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# Talon Talk

## Foothill High School Newsletter

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### Final Exams Last Week of School

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The school year is coming to a close, but that doesn't mean it's time to slack off. Au contraire! Students need to hit the books to study for the last round of finals for this school year.

Final exams will be given **June 8, 9 & 10**. School hours and class schedules are altered on test days. School ends at 12:15 p.m. on finals days.

Click [here for the final exams schedule](#) on the Foothill website.

### CORE Campaign

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The school district's CORE fundraiser is going strong with the goal of raising money to fund school technology support and library assistants at all school levels. In addition, funds

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### Quick Calendar

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**June 1** -- Seniors only: Yearbooks delivered, English classes

**June 1 & 2** -- Juniors: Schedule senior photos, lunch quad

**June 1** -- Senior BBQ & swim party, 5 p.m., Foothill pool/field

**June 2** -- Yearbooks delivered, English classes

**June 2, 3 & 6** -- Extra yearbooks for sale

**June 2** -- Final Grad Night & senior events

would be reserved for extra counseling services at the high schools.

CORE stands for Community OutReach for Education.

Parents and community members are being asked to make a \$150 tax-deductible donation to the CORE campaign. Donations may go into the campaign's general fund, or you can request that your donation be used at a specific grade level, such as high school.

While the campaign seeks \$150 donations, any amount families can afford will be gladly accepted. Every little bit adds up to a great deal of financial support for our cash-strapped schools.

The campaign's goal is to raise \$843,000 by the **June 15** deadline so that programs can be preserved for next school year.

The CORE campaign is coordinated by the school district, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation and all school parent groups, such as Foothill's Academics & Activities Booster Club (AABC).

Please [click here for more information and to make an easy and secure online donation](#) to the CORE campaign.

### Thanks for CORE Support

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A huge THANK YOU to the many generous Foothill families that took part in last week's CORE Drop and Donate week at school.

Dedicated Foothill students, teachers, administrators, parents and staff were stationed in the front drive-through loop, waving banners, selling coupon books and even dancing to music to promote the CORE campaign to raise

meeting, 7 p.m.,  
library

**June 4** -- [Salon fundraiser](#), 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**June 5** --

Baccalaureate for seniors, 5 p.m.,  
Valley Community Church

**June 7** -- Athletic boosters meeting, 7 p.m., C-6

**June 8, 9 & 10** -- [Final exams](#)

**June 8** -- Mandatory graduation practice, 11:30 a.m., football field

**June 10** -- Mandatory senior clearance, 9:45 a.m., front office

**June 10** -- Last day of school. School ends at 12:15 p.m.

**June 10** -- Graduation, 6:30 p.m., football stadium

**June 10** -- Grad Night, 9 p.m., buses depart from Foothill

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funds for technology and student support at Foothill.

Principal John Dwyer served as ringleader, spinning discs and manning the microphone to whip the crowd into a frenzy of giving and generosity.

Everyone's efforts paid off. The high school fund for the CORE campaign stands at \$27,381, as of May 26. It was especially motivating to see several students donate \$1 or \$5 to show solidarity and support.

The CORE campaign will continue until the end of the school year, so please plan to donate if you have not already supported this wonderful cause. Cash or checks may be dropped in the front office. All donations are entirely tax deductible.

Special thanks to the Foothill teachers who gave up their valuable prep time to promote the CORE campaign. Thanks also to leadership for making great banners and providing student support.

## [Juniors: Schedule Senior Photos](#)

Senior year is almost here, and it all starts with senior portraits.

The company that takes the official Foothill senior portraits, Pro Image Studios, will be on campus [Wednesday, June 1](#) and [Thursday, June 2](#) during lunch to schedule senior portrait appointments.

Check your schedules so that you can make an appointment that's convenient for you.

All senior photos for the yearbook must be taken by Pro Image Studios. There is a minimal fee for yearbook photos. Extra fees apply for extra poses and photo orders.

The deadline for senior pictures to get into the yearbook is [Nov. 3](#).

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## **Student Spotlight**

Three lucky students won Josten's class rings through the STAR testing raffle.

The winners are:

## **Grad Day Help Needed**

We rely on non-senior parents to fill volunteer shifts for graduation on [Friday, June 10](#) since all senior parents will be watching their students graduate. Volunteers are asked to dress nicely.

