



Forest Park School News

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Once again I am amazed at how quickly the first third of the school year has gone. A reminder to everyone that student reporting will be different this year and you will not be receiving a formal report card in December. Instead, over the past month, and in coming months, teachers will be providing ongoing communication of your child's learning. This communication may come home as a hard copy 'evidence of learning', through email, or through FreshGrade - an e-portfolio format. Please take the time to reflect on these communications with your child and discuss their growth and learning. In February, a mid-year progress report will come home with each child as well.

December is always an exciting time with lots of special events and activities in the classroom and at home. Sometimes the 'busyness of the season' can become overwhelming, here are a few tips that may help children cope with all the 'extras':

- try to stick with a regular bedtime and routine at bedtime as much as possible, children still need their sleep, especially at this time of year
- maintain routines for homework and reading time as routines help to keep structure to the day
- ensure children get lots of healthy, nutritious food throughout the day (to balance out the extra treats that tend to be abundant at this time of year)
- take time to get a bit of exercise, go for a walk or a swim, as exercise can reduce stress for everyone
- ask children how they are doing, they can often tell us when it is getting too busy

We do have a few 'festive events' planned here at school also so please check your child's planner regularly for notices and information. It is a busy season; we hope to make it fun and enjoyable too!

Looking forward to a great December,

Yours in education,

Mr. Larry Dean



HOLIDAY FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT

Our Second Holiday Family Craft Night is quickly approaching. It will be held on Wednesday, December 20th from 6-7:30pm.



As our teachers put the final touches on preparing the materials for the craft being offered in their room, we are excited about how everything is coming together. We hope

that many Forest Park families will join us for this fun filled evening. More information will be provided in the near future

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

We will be conducting our annual 'Food Hamper Drive' with donations collected and passed on to the Salvation Army on December 14th. Each classroom will have a special collection box distributed by the student leadership team with donations accepted daily from December 4th to December 14th. Non perishable food items such as canned meats, canned pastas, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese, rice, soups, pork & beans, juice, peanut butter, jams, and lunch bag items are all acceptable and much needed. Thank you for your continued support in an effort to meet the needs of many struggling families in our community. Your support is greatly appreciated!



INCLEMENT WEATHER - DRESSING APPROPRIATELY



Please ensure that your child has a warm coat, mittens or gloves, boots, and a hat at school. We know that those December winds can come in from the North and make recess a little chilly.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Christmas books are now on display in the library. Feel free to come in and take a look. Scholastic book fair information coming soon!

Thanks

Ms. Bulmer/Ms. Birkland



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. We have many new youngsters and families using our parking lot this year. **Motorists are reminded NOT to stop in the fire lanes or to stop in the drop off/pick up zone in front of the school.** This is becoming a major issue both in front of the school and in the parking lot. Please do not stop in the front area near the red line as this is for the daycare buses only. Also, the 'curve' of the parking lot (near the bike racks) is clearly marked with a 'NO STOPPING' sign. We require all parents to comply with this request as the parking lot is becoming increasingly dangerous for students and drivers.



SCHOOL CLOSURE REMINDER

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, for the most current updates 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.

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPECTATIONS

The guidelines/expectations outlined below serve to enhance our extracurricular program in terms of student commitment, academic and behavioural expectations, student conduct in various social settings and positive peer relationships. Our goal for all students is to maximize participation, exercise fair play and contribute to the team in a positive manner.

- A student must observe all expectations set down by the coach/sponsor. Repeated infractions relative to expectations will result in a student being dismissed from the activity/event.
- Attendance at all practice sessions is mandatory unless the student has a valid reason for his/her absence.
- A student must attend classes on days when practice or games are scheduled unless there are extenuating circumstances. Illness shall be reported to school office and coach/sponsor by telephone.
- A student who fails to keep up with his/her academic expectations e.g. assignments, homework, or disobeys both classroom and school rules, may not participate in any extracurricular activity until the classroom teacher grants permission.



- A student suspended from school or having a detention may not participate in any extracurricular activity until the disciplinary period is lifted.
- Students are expected to meet the established 'Code of Conduct' in all extracurricular activities. Failure to meet these expectations may result in

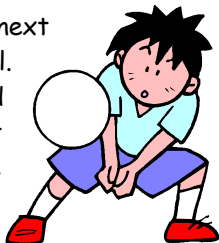
disciplinary action in consultation with parents/guardians.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Congratulations to all of our athletes that participated in both the Zone and District Meets. You trained very hard and it showed by your positive results. A special thanks to Mr. Zimmer for coaching.

