



The Echo

Forest Glen Public School



A caring community where learning, respect,
and responsibility come together.

Website: <http://fgl.wrdsb.ca>
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: **Mrs. L. Martin**
Office Staff: **Mrs. K. Witmer**
Mrs. K. Harvey

September 2015



Welcome back! We are excited to start another school year. As the principals of our school, we are very thrilled to be back and look forward to meeting and working with all of you to make this the best school it can be. We look forward to meeting all of the new students and being re-acquainted with all of our returning students. Together we make **Forest Glen Public School** a great place to be! We also look forward to working with our students, staff and families as we continue to bring our mission statement to life. It is, **Forest Glen - a caring community where learning, respect, and responsibility come together.**

A very special **thank you** goes out to our fabulous custodians, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Ricketts who have been working diligently during the summer months to prepare for September. The teachers have enjoyed their holidays and have been busy preparing their classrooms and programs for their eager students. As a staff, we are motivated and committed to providing the best possible learning opportunities for all students to achieve success.

Thank you, also, to our wonderful secretaries, Mrs. Witmer and Mrs. Harvey for all their work to get us ready to begin another school year. And we are excited to be welcoming our new vice-principal, Mrs. Martin, who comes to us from Kitchener, and will be twinned with Sir Adam Beck Public School this year.

Let's have a fantastic year together! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 519-662-2830.

Mark Drummond, Principal.

Lisa Martin, Vice Principal

Bell Times 2015 - 16

8:10-8:20	Supervision of students
8:20	Entry Bell for <u>ALL</u> students (JK-Grade 8)
8:20	Instructional Day begins
10:20-11:00	Nutrition Break 1
12:30-1:10	Nutrition Break 2 (Home)
2:40	School Dismissal

Staffing News

Welcome to Forest Glen ...

Mr. Walkey	Phys. Ed
Miss Seymour	Gr 1, Kdgn
Miss Poniatowski	Gr 1
Ms. Wetherup	Gr 4/5
Mrs. Spry	Kdgn
Mrs. McCleave	Kdgn EA
Mrs. McIntyre	Kdgn EA
Mrs. Martin	Vice Principal
Mr. Dibben	Gr 7
Mrs. Dippel	Gr 8

School Council 2015 - 16

The first meeting of the Forest Glen School Council will be held on **Monday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m.** in the school library. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. It's a great way to meet your neighbours and learn about your school. ***Please come and try us out!***

SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2014 - 15

School: Forest Glen P.S. Principal: Mark Drummond
School Council Chair: Colleen Huras

Accomplishments of School Council 2014 - 15:

- **Guest speaker** brought in with collaboration with the other 2 schools in our community (two school boards)
- Organized three successful **fundraisers** (QSP magazines, Read-a-thon, and Gardening, seed sales) to support bussing costs, classroom libraries and greening initiative.
- Formed several **sub-committees** to better utilize our human resources – greening, fundraising, year book, book fair, family nights, grant research, and WRAPC
- Hosted a community **movie night** – donations to local food bank at resource center
- **Greening the Glen** school greening initiative for outdoor classroom and yard improvements
- **Swim to Survive** program for gr. 3 and 7 students
- Organized and ran the **Scholastic Book Fair**
- Began planning for **Family Math Night** for implementation this year

Pick up and Drop off of Children

For the safety of our students, especially our younger children, we ask that parents drive right into the **back** of the **parking lot and let students off by the far gate (past the pool)** or as close to the back playground as possible. *Please, do not block traffic by letting students out close to the primary entrance.* **Please keep the bus loading loop free of cars!** If you park, please supervise your children as they cross the parking lot. We ask that **ALL children gather in the back** of the school before the arrival bell, where teachers are on supervision duty. No primary students should be left unsupervised by the primary doors.



Safe School Arrival

Please call our Attendance Check number at **(519) 570-8080 x3284** as soon as possible when your child is going to be **absent or late** (due to appointments). This number is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Students MUST check in at the office if they arrive late, after 8:20 AM. They will receive a late slip which they must hand in to the teacher. Student absences and lates are monitored, and chronic absences and lates will be addressed. It is really important to strive to be on time each day!

