

Summer Camps

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Vacaville Elementary

The Secret Laboratory

The Secret Laboratory is an exciting hands-on science adventure open to all 3rd through 6th grade students. Budding scientists wear lab coats while learning key scientific concepts. Students get first hand experience using lab equipment such as beakers, test tubes, graduated cylinders and pipettes in chemistry classes as well as wires, motors and switches in physics classes.

Each fall, winter, spring and summer a new set of classes is offered. Courses are designed around a theme and consist of four, one hour sessions of intriguing scientific discovery. Whether exploring chemistry, physics, biology, geology, food science or rocketry, courses are sure to excite the inner scientist in each student.

The Secret Laboratory classes are conducted by instructor Stuart Russell in a safe and fun environment. Russell has 20 years of teaching experience with the Vacaville Unified School District. Russell loves combining his science knowledge with his zany imagination when creating interesting classes such as squidology, chocolatology and other favorites like the slimy, gooey, fizzy, colorful chemical madness series of courses.

Russell received a B.S. in biological science from UC

Davis and a teaching credential from California State University Sacramento. After becoming an elementary school teacher, Russell earned a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Chapman University.

Classes are held after school hours during the school year and both the morning and afternoon hours in the summer. For more information on these fascinating classes, please visit www.secretlabonline.com.



Foxboro Elementary Students Raise over \$9,000!

Foxboro Elementary held their first Jump Rope for Heart event since 2003 on February 11 and raised over \$9,000 to fight heart disease and stroke! This year's event put a strong emphasis on the positive impact the collected donations make on the community and in giving back to their community. The school set a lofty goal of \$6,000 and very simply the students and parents of Foxboro Elementary rose to the challenge and greatly exceeded the goal. Congratulations to Foxboro Elementary!

Childhood obesity is one of our nation's leading health threats. Today, about 12 million kids are overweight, and 12 million more are at risk of becoming overweight. More and more kids are developing conditions and diseases typically associated with adults. If obesity among kids continues to increase, many believe this current generation of young people will become the first in American history to live shorter lives than their parents.

Foxboro Elementary held its first Jump Rope for Heart event in 1995. Although the school had not participated in a Jump Rope for Heart event since the 02/03 school year, they chose this year, the 30th Year Anniversary of Jump Rope for Heart, to come back on board, participate and help the American Heart Association.

This year Jump Rope for Heart was coordinated by a committee of faculty members lead by Principal Lisa Eckhoff. Mrs. Eckhoff said that the school focused on everyone participating in the fundraising. Mrs. Eckhoff was also quoted as saying, "A theme for our school this year has been 'Foxboro Gives Back!' We have participated in a number of activities to 'give back' to those around us." Some of the activities demonstrating this give back mentality have included adopting a senior citizen during the holidays, providing towels, sheets and food to animal shelters and helping to fund heart disease and stroke research and education by participating in a Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Mrs. Eckhoff said, "This year, we decided to participate in Jump Rope for Heart to provide an extra physical activity for our students and to reach out to the American Heart Association to once again, give back. Amazing! That's the word to describe



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the hard work and goodwill of Foxboro's students and the generosity of their friends and family. We are thrilled to have exceeded our own goal and to have raised over \$9,000 for this important cause."

Jump Rope For Heart is a part of a healthy program that is strongly supported by the community. Schools typically strive for 100% student participation. The Jump Rope for Heart event at Foxboro Elementary was successful due to such enthusiastic involvement from students, staff and parents.

Thanks to the efforts of Principal Lisa Eckhoff, teachers Becky Santini, Samantha Chizauskie, Kevin Ratterman, students, staff and families at Foxboro Elementary, they are truly making a difference in the fight against heart disease and stroke. Thank you Foxboro Elementary!

Fairmont Elementary School

In case you haven't heard (or seen) it is an exciting time in the Fairmont Neighborhood. A new school is being built and we are so excited as we watch our new school grow! We are also currently having a fundraiser to raise money to enhance our students' education. Our fundraiser is a "Buy A Brick" Program. By the next school year, 4,000 of the bricks near the NEW entrance of Fairmont Elementary School will bear the names of current students, former students, Fairmont Staff and local businesses. The engraved bricks will be showcased for many years to come.

Fairmont Elementary school was originally built in 1968 and has been serving students for 41 years! Approximately 500 students attend Fairmont Elementary School today. The new school will be "Green" (environmentally friendly) and have state of the art technology.

"All of us in the Vacaville Unified School District are very excited that the students, staff and community of Fairmont will have a new school next year with the latest of technology built into a beautiful school building. This new school facility was made possible by the local voter approved Measure V School Bond and the collection of developer fees," said John Aycock, District Superintendent. "The funds for the new school building are called facilities funds but the funds to pay teachers, buy books and computers and sponsor clubs and activities is called operational funds. Even though we have a wonderful new school building, the district will have to cut \$10.8 million from the operations fund for next year due to the state budget crisis. Fairmont Elementary School, like all of our schools, are being creative in raising funds of their own to sponsor field trips, buy books and supplies and support enrichment programs. I commend Fairmont on using the sale of bricks for a fundraiser. I have faith that, once again, the individuals and businesses in the city of Vacaville will step up to the plate and make this fundraiser a great success."

