



Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 10/15/2018

Thank you's and Updates!

Floral Design would like to thank the Bailey family, UMHS Football, PHS Football, ASB Leadership, and the Bruin Den for giving our students so many opportunities to design last week. Besides making their own corsages and boutonnieres for the Homecoming dance, our students designed and delivered the Bailey wedding, created flower wraps and boutonnieres for football senior nights, made wraps and boutonnieres for Homecoming royalty, and supplied centerpieces for the PHS Hall of Fame Dinner. Whew! These Floral Design classes are truly "Exceeding Expectations." Special thanks goes out to Sandy Hawkins and Debi Hegarty (retired) as well as our Floral graduates who came back to help with this effort: Tori Omanvel, Brya Mauldin, Tanner Wilson, Amanda Wilson, and Taylor Lewis.

Upcoming Events This Week

Our FFA Chapter Sweatshirts have arrived! Come to Mrs. Sawyer's at lunch or after school to pick them up.

Monday 10/15

*Lunch: Opening/Closing Competition Team Practice, in Rm S-3/Ag Mech Rm. S-3

Tuesday 10/16 Fields of Learning Event @ 24 Carrot Farms with Golden Hills School class.

*Lunch: Vet Science Team practice in Rm. L-14

*5pm: FFA Chapter Meeting @ 5pm in the Cafeteria. **Wear your Halloween Costume for our contest tonight!**

*6:30pm: El Dorado County Fair 2019 MANDATORY Student AND Parent Meeting @ Cafeteria. This is a mandatory meeting for any students who are considering raising a livestock animal for the El Dorado County Fair in Summer 2019. If students and a parent do not attend this meeting without communicating a conflict with advisors beforehand, they will not be eligible to raise/show an animal for the El Dorado County Fair as a Ponderosa FFA member. Also, note that students must attend 8 out of 10 Monthly Chapter FFA Meetings/Awards/Activity nights in order to stay eligible.

ANY 2018 EDC FAIR EXHIBITORS WHO HAVE NOT HAD THEIR 2018 AUCTION BUYER THANK YOU APPROVED AND PICTURE DELIVERED BY OCTOBER 16, 2018 WILL NOT BE SHOWING WITH PONDEROSA FFA THIS YEAR.

Wednesday 10/17

*Lunch: Horse Judging Team Mtg, in Rm P-2.

Thursday 10/18 Fields of Learning event at Greg Rockney Farms with Latrobe Elementary classes

*Opening/Closing Ceremonies Competition @ Liberty Ranch HS in Galt. All students be in Official Dress and meet at Rm S-3 at 7am. Bring \$15 for lunch.

Friday 10/19

*6pm-8pm: Ponderosa FFA Haunted House! Held at the Ag Mechanics Shop. Free Admission and earn an activity point. We are inviting the entire PHS student body and snacks will be provided. Can't wait to scare you there!

Saturday 10/20

12pm-5pm: Cameron Park CSD Halloween Carnival and Pumpkin Patch @ Cameron Park Lake. 12pm-5pm. We will be running halloween activities like games, face painting, bounce houses, pumpkin patch, etc. Sign up to volunteer in your Ag classes.

Future Events/Additional Information

*Monday, Oct 22: Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser Begins: Students have a chance to earn a standard size personal FFA Jacket and tie/scarf if they sell 35 poinsettia plants OR any students who sell 10 or more plants can earn \$3 per plant to go towards any FFA activities for the remainder of this school year. Sales end Tues, Nov. 13.

*Wed, Oct 24- Wed, Oct 31: National FFA Convention and Washington D.C. Trip: This year we have 14 students who will be attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. 10 of those students will then continue on with California FFA to tour Washington D.C. We wish these students an amazing trip and can't wait to hear about all of their adventures and everything they have learned.

*Tuesday, Nov 13: FFA Chapter Meeting/Greenhand & Chapter Degree Fall Awards Night. 6pm in the Cafeteria.

Fields of Learning: Ag in the Classroom

Fields of Learning is an Ag in the Classroom program pairing 5 of our Ponderosa FFA students with a specific farm or agricultural production facility and elementary and middle school classes. Our students help run lessons, activities and tours with the facility managers or owners 3 times per year. Once in the fall, winter, and spring seasons. FFA members who participate in the 3 season event are eligible for the Fields of Learning scholarship when they are seniors. If interested please contact Mrs. Sawyer.