Here's how you can help:

- Monitor gates in parking lot from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Take tickets at graduation entry points from 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- Drive golf carts for handicapped attendees from 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
- Help with reserved seating from 10 a.m. to noon (time may vary)

If you can help at graduation, please contact Judi Palin in the front office at [jpalin@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:jpalin@pleasanton.k12.ca.us).

## **Senior Clearance Help Needed**

We need a few more smiling, enthusiastic parents to help with senior clearance. That's when eager seniors turn in required paperwork and, in exchange, get *seven* tickets for graduation.

We need a few more volunteers [Friday, June 10](#) to help with senior clearance from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please drop a note to Diane Phillips at [diane.phillips@sbcglobal.net](mailto:diane.phillips@sbcglobal.net) or Dawn Abbey at [dabbey@comcast.net](mailto:dabbey@comcast.net) to let them know you can help.

## **Yearbooks Arrive This Week**

Get your Sharpies ready, folks, because the much-anticipated 2011 edition of the Foothill yearbook arrives starting today.

Seniors will get a sneak peak when they get their yearbooks

- Sandra Zmeu, freshman
- Margaret Cheng, sophomore
- William Hutton, junior

Congratulations, and thanks to all Foothill students for their wonderful efforts during this year's STAR testing.

### **Teacher Honored Today**

Everyone is invited to see teacher David Middleton honored at the Excellence in Education awards ceremony today -- [Wednesday, June 1](#) at 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road.

Middleton is the only Foothill teacher being honored. The awards are given annually to outstanding school district employees, as nominated by school and community members.

on [Wednesday, June 1](#). The rest of the students get their yearbooks the following day on [Thursday, June 2](#). Students will get their yearbooks during English classes, at the teacher's discretion.

Extra yearbooks will be sold for \$100 starting after school [Thursday, June 2](#) in room D-19. Sales will continue [June 3 & 6](#) before school and during lunch in room D-19. This is also when and where students who did not get their yearbooks during English may pick them up. CASH ONLY for extra yearbooks. Please have exact change.

### **Note from Yearbook Adviser**

The yearbook is the end-product of a class at Foothill. This year's book is truly outstanding, and as the adviser, I am especially proud of it. I am equally proud of the hard work and time my students put into it all year long, trying their best to provide the Foothill community with the best yearbook to date.

Like any class, the students are bound to occasionally make mistakes. Please keep in mind that the students tried their very best. If there is a problem or concern, please contact Lindsay Franco at [lfranco@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:lfranco@pleasanton.k12.ca.us). Please do not contact the students or interrupt class time to resolve yearbook concerns. We hope you will enjoy the book, which showcases the creativity and originality of our talented yearbook staff. -- *Lindsay Franco*

### **Walk-Through Registration & Fall Sports**

Mark your calendars for [August 15 & 16](#) to register your students for next school year. Registration will be open both days from noon until 7 p.m.

[Monday, August 15](#) -- Freshmen and seniors  
[Tuesday, August 16](#) -- Sophomores and juniors

Please follow this schedule for walk-through registration:

A dessert reception will follow the ceremony.

The awards are sponsored by the [Pleasanton PTA Council](#).

- A-F -- Noon to 1:45 p.m.
- G-L -- 1:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- M-R -- 3:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
- S-Z -- 5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Makeup registration will be [Monday, August 22](#) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Freshman and new-student orientation will be [Wednesday, August 17](#) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the large gym.

### **Fall Sports**

A mandatory meeting for all students who want to play fall sports will be held [Monday, August 8](#) at 7 p.m. in the large gym. The first day of fall sports is [Monday, August 15](#).

### **Get Involved with Sports Boosters**

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Foothill's athletic booster club needs parents eager to support high school sports with plenty of good, old-fashioned volunteer work.

The booster club needs:

- Secretary (executive board).
- Snack bar equipment and operations manager
- Volunteer coordinator
- Fundraising coordinator
- Scholarship chairperson.

Please contact boosters president Jan Hope at [jmhope@msn.com](mailto:jmhope@msn.com) to let her know which fantastic booster job you'd like to take.

### **Turn In Library Books**

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It's crunch time -- time for students to dig through their bedrooms and backpacks in search of Foothill library books to turn in as soon as possible.

**Seniors:** Your diploma will be held until you turn in any overdue books or pay outstanding fines.

**Non-Seniors:** Your schedules and transcripts will be withheld until you turn in overdue books or pay fines.

Please check your rooms and backpacks now for any library

materials and turn in anything you find.

