



Forest Park School News

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Dear Parents, This is the last full newsletter of the 2017-2018 school year. There have been many memorable moments to reflect upon this year. Our PAC has provided some key moments this year. Classroom teachers and support staff have planned, sponsored and supported a multitude of activities for students. Thank you to all staff and parents for making this a great year! The staff of Forest Park has always been very proud of their students and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the positive citizenship exhibited by our students. It has been a pleasure to see the growth in all our students. On behalf of all students and staff at Forest Park School I would like to express my appreciation to the PAC for their support and contributions made over the year. Their commitment has enabled us to provide programs, a new camera, fieldtrips, equipment, resources and presentations that benefit all students at our school. I thank you for all that you do! I would like to extend a thank you to our parents and community members who volunteer their time directly in the classrooms helping with reading, in the library etc... Your help in classrooms and around the school has contributed to the success of each and every student. To everyone who has volunteered this past year, my sincerest thank you! Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to extend best wishes to our Grade 7 students who will be moving onto high school next year. Congratulations and continued success in all your future years!

Yours in education,
Mr. Larry Dean



STAFF FAREWELL

We will be saying farewell to some very valued staff members this June. Our students and our community have benefited tremendously from the skills and dedication of these teachers and education assistants. Thank you and farewell to: Mr. James Pascoe, Ms. Stephanie Stephens, Ms. Jatinder Nagra, Mr. Jeremy Inscho, Mr. Kurt Feschuk, Ms. Shannon Ward, Mr. Scott Motley, Mrs. Paula Kuffler, Mrs. Sandra Kidd & Mrs. Michelle Bulmer.



We will miss you all and wish you the very best in everything as you continue on new journeys. We also thank you for the many contributions you have made to our Forest Park community.

BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Please note below our bell schedule for September stays the same as it was this year.

Monday Bell Schedule		Tuesday to Friday Bell Schedule
8:38 – 10:15 am		8:38 – 10:15 am
10:15 – 10:30 am	RECESS	10:15 – 10:30 am
10:30 – 11:45 am		10:30 – 11:45 am
11:45 – 12:20 pm	BIG RECESS	11:45 – 12:20 pm
12:20 – 1:30 pm		12:20 – 2:30 pm

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 2018-2019 school year.

SEPTEMBER START-UP

The first day of school is often a time of great excitement for students, staff and families. As educators we also look forward to September opening with a great deal of excitement and anticipation. With enrollment uncertainties experienced in recent years, the reality is that student class placement often takes several days. This is especially true when a school experiences growth or reduction in enrollment and, or when staffing has not been finalized. It is our intention to settle into routines with as little disruption as possible.

This year, students will attend for only one hour on Tuesday, September 4th, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Students will then attend for a full day on Wednesday, September 5th. On Tuesday morning we will ask all Grade 1 - 7 students to meet in the gym for a short assembly before we move to classrooms to do attendance and go over how the week will be organized. Throughout this first week, students will work in same grade groups and in cross-grade groups as we re-connect with each other. Staff members will carefully check the attendance, add to the list new registrations, and determine final student placements for 2018/19. We are anticipating that we will not be assigning students to their classes until the Monday morning of the next week.

Parents of Kindergarten students will receive a letter of welcome in the mail in August with specific information about your child's first day in attendance and the gradual entry program at Forest Park School. Our teachers are looking forward to meeting all of our new Forest Park School students in September. Please note that Kindergarten students do not attend school on September 4th.

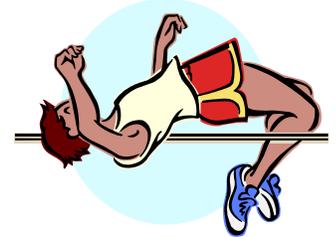
TENTATIVE SCHOOL ORG. 2018/19

At this point there is a tentative class organizational structure that will be finalized during the first week of September. We have worked carefully, following Forest Park School placement guidelines to create balanced classes, placing your child in the next grade level, recognizing their learning styles and needs. Great care is taken to ensure your child has the very best learning opportunity in the coming year.

