



# Forest Hill PTA Monthly Newsletter

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May/June 2023

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 1-5** - Teacher/ Staff

Appreciation Week

**May 2** - PTA Meeting - Elections!

**May 2** - Assembly: WildMind  
Science Learning (Animal  
Assembly)

**May 3** - Performing Arts  
Showcase - Tryouts TK-3

**May 4** - Performing Arts  
Showcase - Tryouts 4-5

**May 5** - Girls On The Run -  
Vasona Park

**May 18** - Performing Arts  
Showcase - Dress Rehearsals

**May 20** - Family Event:  
Performing Arts Showcase -

**May 29** - Memorial Day No  
School

**June 2** - Family Event: Art/ Music  
Social

**June 9** - Last Day of School

"The number one  
reason to join the  
PTA is to benefit  
your child."

-National PTA website

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### Closing out a great year! (from Mohit)

This year is ending with a ton of PTA activities – the Math Kangaroo test, the Spring Party, the Science Fair, Girls on the Run, the Performing Arts Showcase, the Walkathon, the Teacher and Staff Appreciation week + the offsite and finally the Art and Music Social that celebrated Ms Jackie! All of this could happen because of the supportive community that we have here at Forest Hill! I couldn't help but notice the diversity of even the events themselves. I am really happy that my children go here!

For next year, as the PTA board, we have some thoughts on how we can do even better. First - we will be better at planning ahead! To this extent we have started putting up a proposed calendar for next year. This should help with consciously pacing PTA efforts, planning ahead for volunteering asks and conducting events better. Second - while this year, we did well with community building, esp. as we came out of COVID, next year, we want to facilitate classroom parents to work closer together - and we have some ideas. Third - we want to get better at budgeting. We had some underspending this year because of lack of clarity at planning time on what our constraints are and also because the District picked up on some budget line items. With that in mind we have started putting together a proposed budget for next year. All in all, I am now looking forward to next year (*Previously, I was quite worried because some of our tenured board members won't be serving any more!*)

On behalf of the Forest Hill community, I want to thank everyone that makes all the great PTA work possible! Thanks to all the board members (sp. thanks to the departing ones), the committee leads, the volunteers, the teachers and in a big way our amazing admin team - Christy and Chelsea, who hold everything going on at the school together! Have a great summer everyone!

**The PTA Board Election was held at the General Association Meeting on May 2, 2023.** The meeting was successfully held in a hybrid manner (20 folks online, 20 in person) and we are encouraged to do more of these next year.

### PTA board member to stay in their office for one more year:

- President: Mohit Vora
- Executive VP: Hsinyi (Ceiny) Liu
- Treasurer: Sangeetha Katta

### New elected PTA board members:

- Financial Secretary: Ana Kolendo
- Auditor: Connie Feng
- VP Fundraising: Amber Menasco and Rujuta Kulkarni
- VP Membership: Marie Kim
- VP Communications: Anup Vader
- Secretary: Maryam Nemazie (moving roles)

Congratulations and welcome to the new board! We look forward to working together next year!

1. Forest Hill Group on Facebook: PASSWORD="FALCON"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ForestHillCommunity>

2. School Calendar: <https://foresthill.campbellusd.org/calendars>

3. Falcon Features Newsletter: <https://foresthill.campbellusd.org/newsletter/signup>

**STAY CONNECTED**

**Teacher and Staff Appreciation Committee** continues to plan surprises for our beloved staff, with help from families and dozens of parent volunteers



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# Updates from Monday Origami Club



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# Math Kangaroo

Mar-21-23  
Tiger/Anup



- International grade-specific Math competition
- Shout out to Tiger for leading this activity for PTA this year!
- Exam was held in-person on March-20th @Forest Hill, starting 6:15pm (Pacific)
  - 75mins, multiple choice test
  - Exam held in 2 classrooms, with 3 sets of question papers
  - Proctored by 5 PTA volunteers in total
  - Winners shall receive medals (Gold/Silver/Bronze), ribbons, electronic / in-kind prizes after the ranking announcement
- 46 Forest Hill students registered, 38 appeared for the exam, 4 national winners!