EVERYTHING must be turned in before the last day of school on [Friday, June 10](#).

## **Calling All Junior Parents**

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Senior year is a busy time full of wonderful events for seniors, so we're looking for scads of enthusiastic parents to help coordinate all these great events to make them a huge success for students and their families.

These key positions need to be filled for the 2012 Grad Night and senior events committee:

- Grad Night coordinator
- Publicity
- Volunteer coordinator
- Secretary
- Senior BBQ & swim party

Grab a friend or two and sign up for the job that best suits your personality and talents. It's always more fun and less work when at least a couple of people tackle each fun job.

Please drop a note to this year's Grad Night czar, Ellie Wrenn, at [k.wrenn@comcast.net](mailto:k.wrenn@comcast.net) to let her know which jobs you and your friends are eager to accept.

THANK YOU to the many wonderful 2012 senior parents who've already stepped up to fill these fun jobs:

- Patty Haykin -- Grad Night ticket sales
- Stacey Knight, Lori Raun & Julia Murtag -- after-the-ball breakfast
- Peggy O'Hair & Sharon Shevelson -- memory collages
- Elaine Blonigan -- fundraising
- Elizabeth Rajs & Fran Usedom -- baccalaureate
- Lou Ann Crawford -- Grad Night check-in/out
- Martha Brown -- senior awards night
- Maureen Zatorski -- treasurer

## **Senior News**

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Graduation is just a few days away and there are still a few important dates remaining.

We're sending e-mails specifically to senior parents. Click [here for the June 1 issue of the senior info Talon Talk](#).

If you have not gotten a senior edition of the Talon Talk, it's easy to sign up. Simply scroll to the bottom of this e-mail and click on "Update Profile/Email Address." The system will verify that you're already on the list and will mail further instructions to you.

All you have to do is click on "Update your Profile" for a list of e-mail lists you can join. You should already be on the Foothill community-at-large list for receiving the Talon Talk.

Please click "Graduation Year 2011" to sign up for the senior newsletters. The final step is to click on "Save Profile Changes" to make sure your updates are saved.

***Remember, you can always find the latest senior news on the [Senior Information](#) pages on the Foothill website.***

### **Thank You for After-the-Ball Breakfast Help**

The after-the-ball breakfast was an outstanding success, feeding close to 500 seniors and their dates and offering a safe environment to celebrate after the senior ball.

The event would not have been such a phenomenal success without the substantial help of the many local businesses and Foothill families that donated volunteer time, money and food. Please [click here and scroll down for a complete list](#) of everyone who so graciously supported the after-the-ball breakfast.

### **Health News**

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#### **Vaccine Proof Due ASAP**

Pretty please do not call Foothill's health office to see if your child's whooping cough vaccine proof has been properly recorded. All paperwork that's been turned in is still being processed.

Parents who have not turned in their children's whooping cough vaccine proof will be notified by an automated call that they should turn in their paperwork ASAP.

Click [here for more info about the new state law](#) that

requires all students in grades 7-12 provide vaccine proof before being allowed to start the 2011-12 school year.

### **Pick Up Meds & Medical Supplies**

If your student has any medications or medical supplies in the health office, these items must be picked up by a parent or other designated adult before the last day of school on [Friday, June 10](#).

Students will not be allowed to take home their medications. A parent or other adult must do this.

Any medication left after the last day of school will be taken to the district office for safe disposal.

### **Medical Forms for Next Year**

New forms must be turned in each school year to allow students to have medications or medical supplies on campus.

Click [here for more information about these regulations and to download the medication forms](#).

Questions? Contact health clerk Chris Faubion at [cfaubion@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:cfaubion@pleasanton.k12.ca.us).

### **Get All Gussied Up for Foothill**

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Get a haircut, highlights or tints at this stylish fundraiser to benefit Foothill and Amador Valley's school booster groups.

Designs School of Cosmetology is hosting an open house [Saturday, June 4](#) from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the cosmetology school, 5572 Springdale Ave. (near Office Max and Cost Plus).

The school's students will use their styling skills as a community fundraiser. Student salons will be set up inside the school so that people can come in to check out the many services offered. Haircuts, styling, highlights, tints and more will be offered at a *discounted* rate on this special day.

Please [click here for a full list of salon services and prices](#).