VOLLEYBALL

We have moved right into our next extra-curricular season - volleyball. We have all four teams this year and are looking forward to a great season. All parent drivers please remember to get their criminal record checks. Good luck to all the teams.



Bantam Boys - Coach - Mr. Tohana - Team: :Adam Ani, Connor Beckett, Brandon de Rosenroll, Dexter Geddes, Phillip Huot, Ethan McKean, Riley Nordmarken, Nicholaus Rheault, Jessie Fangao

Bantam Girls - Coaches - Mr. Kotai - Team: Lindy Hobbs, Savannah Shahi, Makinna Postulo, Mikenna Turenne, Emma Gillis, Nicole Richardson, Keasha Barr, Jocelyn MacGregor, Zoe Wagner, Sierra Butler, Paige Barnfield

PeeWee Girls - Coach - Mrs. Christensen -Team: McKenna Wagner, Isabella Maitland, Aurora Sloan, Payton Buchanan, Victoria Somers, Hayley Henderson, Nicole Hobbs, Emma Ward, Akeelah Campbell, Kira DeFehr

Pee Wee Girls Team # 2 - Coach - Mr. Motley, Crystal Barr & Victoria Hawking - Team: Keasha Barr, Subin Yun, Maddy Barnfield, Kyra Kong, Emma Bilinski, Hailey Plested, Kaitlyn Messett, Faith Messett, Kamryn Schmitke.

PeeWee Boys - Coach - Mr. Zimmer - Team: Isaac Ketteringham, issiah Ater, Declan MacGregor, Graiden Helm, Keenan DeWit, Joshua Rose, Nicholas Sales, Liam Sullivan, Cole Jacques, Jayden Mackay, Jayce Turenne

Many thanks to the coaches for working with these teams this volleyball season. Good luck with your season!



THE FOREST PARK RECYCLING CLUB

We would like to thank all the families who have donated their bottle returns to our school account. Your generosity is appreciated! For anyone who may not have heard, bottle returns to Nanaimo Recycling Depots can be credited to Forest Park Elementary School - just let the attendants know you want your returns credited to our school account.

The funds raised from your donations, and from other Recycling Club efforts, will go to support a classroom salmon incubation program at Forest Park School. The incubation program will provide students with opportunities to become involved with, and interested in, the preservation and restoration of our local salmon stocks.

Thank You Forest Park Families!



LATES

A reminder to all families - to promote responsibility and a value for education, we will be encouraging students to arrive to class on time. When students are late, they often miss information given first thing in the morning, basic directions on a task, and disrupt the learning environment of the rest of the class. Sometimes students are late due to medical, dental or other appointments, these are the exceptions and we understand they will occur. Outlined below is the policy in regards to all other lates, please review it carefully with your child (ren).

"It is a matter of common courtesy to arrive for classes at the proper time and students are encouraged to develop lifelong habits of promptness.

Students who arrive late often disrupt the operation of the classroom by requiring the attention of their teachers or classmates to assist them in getting started on their assignments or to re-teach all or part of a lesson.

To encourage and promote responsibility, we are asking all students and families to make a strong effort to be at school on time.

For the chronic tardiness, a letter will be sent home to parents with a copy to be placed in the student's file."

Thank you in advance for your support with helping us develop responsible student citizens at Forest Park Elementary School.

NANAIMO ART GALLERY

This fall Nanaimo Art Gallery visited with their TD Artists in the School Program and inspired the students with art. Forest Park Elementary School welcomed artists Anne Marie Veale, Penny Maday, Kaylea Reeve, and Connie Kulhavy for 13 sessions including Dragon Pots, Insect Bowls, Watercolour Painting, Sticker Printing, Styrofoam Relief Prints, Flower Beadwork People, Birch Bark medicine and Frame your Photos. Students experienced hands-on sculpture, pottery, printmaking, beadwork, painting and more. For more information please visit nanaimoartgallery.ca

Many thanks,
Chris Kuderle
Administrative Director
Nanaimo Art Gallery



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed., Dec. 6	Christmas Breakfast
Mon., Dec. 11	Brechin Bowling Div. 1 -3 (10 am)
Tues., Dec. 12	Brechin Bowling Div. 4 - 6 (10 am)
Tue., Dec. 12	PAC mtg. - 7:00 pm - Library
Wed., Dec. 13	Brechin Bowling Div. 7-10 (10 am)
Thur., Dec 14	Skating Div. 11-14 (12:30 pm)
Fri., Dec. 15	Skating Div. 15-18 (12:30 pm)
Wed., Dec. 20	Christmas Craft Night (6-7:30 p.m.)
Fri., Dec. 22	Last day before the Winter Break

School re-opens Monday, January 8th, 2018