Gr 4, Syona Vora, National Rank 7

Gr 4, Aditya Narravula, National Rank 11

Gr 3, Daniel Wu, National Rank 15

Gr 2, Reyansh Sharma, National Rank 12

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## Spring Party Apr-26-23 - from *Maryam*

Thank you for attending the Spring Party that was held on April 5th. A big shout out to our Principals for dressing up as Pink Princesses in honor of the Forest Hill community for reaching our fundraising goal! At our Spring Party, we had the City of San Jose set up a bike rodeo so that our students could practice the bike safety skills they learned in an assembly on April 4th. The City of San Jose provided free helmets and bike tune ups. In addition to our bike rodeo, Tinny Juneja and her team of dancers brought our community together with high energy Bollywood music and exciting dance moves. A big thank you to Vartika for introducing Ms. Tinny to our school, who is also teaching the Bollywood dance lessons during our Tuesday lunchtime garden club! Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Ms. Bryson for hosting another fantastic book fair in collaboration with Literati. We also enjoyed bouncy houses, shaved ice from Kona Ice while earning \$203 back, and Mexican food from Judie's Tacos! Bikes, Books, Bollywood, and Bouncy Houses...who could ask for more?!



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## Science Fair May-10-23 - from *Anup*

Science Fair was successfully conducted on Apr-28th at Forest Hill Multipurpose room. This was a great staff+PTA activity, with over 100 students presenting 40+ projects. Student projects covered variety of topics in the fields of physics, chemistry & engineering, including renewal energy, worm composting, electricity generation with fruits, how humans perceive colors, sonar based object detection for disabled, magnetism, 3D printing and many more! Students worked hard for over 3 months preparing their projects, posters, followed by a great presentation to over 250 visitors that visited science fair this year. We also had many visitors from the neighborhood (not related to Forest Hill) this year, which turned it into a great community bonding event. Thanks to school staff for volunteering to be on the POG panel and providing constructive feedback to students about their projects. Special shout out to Alejandra A & Murgi M for volunteering and going above & beyond help participants on science fair day!

**Parent Feedback:** "As I visited the other students' presentations, the breadth of knowledge was astounding. It was interesting to me that many kids conversed well with their fellow grade students but were quite shy presenting their work to adult visitors. This just shows how important events like these are - as an opportunity to further our kids' learning and give them an invaluable experience in public speaking. Kids were very pleased with the supportive feedback they received from POG team. Thank you again for bringing this opportunity back to our students!"



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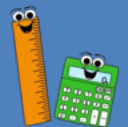
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More highlights from Science Fair, Congrats to all the participants. Good Job to Everyone!! - Photo Credits- **Anup**



**For every girl** Girls on the Run offers programs designed to inspire girls of all abilities to recognize and embrace their inner strength and make meaningful connections with others. Trained coaches use physical activity and dynamic discussions to build social, emotional and physical skills while encouraging healthy habits for life.

- Grades 3-5, 10 week program, meets 2x a week (Feb- May) at FH Track
- 2023 -> 22 girls, 4 coaches
- Held a Practice 5K on 04/25/23 ~10 youth guests + 20 teachers and parents attended, cheering on the girls & participating in laps

**Event recap: Girls on the run on May-18-23**

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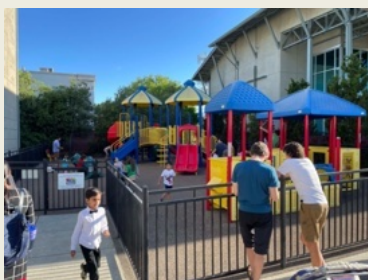
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## Performing Arts Showcase - from Mohit and Hsinyi

We had a dazzling show with 38 performances with 50 Forest Hill kids including 15 MCs that hosted the entire show! It was a fantastic opportunity to see our Forest Hill students show their talent on stage! Special thanks to Mr Joel King (FH ex-parent) for helping with the Tech part of the show and more, Ms Vander Kooi for writing the MC script on short notice, and all the volunteers who helped with the event. We couldn't have done it with such a short prep time without so much help.



Some Highlights from Try Out



The event ending with a wonderful social gathering with pizzas. Thanks again for all the participants.