All proceeds from this event will be split between the Foothill and Amador Valley school booster groups.

## **Health Office Donations**

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Foothill's health office needs a few donations to get through the rest of the school year.

Here are the items needed in the health office:

- 1-inch latex-free Band-Aids or other brand bandages
- Antiseptic wipes (benzalkonium chloride)
- Long Q-Tips or other brand cotton swabs
- 2-inch x 2-inch gauze
- Latex-free fingertip Band-Aids or other brand bandages
- Large latex-free Band-Aids or other brand bandages (2 inches or 3 inches)
- Ziploc or other brand baggies -- sandwich and gallon size
- Clorox disinfectant wipes
- Small drinking cups

Thank you for your support!

## **Athletic Booster Group Wins Prize**

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Thank you to everyone who supported the Foothill Athletic Boosters through Gene's Fine Foods' community boosters program. Foothill's sports booster club came in second, garnering \$500 for the group.

The grocery store's school booster program doled out prizes to the school booster groups that turned in the highest dollar total of receipts between December and May.

Thank you to Foothill's families and Gene's Fine Foods for supporting the booster club.

## **School Booster News**

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We are tickled pink to announce that plenty of enthusiastic Foothill parents have stepped up to the proverbial plate to take on important roles next year with the Academics & Activities Booster Club (AABC).

Our smiling, happy new board members are:

- Barbara Kirk, president

- Gillian Holmes, vice president
- Renee Mahdavi & Katrina Edwards, fundraising vice presidents
- Cheryl Palange, treasurer
- Carol Reid, secretary

We owe a debt of gratitude to the hard-working booster club board members who are moving on after one or two years in their posts -- Gillian Holmes, Jill Thomas, Diane Phillips, Elizabeth Flores and Lillian Tsai.

And, of course, thank you to the countless Foothill parents who so generously support our school booster group with their valuable volunteer time and cash donations.

### **Booster Club Meeting Change**

The June 7 meeting of the school booster club (AABC) will be held off site at a later date.

If you have issues you'd like to be considered at this meeting, please drop a note to Gilliam Holmes at [gilliholmes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gilliholmes@sbcglobal.net).

The next scheduled meeting will be Sept. 6, the first Tuesday in September.

### **Update Your Talon Talk Info**

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Please take just a couple of minutes to update your Talon Talk subscription information.

Simply scroll to the bottom of this e-mail and click on "Update Profile/Email Address." You should already be checked to get the Talon Talk, listed as Foothill community-at-large.

Be sure to choose the graduation year of your student or students. We use these lists occasionally, especially during senior year, to send targeted e-mails to parents with students in specific grades.

If you have an incoming freshman in the fall, be sure to click on "Graduation Year 2015" to get on the list for that year's seniors.

Thank you for taking the time to update your Talon Talk info.

**Senior parents:** DO NOT remove yourselves from the Talon Talk list until after graduation. We will send out a special e-mail with last-minute graduation details the last week of school.

### **Summer Host Families Needed**

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Add some fun to your summer by hosting a female Japanese exchange student [July 19-31](#) as part of a student exchange program organized by Foothill Japanese teacher Tom Diehl.

The girls have activities planned daily, but most evenings and weekends are free. Activities include a trip to San Francisco, an A's game and a swim party.

Foothill students whose families host an exchange student may take part in the activities. They're also eligible for scholarships and community service hours.

Ideally, we'd like families that can host one or two students for the full 12 days. But if you can host a student for only half the time, we'll try to work with that.

For more info, please contact teacher Tom Diehl at [tdiehl@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:tdiehl@pleasanton.k12.ca.us).

### **Honoring Lydiksen Retirees**

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Foothill families whose kids attended Lydiksen are invited to attend a retirement reception honoring four popular Lydiksen staff members -- third-grade teachers Ann Kyle, Lynn Biddinger and Judy Markolf and custodian Jose Rosa.

An open house to honor the retirees will be held [Tuesday, June 7](#) from 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Lydiksen library. Cake and punch will be served.

Deadlines for Talon Talk article submissions are the 10th and 22nd of each month. Please include all pertinent info -- who, what, where, when, why and, if applicable, how much does it cost.

Talon Talk is a twice monthly online publication brought to you the 1st and 15th of each month by the Foothill Activities & Academics Booster Club in cooperation with

school administration.

Go Falcons!

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