Upcoming FOL Events

Tuesday, October 16: 24 Carrot Farms with Golden Hills School class

Thursday, October 18: Greg Rockney Farms with Latrobe Elementary classes

Bruin Blooms

* **Bruin Blooms has SOLD OUT of the November Flower of the Month (pumpkin design).** All other months are still available! Please find an order form here for our Flower of the Month designs: <https://goo.gl/dyVeJC> Orders are due at the beginning of each month. All proceeds go directly back to our students for hands-on labs.

Livestock for Sale

*Piglets are available from a Ponderosa FFA Alumni student and local swine breeder. Piglets are about 60-80 lbs, and are \$150 each, with discounts for purchasing multiple. If anyone is interested in having a pig fed out to market readiness, the cost is \$800. Please contact Jordyn at 530-748-8055 if interested.

*4 Market Lambs are available for sale, ready for processing. The cost is \$450 delivered to Archers and then the buyer will pay for the cut and wrap. If interested please call Kerri Schnetz at 530-333-9134 (home) or 530-457-5798 (cell).

*One of our Seniors are selling her two 4 year old Nigerian Dwarf does. Please reach out to Cora Harris if interested at 916-934-9131.

Agricultural opportunities!

***Shingle Springs Veterinary Clinic Half Priced Equine Dental Months:** Through the months of October and November we are offering half priced dentals with two or more horses by our board certified equine dental practitioner. Our dentals include more than just a basic float so you'll know you're getting your money's worth. Value comes to \$125 per horse and does not include extractions or surgeries. Make your appointment by calling: 530-677-0390.

***Fresno State Livestock Judging Workout Day, November 3, 2018:** The Fresno State Livestock Judging Program is hosting the Red Wave Livestock Judging Workout Day on Nov. 3rd beginning at 8am at the Livestock Pavilion. Registration is \$25 per person which includes lunch, t-shirt, judging term book with drawstring backpack, 8-10 judging classes and 4 sets of reasons with critique and instruction. Please see the attached flier for more information and the attached registration form. Please contact Mr. Brad Mendes at (209)765-7143 for more information.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

* For all students who are interested in learning more about opportunities to get involved with Guide Dogs for the Blind. Local clubs are inviting students and parents to contact them and start to attend their meetings. In order for students to become eligible to raise a guide dog puppy in the future they must first attend meetings, have active parent involvement, and put in time as a puppy sitter for current raisers. Now is the perfect time to get started with these prerequisites. Feel free to contact either of our two local clubs:

Dante Laird from the Sierra Gold Guides club: Sierra.gold.guides@gmail.com or (530) 957-1704.

Ali Bayard from the El Dorado Second Sight club: abayard243@gmail.com or (530) 306-8365.

Help Needed!

***Vase Donations:** Floral Design loves to recycle! If you have vases or containers that you would like to donate to our class, we will gladly take them. Drop them off outside (or inside) of Room L14 any time. L14 is located at the end of the Staff Parking Lot.

***Picnic Tables:** our Ag department is looking for donations of any picnic tables that community members might have and not be using. We are looking to create a lunch area for all of our Ag students. Please email Mrs. Sawyer regarding any possible donations at asawyer@edusd.k12.ca.us

***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

FFA on the Web!

Check out our new website!

<https://sites.google.com/a/eduhd.k12.ca.us/ponderosaffa/home?authuser=0>

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

Facebook: PonderosaFFA and Bruin Blooms; Ponderosa High School

Instagram: Ponderosa_FFA

Ponderosa FFA Apparel

***Ponderosa FFA T-shirts and Sweatshirts are now on sale!**

T-shirts have arrived and are available for pick up in Rm P-2. Sweatshirts are expected to arrive within a couple weeks. Thank you!

***Ponderosa FFA Boosters has Booster Parent T-shirts AND 2018 El Dorado County Fair shirts available.** Parent Booster Shirts are available for \$5 each and Fair shirts (which include exhibitor names on the back) are available for \$8. Please let Mrs. Sawyer know if you would like a shirt!

