checks made out to Ponderosa FFA

State FFA Band, Choir, and FFA Talent Applications Due to the office by Feb 1  
<https://www.calaged.org/SLC-Band-Choir-Talent>

Press Corps: Due postmarked by Feb 15  
<https://www.calaged.org/conv-press-corp>

Courtesy Corps <https://www.calaged.org/conv-courtesy-corp> Due by Feb 15

State Officer candidates: seniors only

Apps must be received by Feb 1

State Nominating Committee candidates: juniors and seniors only, Apps due Feb 1

## **Animals available to good home!** Contact Mrs. Sawyer if interested

**Rabbits:** 2, 3 year old California breed does. Have kidded before with an average of 4-6 babies and are good moms. Not pedigreed, but are purebred.

**Poultry:** 1 Buff Orpington Chicken, approximately 3 years old, friendly, and show quality.

## **Helped Needed!**

**\*Donations of dimensional lumber or metal:** if anyone is aware of any potential donations available for our Ag mechanics program, please email Mr. Valencia at [ivalencia@eduhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:ivalencia@eduhd.k12.ca.us)

## **FFA on the Web!**

Check us out and stay up to date with Ponderosa FFA in the community!

<http://bruin.eduhd.k12.ca.us/Students/-----FFA/index.html>

[www.ponderosaffa.weebly.com](http://www.ponderosaffa.weebly.com)

Facebook: PonderosaFFA and Bruin Blooms; Ponderosa High School

Instagram: Ponderosa\_FFA

Ponderosa FFA Guide Dogs for the Blind Facebook and Instagram: Pondo\_Pups

## **Public Speaking Opportunities**

### **\*EMBARCADERO LIONS STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST**

A competitive public speaking contest focused on a topic of importance to the community intended to stimulate self-expression and critical thinking.

A. Topic: "What Role Does Integrity and Civility Play in Today's Society?"

B. TIME LIMITS: NOT LESS THAN 5 OR MORE THAN 10 MINUTES.

C. OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS, MAY NOT HAVE GRADUATED.

D. FINANCIAL AWARDS. Club level winner \$100, participants \$25.

Increased financial awards for continuing through higher level contests

E. First contest date: EMBARCADERO CLUB CONTEST: Thurs. FEB 8th 2018

Please contact Mark Steffens to register for the contest.

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