



## ***Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 10/22/2018***

### ***Thank you's and Updates!***

\*Last Thursday we took 3 teams to compete at the Opening/Closing Ceremonies public speaking contest. In the morning students toured our State FFA Center in Galt, and then went on to competition. All of our students did an excellent job, and 4 of our students brought home medals for being the best officer position in their competition room. Congratulations to Ally Jolly, Jada Lang, Hannah Lott, and Ashley Phaler! A huge thank you to Mrs. Bonnie Bayard for helping transport our students.

\*This past Friday evening our Ag Leadership class hosted our first Haunted House, with the help of numerous students from our program. The haunted house was a huge success and entertained over 200 students, parents, and local community members. We wanted to thank everyone for their hard work in organizing this event, as well as to everyone who attended!

\*Cameron Park CSD Halloween Festival and pumpkin patch took place on Saturday at Cameron Park Lake. Over 20 students volunteered to help carry out this event. Thank you to everyone for doing a fantastic job and 'Exceeding Expectations' within our community.

\*This week we 13 students and 1 alumni student attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. At the end of the convention, 10 students will be continuing on for the Washington D.C. trip with the CA FFA Association. While attending the convention we will be celebrating two of our alumni members. Jordyn Gilmore and Jason Sousa receiving their American Degree on stage; congratulations to you both, we are so proud of you! Check out the website, <https://convention.ffa.org/> and RFDTV broadcast <https://www.ffa.org/the-feed/rfd-tv-broadcasts-live-from-national-ffa-convention-expo/> for more details about how to view the convention online, and you can also follow our adventures on facebook and instagram.

### ***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 10/22** COLLAB DAY

\*Poinsettia plants fundraiser begins

**Tuesday 10/23**

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

\*Lunch: Horse Judging Team mtg in Rm P-2.

**Wednesday 10/24**

\*Students and Advisors leave for National FFA Convention!

**Thursday 10/25**

\*October Flower of the Month (\$20 designs) finished and delivered. Thank you for your support!

**Friday 10/26**

### ***Future Events/Additional Information***

\*Tuesday, Nov 13, 6pm in the Cafeteria: FFA Chapter Meeting/Greenhand & Chapter Degree Fall Awards Night. All 1st and 2nd year students will be recognized with awards as well as many of our upperclassmen. We would like to invite all students and parents to attend and celebrate our successes with us! We will be hosting a cake and punch social at the conclusion of this event.

### ***Fundraisers***

We have begun our Poinsettia plant sale! Poinsettia plants are \$15 each for red plants that are in 6" plastic pots and stand about 2 ft high, grown by Duarte Nursery in Modesto. All sales are pre-orders. Students who sell 35 plants can earn their own personalized FFA Jacket and tie/scarf (standard size) OR students who sell 10 or more plants can earn

\$3 per plant towards an FFA activity (conference, trips, etc.) to be used within the 2018-19 school year. Please email Mrs. Sawyer with any questions.

### **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

Wednesday, Nov 7 @ El Dorado Hills East Campus with Herbert Green elementary classes

Thursday, Nov 8 @ El Dorado Hills East Campus with Herbert Green 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.

### **Agricultural opportunities!**

\***Temple Grandin Event at Modesto Junior College:** The MJC Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Department would like to invite you and your students to join them for a presentation by Temple Grandin on Animal Stewardship. If you are interested in attending please register at the link below. Be sure to include the number of students you plan to bring in your registration, so MJC can plan accordingly. Event is being held on Wednesday, November 7, 9am-11am. This event is free to attend.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/temple-grandin-animal-stewardship-tickets-51075620556?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>

\***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.

### **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.

### **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

### 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](mailto:Sierra.gold.guides@gmail.com) or (530) 957-1704.

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

### Help Needed!

**\*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@eduhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:asawyer@eduhd.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](mailto:ivalencia@eduhd.k12.ca.us)

### Ponderosa FFA Apparel

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

T-shirts and Sweatshirts have arrived and are available for pick up in Rm P-2. There are T-shirts (all sizes) and Sweatshirts (all sizes except for Smalls) available for purchase. Email or see Mrs. Sawyer if you are interested in purchasing.



**\*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!