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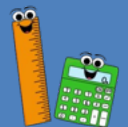
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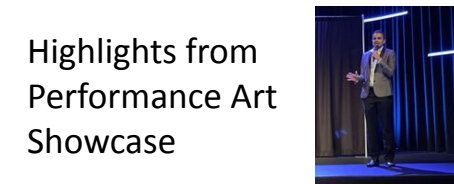
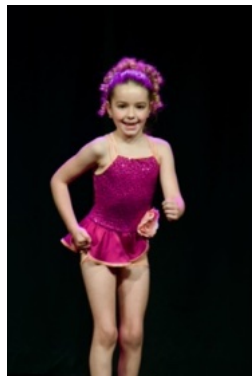
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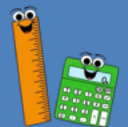
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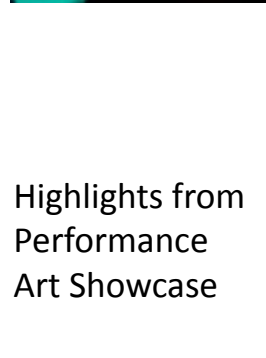
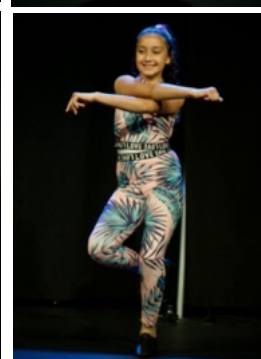
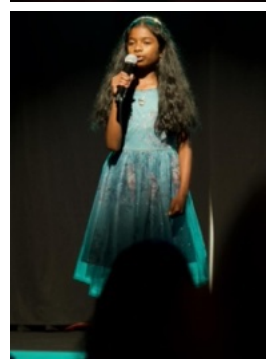
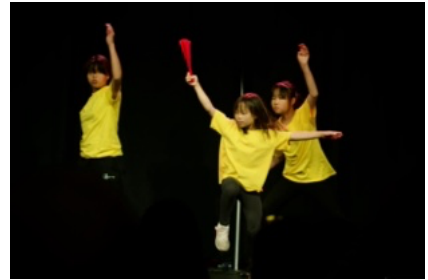
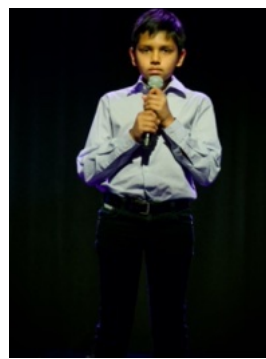


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Performance Art  
Showcase



Highlights from  
Performance  
Art Showcase

## The Year End Social and Art and Music show + Farewell to Ms Jackie Jun-2-23 - From *Vartika*

This was the last event sponsored by the PTA. It was a beautiful day filled with kids artwork display, musical performances and Ms. Jackie's send off (organized by a special committee). We started off by welcoming Ms. Jackie through a tunnel the kids and parents made. Kids performed their songs that they learnt during the school year with Ms. Borrino. We moved to a dance performance by a few of our 4th graders which they learnt during lunchtime dance class from our dance instructor Ms. Tinny Juneja commemorating Ms. Jackie. There were speeches by former FH alumni, former and present Principals (Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Khalid, Ms. Chalfant and Ms. Armann). Lastly, there was a surprise flash mob on Old Town Road (Ms. Jackie's favorite song) choreographed by our own Ms. Ensor and performed by Mrs. Hart, Ms. Ensor, their 5th graders and several staff members and parents. It was super amazing to see all old and new parents come to commemorate and bid farewell to our beloved Ms. Jackie. Everyone enjoyed food from Judies tacos, waffle Amore and twisted chill food trucks.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help out and make this event a grand success!



Thank you Ms Jackie, for the years of dedication to Forest Hill. 💖  
Wish you all the best for your retirement. 🌹

