



Forest Hill Public School Newsletter

October 2016

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Hello Parents/Guardians,

We are now over one month into the school year and so many activities have already taken place! We have had our first day of school and our meet-the-teacher night. School Council has started up again and photo day is just around the corner, to name just a few of the highlights.

The start to our school year has been a very good one as the flow of a normal school day has quickly become a comfortable routine for everyone. At times it feels like no one had ever been away for a summer break! Many of the clubs and extra-curricular opportunities are now being established; the school is alive with a buzz that has students and staff involved. These many fun and engaging opportunities make school so much more than a place for just learning academic subjects.

With that being said, we as a school are now nearing our first stages of reporting about your child's progress. In the coming weeks, the data that will have been collected over the first two months will be assessed and reviewed. Those parents of students in Kindergarten will have an opportunity to come in and observe their children in the classroom in the early part of November. Those children in grades 1-6 will receive a Progress Report on November 14th. On the afternoon of November 18th, or at another mutually agreed time, parents will have an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher to discuss their child's progress. This is an important and exciting time for our learners and their families.

On Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30 pm, our School Council will meet and hold their annual elections for the coming year. We had a great turn out at our first meeting in September and this Council is looking to be one of the best ever. We hope that you will also be able to join us - all are welcome to attend!

As we approach the Thanksgiving weekend, we are reminded of the changing of seasons by the leaves that are falling around us and the cooler days that are upon us. I hope that you find some time to get outside and enjoy the long Thanksgiving weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Mr. Peter Berndt
Principal

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To get the most up-to-date information on what's happening!**

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Upcoming Events:

Tues. Oct. 4	Treasures Book Fundraiser Ends
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Thurs. Oct. 6	Student Photo Day
Mon. Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day – No School
Tues. Oct. 11	School Council Meeting 6:30 in Library
Wed. Oct. 19	We Day
Fri. Oct. 28	Junior Choir Sings at the Kitchener Ranger Game!
Mon. Oct. 31	Halloween – Spirit Day (see below for details)
Tues. Nov. 8	School Council Meeting 6:30 in Library
Fri. Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Assembly
Mon. Nov. 14	Gr. 1-6 Progress Reports Go Home
Fri. Nov. 18	P.D. Day
Fri. Nov. 18	Parent/Teacher Interviews

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TRICYCLE REPAIR PERSON



The Kindergarten team is looking for someone to do minor repairs on our 10 tricycles. This would include keeping tires pumped up and tuned-up approximately 3 times during the school year (once in the fall, once in the spring and at the end of June). Please contact the school at 519-578-5480 if you are interested in helping out! Thank you!

Halloween – Black & Orange Spirit Day

An exciting and fun time awaits us all on Monday, October 31st as we enjoy the season of Black & Orange/Halloween day. Students are invited to come to school with their Black & Orange OR Halloween costumes on October 31st. Each class will have some specifics around what the Halloween day will look like in their classrooms, but we would like to take this opportunity to highlight the school's **Dress Code Expectation** for the day.

Clothing should not display images or words that may be suggestive, derogatory or depict violent themes. What does this mean when it comes to Halloween? It means NO outfit, or accessory whose theme is violent or frightening should come to Forest Hill. Masks are NOT permitted. Many characters can be modified to promote peaceful roles and would be welcome in that case – e.g. military peacekeepers etc.

If costumes have delicate/valuable/integral accessories that are essential for their trick or treating later that evening, it is strongly suggested that these items stay home to avoid being broken or lost. For most classes, costumes will be worn for only a part of the day. For this reason it is important that students come with normal clothing that they may change into.

After we celebrate Halloween at home, many candy treats will be brought to school in student's lunches in November. In an effort to keep nutrition break snacks nutritious and healthy we are asking that candy treats be **limited**. This will help keep your child well-fed and focused throughout each school day.

We are all looking forward to enjoying all the black & orange, creative costumes and fun activities for Forest Hill students on October 31st.



We're Off and Singing!

The Junior Choir is off to a great start on the Hill. Eager students from Grades 4, 5 and 6 who have joined the choir are now practicing twice a week for their very busy fall lineup of events! We have already had our first performance, singing "Terry Ran" at our Terry Fox assembly on September 26th.

The choir is excited about performing "O Canada" at The Aud on Friday, October 28th at 7:30 p.m. when the Kitchener Rangers host the Peterborough Petes. On November 11th, the choir will provide musical leadership at our Remembrance Day assembly. Later in November, our Grade 5 and 6 choir members have been invited to participate in an afternoon workshop with other public schools in the Forest Heights Collegiate area. And, of course, you'll all have a chance to hear the Junior Choir at our December Concert!

Here's to Ukes!

Forest Hill is now the proud owner of a class set of ukuleles. Later this fall, we plan to introduce our Grade 5 and 6 students to the joy of accompanying singing by playing chords on the ukulele. As well, they will still be learning new songs on their recorders and using our authentic African djembes in class drum circles. We love making music at Forest Hill!



Coming Soon – Stonybrook Path!

We have been approved by the city to start the path on their property and then continue it through the field to the asphalt near the school. Thank you to Rob Seeley from the WRDSB for arranging for the company who will do the work. Construction should begin shortly, so hopefully this fall, winter and spring the walk to school will be a lot less muddy. Proceeds from the Forest Hill School Council, the Forest Hill School budget and the TreeGeneration will pay for this path. We could not do it without the support of our Forest Hill Families during fundraisers. So THANK YOU for your continued support!