



Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 11/12/2018



Thank you's and Updates!

*Thank you to Jennifer Zimny and Elizabeth Carlson, our wonderful library staff, who help out Bruin Blooms by selling our designs from the cooler located there.

*Congratulations to Elizabeth Bloxsom and Alex Edwards for earning Beef Carcass of Merit Awards for their steer projects last year. The Carcass of Merit is a standard that is only achievable through exceptional feeding and management practices. Way to go!

Upcoming Events This Week

Camp Fire Donation Drive: Ponderosa FFA will be taking donations for the communities impacted by the Camp Fire. Please see the attached flier. We will be taking donations through Friday, November 30, and making periodic deliveries of donations to the area between now and then.

Poinsettia Fundraiser continues until Thursday November 15. All monies and order forms are due to Ag teachers by the end of this day. Ag teachers will be gone at a conference and will not be available to take additional orders. Poinsettia plant purchases can be a tax deductible donation, see Mrs. Sawyer for details.

El Dorado County Fair Intent to Show Forms, \$20 Fair Exhibitor fee, and School Farm Applications are due signed/completed by Friday, November 30. \$20 gets turned into Mrs. George at the Finance Window, forms can be turned in to Mrs. George or Ag Advisors.

Monday 11/12 VETERANS DAY OBSERVED - THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VETERANS!

Tuesday 11/13

*6:30-8am: Greenhand and Chapter Degree Donut party and hand dyeing in the Ag Mech Shop, Rm S-2

*Lunch: Vet Science Practice in Rm L-14.

*2:50 pm-4:30: Horse Judging Team practice in Rm P-2. We will continue practice for students as long as they are able to stay for.

*6pm: 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 having a potluck, with dishes divided by last name:

A-L Appetizers/Finger foods M--R Desserts S-Z Beverages

We ask that all students wear official dress, or as close to official dress as possible if they do not have their FFA jackets and tie/scarves yet.

Wednesday 11/14

*6-7pm: MANDATORY Rabbit Project Meeting for Pondo FFA El Dorado County Fair Rabbit Exhibitors. This is for all Ponderosa FFA students to attend with the Shingle Springers 4-H club. Any students that already have show rabbits are encouraged to bring them. Students who will be showing market rabbits are still expected to attend in order to begin learning about the project and different options. See Mrs. Sawyer if there is some reason you are not able to attend.

Thursday 11/15 POINSETTIA SALE ORDERS DUE TODAY

*November Flower of the Month Designs delivered (designing and delivering continues through 11/15)

Friday 11/16

Future Events/Additional Information

***Laying Hen Project:** It is not too late to sign up for this cooperative project held at the school farm. Your only investment will be your time! Contact Mrs. Fletcher in Room H9/L14 or Mrs. Hardy in Room G5 if you want to join this project!

***Mon and Tues, Nov 26 and 27th, 3pm-6pm in S-2/Ag Mech Shop: Poinsettia Plants pick up.** Students who sold Poinsettias need to come pick up and deliver their poinsettias. If buyers wish to pick them up personally, they need to have the students name whom they purchased them from.

***Wed, Nov 28, 6pm in Rm L14: MANDATORY Student and Parent State FFA Convention Meeting.** We will be reviewing all details about State FFA Convention, the application process, convention schedule, and planning details. If anyone has a schedule conflict, Advisors must be informed before the day of this meeting in order for students to stay eligible to apply to attend Convention.

***Saturday, Dec 1, 8am-2pm: Hagen Ranch Work Day** For all students, parents, alumni, and community members available to help out with this community service project are invited to come. We will be assisting a local rancher and active community members, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hagen with some farm clean up projects on their property. Everyone should come dressed in work clothing for the cold weather, and we are asking for the use of any/all power tools to assist with brush clearing. Location: Hagen Ranch Rd. El Dorado, CA. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Sawyer

***Friday, Dec 7, 3pm-8pm in the Cafeteria: Pondo FFA Ugly Sweater Party/December FFA Mtg.** We would like to invite all Ponderosa High School students to grab their favorite Ugly Sweater and join us for the evening. Beginning after school we will be hosting a party with activities including decorating Christmas trees for families in need, writing Christmas cards to our troops overseas, decorating cookies, White Elephant gift exchange, enjoying snacks and hot chocolate, and wrapping it up with a movie night watching Home Alone! Everyone that would like to participate in our White Elephant gift exchange tradition please bring a wrapped white elephant gift valued at \$10.

***Tues, Dec 11, 5:30pm: Ponderosa FFA Boosters Dinner Dance Fundraiser Committee Mtg @ El Dorado County Fire Station on Ponderosa Rd.** We are asking for all parents that would be willing to volunteer to help with the planning and execution of this event to join us for the meeting. The funds from this event provide annual scholarships for our members, support all of our students for EDC Fair week, in addition to helping purchase a new vehicle which transport hundreds of our students all over CA throughout the year.

Bruin Blooms

*** Bruin Blooms has holiday designs available as soon as we get back from Thanksgiving Break!** Please find an order form here for our Flower of the Month designs: <https://goo.gl/dyVeJC> or you can email Mrs. Fletcher (bfletcher@eduhd.net). \$20-30 designs and custom designs available. All proceeds go directly back to our students for hands-on labs.

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.

FFA Boosters

We are excited to announce that our Annual FFA Boosters Dinner and Dance fundraiser is going to be held on Sat, March 30 at Saureel Vineyards in Placerville, formerly known as Hacienda Colima. Be sure to save the date for this event! Also, we would love to have all parents who are interested in helping with this event attend a planning meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 5:30pm at the El Dorado County Fire Station on Ponderosa Rd. With everyone's help we are excited to make this annual event a huge success for our program! Questions? Contact Jordyn Gilmore at 530-748-8055.

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

Winter Season Dates are TBA

Help Needed!

* **In need of greens!** Do you have conifers that Floral Design classes could prune to have greens for holiday designs? We would be interested in pine, spruce, cedar, juniper, etc...

* **Poinsettia fundraiser transport help:** we are looking for any willing parents who have the use of a truck and trailer to help travel to Modesto to pick up all of the poinsettia plants on Sunday, Nov 25. Please contact Mrs. Sawyer if you are available to help! Thank you!

* **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@eduhsd.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@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

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.

FFA on the Web!

Check out our new website! <https://sites.google.com/a/eduhsd.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 or (530) 957-1704.

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

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!