



Forest Hill Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

This past year has been a tremendous one! We have seen such growth in so many of our students. Our staff members have provided such a rich learning environment for your children that we cannot help but celebrate! Celebration and an end of year, however, always bring about reflection and many goodbyes as well. For our grade 6 graduates, I wish you all the best as you venture off to your new schools for grade 7. You have played such an important part in our school this past year as role models and leaders for so many key moments. Thank you for all you have done and who you are. Please come back to visit us and keep us up to date on where you are and how you are doing!

As we bid farewell to our students leaving at this time of the year, we also must say goodbye to some staff as well. This year we will see two teachers retire from Forest Hill. Mrs. Lord and Mrs. Patterson will be leaving us come the end of the year to begin their retirement.

Mrs. Lord, who has taught at Forest Hill for 27 years, has been a pillar in our primary department and has supported our school in every aspect over her time here. She has taught a quarter of our school and has even taught many second generation Forest Hill families in her time here! Our school is losing such a key teacher and valuable colleague who always had such a love for the students and families of Forest Hill at the top of her mind every day. We wish you well Mrs. Lord as you and your Blue Jays have many great years ahead!

Mrs. Patterson has been our lead Special Education teacher over the past 8 years and has been such a key person to help navigate the learning needs of all our students who require any special support. From small, behind the scenes advice to large complex situations, Mrs. Patterson always had great ideas to guide our staff towards success when working with our students. Mrs. Patterson was honoured recently for her talents by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario by receiving the Teacher of the Year award in Special Education for the Waterloo Region. Congratulations Mrs. Patterson! It is so nice to know that others beyond Forest Hill recognize what an amazing teacher you are!

We all want to let you both know that you will always have a special place here amongst the Falcons of Forest Hill.

A few more staff members will also move to different schools at the end of this school year: **Mrs. Alfaro, Miss Bast, Mr. Faouzi, Mrs. Hansraj, Miss Nahirniak, Mrs. Parsons, and Mr. Wiebe**. You have all been tremendous additions to the community of Forest Hill and the success that our students have had are directly related to your efforts! We wish you could all stay with us here, but new experiences await you and we wish you the best in the coming years in your new schools!

As I end my last newsletter for the school year of 2015-16, I wish you a happy and safe summer. I hope that it is a time that will provide some exciting adventures and a change from the normal routine for you and your family. For those of you moving to new cities and/or schools, I thank you for your contributions to Forest Hill and I hope that your new chapter in life will be full of wonderful new learning experiences!

For those of you returning to Forest Hill in the fall, I am looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, September 6th! Have a great summer!

Sincerely,
Mr. Peter Berndt

Mark Your Calendars!

Last Day of School – Wed. June 29th

First Day of School – Tues. Sept. 6th

Meet the Teacher Night – Thurs. Sept. 8th



IMPORTANT BUSING INFORMATION

Transportation details for the 2016-2017 school year will be available on Monday, August 22, 2016.

Parents can login and view your child's transportation details by going to www.stswr.ca and following these easy steps:

- Click on "Student Login"
- Enter your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN)
 - The OEN can be found on your child's report card
 - Numbers only, no space, no dash
- Enter your child's birth date
 - dd/mm/yyyy
- Enter your child's street number
 - house number only
- Select the school your child is attending from the drop down menu
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Please note: any address changes need to be done through your school. If you are moving this summer or change caregiver arrangements for the fall, you should communicate the change of address to your child's school before the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Kindergarten Families!

If you have a child coming to JK or SK at Forest Hill this September, a letter will be sent home letting you know his/her class placement, meeting time and staggered entry dates. If you have not received a letter, please contact the office. If your child is eligible to ride the bus, you will receive information from our transportation department in late August.



When class lists are created each year, we strive to have a balance of JK and SK students, boys and girls, as well as other needs. We also need to adjust classes based on a few staffing changes within the Kindergarten team. Your child may or may not be placed in their SK classroom with his/her JK teacher and ECE from the previous year, depending on the factors stated above.

Also, while we hope that no further changes will need to be made, we often have new registrations at the beginning of the year, which may require last minute switches. If that happens, you will be notified as soon as possible.

Looking forward to another great year in Full Day Kindergarten!



Track & Field Update

One of the most exciting events of the school year is our annual Track and Field meet. It is a wonderful opportunity for every Grade 4, 5 and 6 student to participate in a variety of events to test their strength, speed and endurance. Every child was challenged to pursue personal bests.

This year, many of our students took extra time outside of school to participate in our Track and Field club. Over 75 students signed up and came out for a number of practices to improve their skill and fitness.

On June 1st, we convened to have our school meet. It was an absolutely perfect weather day, with lots of sun and a nice breeze. Our students did a wonderful job competing and cheering and demonstrating good sportsmanship throughout the day. We were also fortunate to have the help of 25 former Forest Hill students who came back from Laurentian P.S. to help out with the events. What a fantastic and helpful group of volunteers!

The following week on June 7th, we completed the track meet with our 800m event, and some class activities with tug-of-war and relays. What a fun event to see classes cheering for their classmates!

After the school meet, a team of 80 students was selected to compete at an Area Track and Field meet against seven other schools including neighbouring Southridge. While the day was rather warm, our students pushed through and competed well. We had a lot of ribbons flying on the spectacular new Forest Hill jerseys. What a fantastic and fun day!

Congratulations to all who competed and represented Forest Hill well!

Bell Times for 2016-17

JK/SK – Grade 6

Entry 9:10 a.m.

1st Nutrition Break 11:10 – 11:50

2nd Nutrition Break 1:20 – 2:00

Dismissal 3:30 p.m.



2016-17 Class Lists

If you would like to know what class your child is in for September the class lists will be posted on Friday, Sept. 2nd at 4:00 p.m. They will be up on the windows at the back of the school so they are visible outside.

We are pleased to offer **Before & After School Care Programs for JK-Grade 6** students at Forest Hill P.S effective September 6th, 2016. To register please go online at www.wrdsb.ca/beforeafter/ or call Joanna Smith, Extended Day Program Supervisor, at 519-570-0003 ext. 4203.