Planners

Students in grades 1- 8 will require the use of a planner. These daily agenda books are an excellent tool for ongoing communication between home and school. Students are asked to bring the planner home each night and to school each day to record important information about assignments, projects and tests. School planners are available for **\$6.00** each. More information about the sale of planners will be sent home in the near future.

Forms to Be Returned

Please have a careful look at all the items sent home today. Sign (as required) and return the following to your child's teacher **no later than Friday, September 11th, 2015**

- ☆ **Data Verification Form** (white - signed & returned). **Please note that your emergency contacts on this form will be the individuals that will be called for attendance check and emergency school closure.**
- ☆ **Anaphylaxis Management** (return only if your child has an anaphylactic medical concern)
- ☆ **Notification and Permission for the use of student personal information** (white-signed & returned).

NO PEANUT PRODUCTS, *please!*

Please be aware that 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. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, please send foods to school that are **free from peanut products, including products that resemble peanut butter, such as Wow Butter. If your child has a severe allergy or medical condition, please notify the office immediately.**

Crossing Guard Times

Crossing Guards will be in place at the following times and locations.

Waterloo St. & Forrest Ave.
7:45 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
12:30 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.
2:40 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

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2:40 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Leaving School Property

No students are allowed to leave school property without yours and our knowledge. If your gr 7/8 child is leaving to purchase lunch (only at our second Nutrition Break (12:30 - 1:10) **a dated note is required every time.** Your child will be required to take it to the office where it will be filed as they sign out.

Students who leave at the second nutrition break **must return by 1:10 p.m.**

Water and Healthy Snacks

We encourage drinking water and eating fresh fruits and vegetables during class to assist learning. Feel free to send these with your child each day.



Important Dates

Picture Days (Class & Individual Pictures)

- September 18
- Bring your brightest smile

Immunization

- Monday, September 21
- Gr. 7 – Meningitis & Hep B
- Gr. 8 – HPV (Girls)

QSP Magazine Fundraising Assembly

- Monday, September 28

First School Council Meeting 2015 - 16

- Monday, September 21 at 6:30 pm

Family Math Night

- Thursday, Oct 1

Thanksgiving

- Monday, October 12 - no school

Personal Property

IPods, cell phones or any electronic devices, valuable jewelry, sums of money, valuable apparel or other treasured possessions should not come to school. **Please leave these items at home. If it is necessary to bring phones to and from school for safety reasons, please encourage your child to hand them in to the office for safe keeping.** Items brought to school and used inappropriately during the school day will be confiscated and held at the office until the end of the day. We are developing a BYOD procedure (bring your own device) and will communicate this once we have it established.



Strong Start

Our Grade 1 and SK students are lucky to have the support of trained volunteers to help when they need a boost in their reading skills. These volunteers work with one student at a time for half an hour a week over several weeks. **Please contact the school if you are interested in volunteering to help.**

Safe Welcome

The first priority of everyone in our school community is the safety of our students. September 2014 marked the beginning of the new Safe Welcome program at **Forest Glen Public School** and all other schools in WRDSB. Our Safe Welcome system went 'live' on Oct 1, 2014. This means that all visitors (parents, vendors, and central Board staff, etc.) to our school will have access to the school through the main doors using an intercom system. **All doors are locked all day.** The Safe Welcome system will integrate the needs of before/after school programs.

Forest Glen Public School staff will monitor the intercom. Your support in keeping our children safe and your patience when we are unable to respond immediately is appreciated. It will be important that all students arrive on time for school.

Before/After School Care

We are happy to continue offering before and after-school care in our school. Child care is available from 7:00-8:20 a.m. and 2:40-6:00 p.m. for each school day and on professional activity days for Kindergarten to Grade 2 students. Childcare is available from 2:40-6:00 p.m. each school day and on professional activity days for Gr. 3-6 students. Parents can **register** for care via the WRDSB website.

School Website

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Please keep an eye on the school website listed above and at the top of the newsletter for **updates**. We encourage you to **subscribe to the website**. If you are a subscriber, any posts to the website will come automatically to the email you provide.