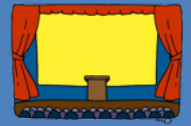
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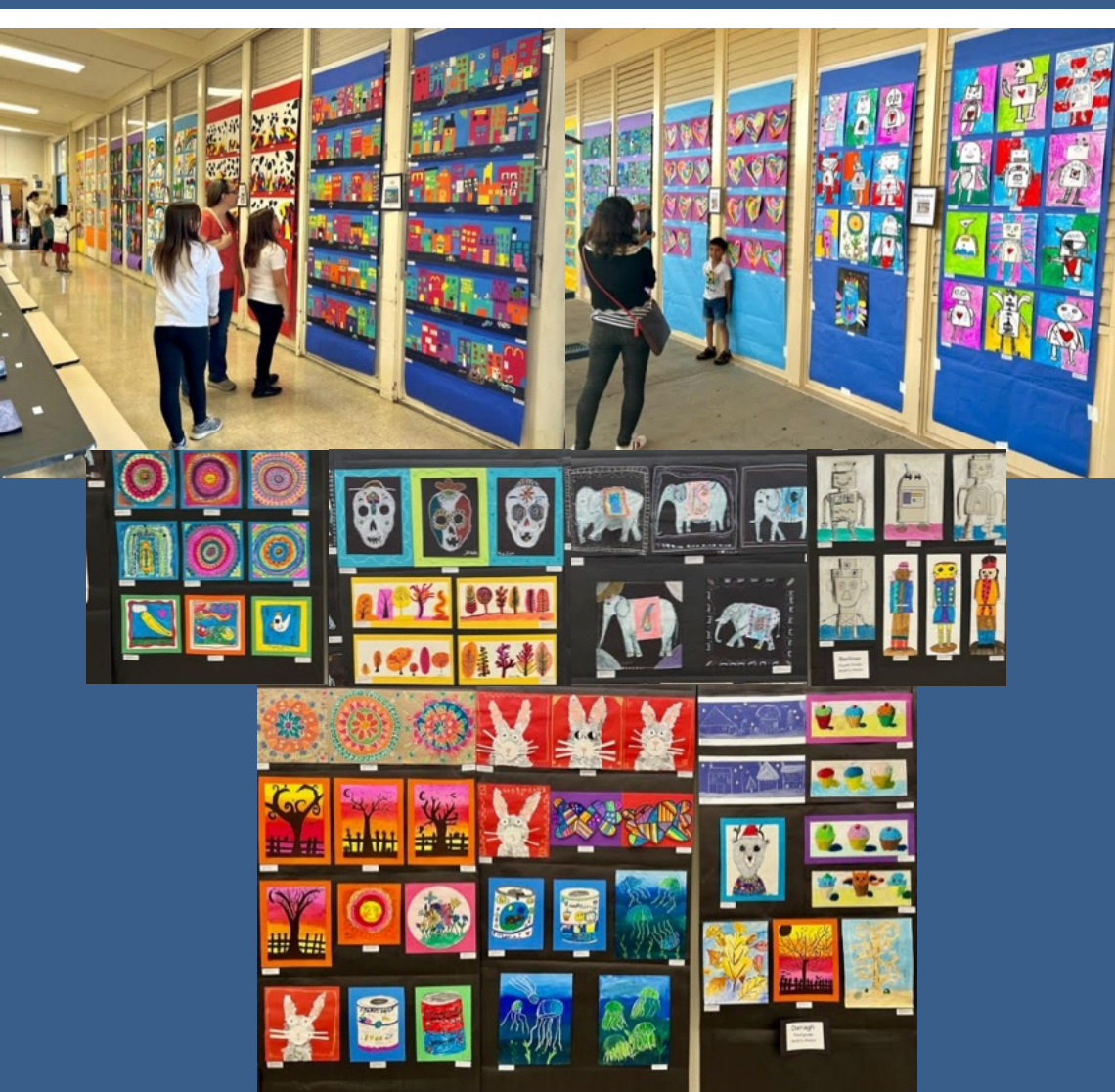
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As the year winds to an end I want to thank the PTA and all Forest Hill families for their support. Without you we would not have the art program we have.

I want to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who helped to hang and take down the Art Show. It was great to see so many families attend. I appreciate all of the support from PTA throughout the year. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

If you have not received much of your child's artwork don't worry it will be sent home in a portfolio at the end of the year in most TK-5 classes.

Here are a few photos from the event - from *Ms Hardt*



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## 5th Grade Pool Party Jun-6-23

The PTA sponsored 5th grade pool party which was a great send off to our outgoing graduates. Weather didn't deter them to have fun and enjoy with their friends. We wish our outgoing 5th graders the best for their future!



**Congratulations to all 5th graders !**



"special thanks to Alvin Wu for designing and buying the yard signs for the PTA"

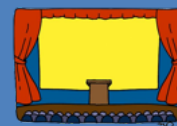
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