



The Echo

Forest Glen Public School

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School Phone Number: **519 662-2830**
Safe Arrival Phone Number: **519 570-8080 x3284**
Transportation Website: www.stswr.ca

Principal: **Mr. M. Drummond**
Vice-Principal: **Mr. A. Beddoe**
Office Staff: **Mrs. K. Witmer**
Mrs. K. Harvey

March 2015

Here we are again heading into another short break from school. It is hard to believe that Christmas was 3 months ago and we are heading towards spring. Hopefully!

Our students and staff have been working very hard over this time and have been involved in many great learning and extra-curricular activities. Our basketball teams completed their seasons, students participated in our Winter Carnival, First Term Reports were completed, Grade 8's have selected their courses for Grade 9, our Kodaly Choir has been practicing, our Grade 8 and Grade 7 trips are underway for the end of the year, we had fun with the snowshoes and plenty of snow, our Readathon has just ended and we finish up with Airbands and Freedom Week this week.

Mark your calendar for April 9, 7:00 p.m. Parenting expert, Alyson Schafer will be returning to speak about sibling rivalry right here at Forest Glen.

M. Drummond, Principal

A. Beddoe, Vice-Principal

Greening the Glen

The Forest Glen Greening Committee needs your help...

The “**Greening the Glen**” initiative began with a critical look at our school grounds. There is great potential and we are planning an enhanced learning environment through outdoor classroom areas, natural gardens, forest groves for enhanced shade and play areas on our current school yard. Stay tuned for further information.

This big project has been broken into small tasks. Please consider where you can help. Help is needed in the following areas:

- contacting corporate sponsors (perfect opportunity for those who can't volunteer during school hours)
- in-school fundraising campaigns
- planning Earth Week activities
- planting day
- front of school beautification (This group will meet Thursday April 2 at 10:30am and is looking for help with garden design)

This initiative will make a lasting impact on our school community, your help is needed.

Please email forestglenvolunteers@gmail.com to get involved.

Safe School Arrival

Please call our Attendance Check number at **(519) 570-8080 x3284** when your child is absent. This number is accessible any time. **Please do not leave an attendance message in the child's teacher's voicemail.** Students are required to provide a written note excusing their absence. **We do track chronic lates and absences and take the appropriate measures needed.**

Student Safety Reminders

We have a lot of traffic in our parking lot before and after school.



If you are dropping off students, please:

- park in a spot at the back of the parking lot (the (former) pool end)
- **pull as far forward toward the field as possible before letting your children out**
- try to **arrive before 8:15.**
- bring your patience please

After the bell is one of the busiest times in the parking lot. Letting students out closer to the school causes significant backups and vehicles swerving to get around each other.

Once your child is dropped off, please complete the circle by driving towards the baseball diamond and up the far side of the parking lot. This way we do not have vehicles trying to go in both directions in a very narrow space.

The front driveway is for busses, emergency vehicles and delivery vehicles only. Please do not drive or park in the front driveway.

Your children are doing an excellent job of acting predictably and doing as we ask so that they stay safe. We insist that drivers in the parking lot do the same.

Thank you Strong Start donors

The Forest Glen community would like to thank **Josslin Insurance Brokers Ltd.**, and **Gore Mutual Insurance Company Foundation** for their generous donations to the Strong Start reading program.

Strong Start is a registered charity, and the programs are made possible through the financial support of our donors. Strong Start is an early literacy intervention program that helps our young students learn to read.

Thank you again for helping make a difference in the lives of our young learners.

EQAO 2014

Grade 3 and 6 students will participate in the yearly Ontario EQAO literacy and numeracy assessments. **Grade 6 students will complete their assessments from May 25 to 28. Grade 3 students will complete their assessments from June 1 to June 4.** Please help them to achieve their best success by ensuring that students eat and sleep well, arrive at school on time each day and are encouraged to show their best work. It is crucial to schedule appointments and other commitments around the three test days for each grade. We appreciate any rescheduling that needs to take place.

Class Placements

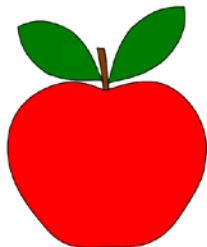
As we look to next year, there are a number of factors, which are considered when making class placements. The list includes:

- gender
- academic level
- learning style
- emotional needs
- special needs
- peer relationships

We attempt to balance the classes using these factors. It is a complex process that includes the input from a variety of staff. We ask that any specific **parental requests** be presented, **in writing, to Mr. Drummond by April 30. Please avoid requests for specific teachers.** Thank you!