TRACK AND FIELD

The District Track and Field meet was very exciting and all of our athletes that participated did very well. A big congratulations to these 29 athletes as it is really an amazing feat to qualify for this meet - great work!

Once again a special thank you to all those volunteer parents, grandparents', extended family, and friends who



came out to help support these events and our athletes and cheer them on in such a positive manner!!

LIBRARY NEWS:

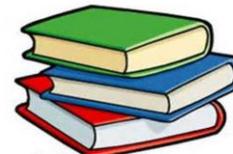
Tumblebooks

Forest Park students will have access to our Tumblebooks subscription over the summer! There are so many wonderful animated books that your child can follow along with and listen to! Make sure you check them out at:

<http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/>

Username: forestpark250

Password: books



TO PARENTS OF GRADE 5 STUDENTS WHO WILL BE ENTERING GRADE 6 IN SEPTEMBER 2018

Early next fall, Grade 6 students will bring home immunization information and consent forms for immunizations to be done at school.

However, if your child has severe anxiety about being immunized at school and would prefer to have immunizations done at the health unit, there are appointments available during the summer. Please contact the Nanaimo Health Unit for an appointment or if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN IN SEPTEMBER 2018

If your child is starting kindergarten in September 2018 and has not yet received the kindergarten booster for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio and Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Chickenpox please contact the Nanaimo Health Unit to arrange an appointment. Kindergarten immunizations are not done in the school setting.

For more information contact:

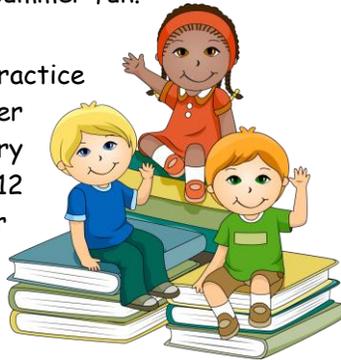
- ♦ **Nanaimo Health Unit 250-755-3342**
- ♦ Health Link BC - dial 8-1-1 for a free call (formerly known as the BC Nurse Line)
www.immunizebc.ca

SUMMER READING CLUB 2018

Summer Reading @ Vancouver Island Regional Library

Summer vacation is almost here and your children are no doubt dreaming about fun times and adventures! But in order to keep your children's reading skills sharp; it's also a smart idea to include reading as a part of their summer fun.

Like all skills, a little practice goes a long way. Vancouver Island Regional Library invites kids aged 0 - 12 years to join Summer Reading Club. Participants will embark on many reading adventures at the library



Best of all, Summer Reading Club is free.

You can register your children at www.virl.bc.ca or you can drop by your local branch.

For more information, call or visit your local branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library or visit www.virl.bc.ca. In remote areas, the program is available through our Books by Mail service. Please call 1-877-415-8475 for information.

Planning a family trip or vacation? Don't forget that children can borrow from and return books to any of the 39 branches of Vancouver Island Regional Library located on Vancouver Island (except Victoria), Haida Gwaii, and Bella Coola on the central mainland coast. We make it that easy for you!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri., July 6	School office closes for summer break
Mon., Aug 27	School Office Reopens
Tues., Sept 4	First day of School (11:00 am - 12:00 pm)
Wed., Sept. 5	First full day for students!!
Tues., Sept 18	PAC mtg - 7 pm - Library
Thur., Oct. 4	Pro-d Day (students not in session)
Fri., Oct. 5	Pro d Day (students not in session)
Mon, Oct 8	Thanksgiving (schools closed)
Tues., Oct. 9	PAC mtg - 7 pm - Library
Fri., Oct. 19	Pro-d Day (students not in session)
Mon., Nov. 12	Remembrance Day (schools closed)
Tues., Nov.13	PAC mtg - 7 pm - Library
Tues., Dec. 11	PAC mtg - 7 pm - Library
Fri., Dec. 21	School Closes for Winter Vacation

** many other dates and events will be added in the Fall once the school events calendar is further developed - but here is a start☺

