



Forest Park School News

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Wow, here we are at the end of another month and coming close to the end of the second term. Report cards will be coming home soon, they will be sent home with students on Wednesday, March 9th. Please take some time to reflect with your child on how the term has progressed and set goals for the final term. Having two or three specific goals and a clear plan can make a real positive difference for students.

Over the past couple of months students have had their heads down and focused on their work for much of the time, it has been a great month to really focus in on the curriculum and make strides in their growth and development. We have also had some fun with basketball season starting; a lively staff vs. grade 7 students volleyball game, and all the Grade 4's going to the Vancouver Island Symphony. In addition to all that, our Grade 4 - 7 students had an amazing opportunity to work with the Trades Trailer to put many of their skills to use on a hands-on project. It was wonderful to see students applying all that they have learned in math to build their napkin holder or wren nesting box, what a great way to bring the curriculum to life.

With us heading into the third and final term after the break, activities at school do get even busier. As field trips and other school activities begin to increase, please be sure to check your son/daughter's planner on a regular basis for any notices and information that may come home, thanks.

Also, this is a reminder that Spring Break is just around the corner and that it is two weeks this year. The last day of school prior to the break will be Friday, March 11th, with students returning on Tuesday, March 29th, which is immediately following Easter Monday. Enjoy the break!

Yours in education,
Mrs. Jacquie Poulin

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We are still accepting registrations for kindergarten children born in 2011 for the 2016/17 school year. Registration will be taken between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the school office. Parents are required to present their child's Care Card and Birth Certificate as proof of age at the time of registration, as well as a document that shows proof of address. To obtain an assured space in your catchment-area school, you must register by June 15, 2016.

We would also appreciate the assistance of Forest Park parents in spreading the word about registration to families in our community who don't have children currently attending this school or are new to our catchment area.



LATE FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION at École Quarterway School

To all interested grade 5 families. Quarterway School is still accepting registrations to its September 2016 grade 6 Late French Immersion program. Parents can register until June 30th. Please contact Quarterway School for more information. 250-754-6845.

READY SET LEARN - FRIENDLY PHANTOMS!

We are excited that this year Ready, Set Learn will be run over 8 sessions starting April 4th. This will provide a great opportunity for aspiring new students and new parents to be introduced into the literacy, songs and games of this program. Please see the attached registration form.



HEALTH UNIT INFORMATION

Children currently attending Kindergarten should receive a booster immunization for Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio and have their hearing checked. Some children may need a second dose of the Varicella (Chickenpox), Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccine - check with the Nanaimo Health Centre. If your child has not yet received this booster, the Nanaimo Health Centre invites you to participate at 1665 Grant Avenue. Please call to make an appointment and plan to spend 45 minutes. All vaccines are provided free of charge. Please bring your child's immunization record. If your child was immunized in another location or doctor's office, please call the Health Office at 755-3342 in advance so they can order your child's immunization record and have it ready for you when you attend.



PAC MEETING

The PAC meetings are open to all parents of the Forest Park School community. It is an excellent opportunity for parents to get involved in matters concerning educational issues and provide support to the programs and activities at the school. Parents new to the school community as well as parents who have not as yet become involved in this consultative committee process are encouraged to attend. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 8th starting at 7:00 p.m. in the library. We hope to see you there!

BASKETBALL SEASON

We are now steadily into the next sport season which is basketball. It is great to see that we have coaches for all the teams. The teams have been practicing hard and are just getting into game shape. Good luck to all the players as they improve their skills and team play throughout the season. The team members, coaches and sponsors are:

Bantam Girls: The names have been removed from this online version for safety and privacy. These names appear on the newsletter sent home to parents. **Coach - Mrs. Carver**

Peewee Boys: The names have been removed from this online version for safety and privacy. These names appear on the newsletter sent home to parents. **Coaches - Mrs. TKB and Mr. Smith**

Peewee Girls: The names have been removed from this online version for safety and privacy. These names appear on the newsletter sent home to parents. **Coach - Mr. Daly**

SCHOOL SAFETY

Student safety depends upon your safe driving while on school grounds. Please drive through the staff parking and drop off areas slowly, using extreme caution, as children may not always look both ways before crossing this roadway. Please choose to park your car on either Latimer Road or Sarnia Road, the latter one offers a lot of parking space and easy access to the school, adjacent to the playing field. Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated!

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Just a reminder that if you are bringing your dog to school with you to pick up your child please remember to have them on a leash and pick up any droppings.

CELL PHONES & OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

As technology continues to advance, we are seeing students at schools with cell phones, Gameboys, Ipods, digital cameras etc. If your child has any of these at school, please remind him/her that they are to be turned off and in his/her backpack throughout the school day. In particular, cell phones are not to be used at any time during the school day. If a student needs to use the phone for emergency issues, the school phone is accessible with permission from a staff member.

The other issue around technology that has become increasingly common at schools is the use of digital or cell phone cameras. For privacy issues, as well as personal safety issues, we ask that students do not bring or use personal cameras at school.

Also, the school will not be responsible for loss or damage to these items so care needs to be taken with putting them away securely. If a student needs to use the phone during the day, the student phone is available in the office area. If a parent needs to contact a student in an emergency, please call the office. Thank you for your support.

ARE YOU MOVING?????

If you are planning to move away from the Forest Park area this summer, or are transferring your children to another school next year, please advise the office as soon as possible. Your cooperation greatly assists us in determining our numbers and school organization for the 2016-17 school year.

USING OUR 'WITS'

As we head into the final term of the year, we are once again reminding students to use their "WITS" - a simple acronym to help us remember how to solve problems. The acronym stands for:

Walk away
Ignore
Talk it out
Seek help

This strategy can be used for problem solving in many areas of a student's life - in the classroom, on the playground, at activities outside of school, or with siblings or friends when not at school. We will continue to help children develop these skills each and every day.



REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE

A friendly reminder to Parents/Guardians that if your child/children will be absent or late to please call the office at 250-758-6892.

If it is after office hours you can leave a message on the answering machine.



DATES TO REMEMBER

March

- Wed., Mar. 2 Term 2 Celebration - Div. 8 - 16 swimming at NAC
- Mon., Mar. 7 Term 2 Celebration - Div. 1 & 2 Bowling
- Tues., Mar. 8 Term 2 Celebration - Div. 3 & 4 bowling
- Tues., Mar. 8 PAC mtg - Library - 7 pm
- Wed., Mar. 9 Term 2 Celebration - Div. 5 - 7 bowling
- Wed., Mar. 9 Term 2 Reports go home
- Fri., Mar. 11 Whole School "Read to Self"
- Fri., Mar. 11 Last day before Spring Break
- Mon. Mar. 28 Easter Monday
- Tues., Mar 29 First day back from Spring Break

April

- Fri., Apr. 8 1:15 Staff vs Students Basketball game
- Tues., Apr. 12 PAC mtg - Library - 7 pm
- Thurs., Apr. 14 Evening - Rock the Salish Sea (Port Theatre)
- Wed., Apr. 20 Whole School BBQ
- Fri., April 22 Earth Day
- Fri., Apr. 29 Whole School "Read to Self"

May

- Wed., May. 4 Parent Appreciation Tea
- Tues., May. 10 Class Photo Day
- Tues., May. 10 PAC mtg - Library - 7 pm
- Thurs, May. 12 School Track & Field Meet
- Fri., May. 13 Pro-D Day
- Mon., May 16 Curriculum Day
- Mon., May 23 Victoria Day
- Tues, May. 31 Zone Track & Field Meet