Healthy Snacks program

Thank you to **Absolute Fitness and Personal Training** and our **School Council** for sponsoring our healthy snacks program. These generous donations help us to provide fresh apples and cheese for students when they need a little extra nourishment or forget their lunch.



Music Notes

On February 25th, the grade 3-6 classes enjoyed a trip to see the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony perform at the Centre in the Square. This free "Link Up" concert included a pre-concert visit from a member of the orchestra, workbooks for each student and the opportunity for the students to learn in class how to sing/play recorder along with the concert songs so they could perform that day.



"What's that I hear?" If you're walking past the music room these days, it may be the grade 4 or 4/5 classes playing a tune on the recorder, the 5/6 classes singing along with their ukuleles or the grade 7 and 8 classes strumming their guitars. The grades 3 and 3/4 classes will soon be using small percussion instruments and glockenspiels to build their own musical compositions to perform!

Forest Glen's ARTS GALA 2015 is coming! Please mark the date of Tuesday, April 21st on your calendar for the evening performance. Audition information will be given to students prior to March Break.

Forest Glen's Kodaly Choir is busily working at learning the fifteen songs they will be performing at the Kodaly Festival on Tuesday, May 5 at the Centre in the Square. They attended their first area rehearsal on February 26th where they practiced many of the songs with several other schools and the guest conductor for the festival.

Music Activities Council (M.A.C.) successfully hosted another M.A.C. Hangout on February 6th. They are currently organizing a Kindergarten music colouring activity, a Junior M.A.C. Hangout and a Name That Tune competition. Great work, MAC'ers!

Any grade 7 and 8 students who are interested in singing in an Intermediate ensemble for the Arts Gala are invited to come out 1st break on Day 2's.

Any students interested in testing for their Recorder Karate Belts are invited to come at the beginning of 1st break on Day 1's.

Athletics Corner



February saw the end of the varsity basketball season. Our boys and girls teams had a good season with some tough games. All of the members worked hard to develop their skills and showed well in a very difficult league. Thanks to Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Weicker, Mrs. Yantzi and Ms. Annisette for their time and effort with the girls' team and to Mr. Wilson with the boys' team.

With the Grade 7 and 8 season over, the Grade 6's are going to have their basketball season. They will be attending practices and learning skills for a tournament to be held in April.

Our Athletic Council has been busy with fun intramural activities. Earlier in the month they planned and ran a Winter Carnival for all the Grade 1 to Grade 8 students. It was a fantastic event with lots of fun activities such as sled pulling, Frozen trivia, an obstacle course and snow dancing! Lots of fun to be had!

With the coming of spring, the Falcons are starting to think about outdoor activities. Track and field season is quickly approaching. We are excited about our upcoming school track and field meet on Tuesday, May 12th. The format for track and field is changing a bit this year as we are taking all of our Grade 4 to 8 students to Seagram Stadium on the Wilfred Laurier University campus for our school meet. It will be an exciting day of fun and athletics. We welcome any parents to come and join us as spectators as there will be lots of seating, and hopefully some great spring weather. More information on track and field will follow in the coming weeks.

Region of Waterloo Library News

Puppets Elora: Frog Prince and Stone Soup will be at the Library on **Tuesday, March 17, 10:30 – 11:30** in the Ernie Ritz Room. Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. This is a family friendly event and all ages are welcome.

No Peanut or Tree Nut Products



Several of our students have severe life-threatening allergies. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes as the child's airway is closed. We are aware of people in our school who are allergic to peanuts, tree nuts, eggs, milk, sea food and insect stings.

Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, please send foods to school that are **free from peanut or tree nut products**. If your child has a severe allergy or medical condition, please let us know. We must have a plan for every child with severe allergies. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Important Dates

March Break

- Mar 16 - 20

School Council

- Monday, March 30, 6:30 pm

Good Friday – no school

- April 3

Easter Monday – no school

- April 6

Alyson Schafer Parent Evening

- April 9, 7:00 pm

Fancy Day

- April 10

PA Day – no school for students

- April 17

Arts Gala

- April 21

Hep B/HPV Immunizations

- April 21

Crazy Hair Day

- April 24