



Forest Park School News

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

The school year is well underway and once more we are off to a solid start at Forest Park School. Our student enrolment is at 381 students registered in 16 divisions ranging in grades from K-7. School wide and classroom behaviour expectations have been carefully reviewed along with our Code of Conduct rules. It is always appreciated when parents reinforce these rules with their children at home, a copy of both the Code of Conduct and behaviour expectations can be found in the front of the student planner for easy reference for both students and families, and the Code of Conduct is on our school website.

Our fifteenth annual 'Thanksgiving Turkey Trot' assembly was a huge success thanks to the strong support and participation evident from our students, staff and parents in attendance. Through the classroom food collection program, we were able to present 'Loaves and Fishes' with many boxes full of non-perishable food items which will be shared with the needy families in our community. Thank you to all the parents that contributed to this charitable cause in such a strong fashion.

Just last week many of you also had an opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher to discuss his/her start to the year and set goals for the remainder of the year. If at any point throughout the year you have concerns or questions about your child's progress, please contact his/her classroom teacher by a written note in the planner or phone call to the school.

Looking forward to a great November, thanks for continuing to support both your own child(ren) and the larger Forest Park community.

Yours in education,
Mrs. Jacquie Poulin



HOLIDAY FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT

This year our staff are thrilled to be holding a Holiday Family Craft Night on Wednesday, December 16th from 6-7:30pm. This is an event that many of our staff have wanted to organize for a few years. This exciting evening will give Forest Park Families the opportunity to go to different classrooms to make a variety of Christmas and winter crafts. We will not be holding a Christmas Concert this year as we are doing the craft night instead. We hope everyone can join us for this fun filled evening.

SPRING CONCERT - AT THE PORT THEATRE

We have decided to host a Spring Concert at the Port Theatre this year and have partnered with Voices of Nature. The concert will be focusing on an environmental theme where students will learn songs about nature that also tie in beautifully with our curriculum. All students from Kindergarten to Grade 7 will be involved, and what an amazing opportunity - performing on the Port Theatre stage. Be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, April 14th as that is the date of our concert, more details to come later.

SECURITY PROTOCOL:

Ensuring safety for all students and school personnel is very important to us at Forest Park School. To that end, adults visiting our school are required to report to the office first, sign in the visitor's book and obtain an 'Authorized Visitor' pass from our secretary. This information is essential as it enables us to quickly determine the nature and length of your visit and account for all adults within the building in case of an emergency situation. Please remember to always report to the office first upon arriving to school, even if you are well known to the office staff©. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this very important safety concern.

TRAFFIC SAFETY-PARKING LOT

Anyone driving children to Forest Park is well aware of our daily traffic challenges. Drivers are urged to exercise extreme caution at all times in the parking lot as well as the drop off/pick up area. Congestion at peak times (arrival, dismissal) means children must occasionally walk between cars. Please be extra vigilant when pulling in, backing out or driving through. **Motorists are reminded NOT to stop in the fire lanes or in the drop off/pick up zone in front of the school.**

In addition, please remember to be conscious and aware of our neighbours. Please avoid blocking driveways and creating congestion in our residential areas.

One more reminder about parking, please only use the Handicap Parking spaces at the front of the school if you have a legal handicap parking sign as these spaces are reserved for families needing this service.

Thank you for your cooperation! We all know the parking is a challenge but with everyone's cooperation we can make it work.



LICE

As we progress through the school year we would like to take this time to give parents some information about head lice if they are in need to check. Head lice do not carry disease, nor do they mean your child is dirty. Please contact the school if you find any head lice during these checks.

How do you check for head lice?

To confirm a case of head lice, you need to find live lice. Children can have a few nits without actually having a case of head lice. Usually children have no more than 10 to 20 live lice.

- Good lighting is important when you are checking.
- Head lice move fast and are hard to see. They are usually found very close to the scalp, at the bottom of the neck and behind the ears.
- To look for nits, part hair in small sections, moving from one side to the other. Check carefully, looking close to the scalp.

How can head lice be treated?

In Canada, 3 insecticides are approved to treat head lice:

- pyrethrin (found in R&C Shampoo + Conditioner)

- permethrin (Nix Creme Rinse or Kwellada-P Creme Rinse)
- lindane (Hexit Shampoo or PMS-Lindane Shampoo).

SCHOOL CLOSURES:

It is that time of year again, when the school district would like to remind parents about school closure procedures. The most common reasons that schools might be closed are dangerous road conditions due to a heavy snowfall or ice.

If you are wondering if schools are open on a particular day, listen to local radio stations (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the mornings.

We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closures on the school district website, www.sd68.bc.ca, and on Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no announcement on the website or social media, please be sure to listen to local radio stations.

We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighbourhood that lead you to decide to keep your children home, even though schools are open.

PAC MEETINGS

These monthly meetings are open to all our parents of the Forest Park School community. It is an excellent opportunity to provide your input and suggestions on matters concerning educational issues and provide support to the programs and activities at the school. Child minding is provided at all our meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of the month. November's meeting is on Tuesday, November 10th. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

THANK YOU FROM THE PAC

The PAC Hallowe'en Dance was a great success again this year. A huge thank you to all who were able to come out and donate time to support our Family Hallowe'en Dance. Our volunteers were amazing and helped make the night a great success. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you so much!!!



SPORTS AT FOREST PARK

The fall has seen the start of some of our extra-curricular activities. This year we started off with cross-country. It has been great to see the students out getting fit, and having some fun.

Cross-Country Team

Coaches - Mrs. Paziuk/Mr. Zimmer

A great effort to all of our athletes who participated this year in Cross-Country. The names have been removed from this online version for safety and privacy. These names appear on the newsletter sent home to parents.



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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL:

As noted in our student handbook, we do ask that students arrive to school shortly before the bell and leave quickly at the end of the day. Our morning and after school supervision is primarily at the front of the school to monitor students near the traffic at drop off and pick up. Thank you!

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Throughout the year, if problems or concerns arise, please do not hesitate to contact the school promptly. Our telephone number is 758-6892 and our fax is 758-2373. If at any time you wish to make an appointment with your child's teacher, please contact our school secretary who will arrange a mutually convenient meeting time for both you and the teacher. The school office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

BE ON TOP OF SCHOOL EVENTS

As students bring home notices regarding fieldtrips, special events, school wide celebrations or classroom experiences that require some action on your part, immediately mark your calendar. If you need to prepare for an event, or we have a special hot lunch day, mark that on your calendar as well. Please sign permission slips immediately and return to school the next day. You'll be less likely to misplace them and the teacher will appreciate your promptness. **ALL CHEQUES** should be written to School District #68 for all school activities.

Furthermore, school newsletters will either be emailed or sent home towards the end of each month.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November

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| Thurs., Nov. 5 | District Cross-Country Meet |
| Tues., Nov. 10 | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| Tues., Nov. 10 | PAC mtg - 7:00 pm - Library |
| Wed., Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day - schools closed |
| Wed., Nov. 18 | PAC Fitness Boot Camp by donation |
| Thurs., Nov. 26 | Fine Arts performance-Axis Theatre |

December

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| Tues., Dec. 8 | PAC mtg. - 7:00 pm - Library |
| Wed., Dec. 9 | First Term Reports go home |
| Wed., Dec. 16 | Family Craft Night |
| Thurs., Dec. 17 | Christmas Breakfast |
| Fri., Dec. 18 | Last day before the Winter Break |

School re-opens Monday, January 4th, 2015