



# 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 (#1 for attendance)

Attendance Email: [fgl-attendance@wrdsb.ca](mailto:fgl-attendance@wrdsb.ca)

Transportation Website: [www.stswr.ca](http://www.stswr.ca)

Principal: **Mrs. T. Kaufman**

Vice-Principal: **Mrs. K. Reay**

Office Staff: **Mrs. K. Witmer**

**Mrs. S. Pietras-Gorczewski**

## Happy New Year 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! We hope all of our families had an exciting and wonderful holiday break! We are excited to be back at school and look forward to the rest of the school year!

December was a busy and exciting month here at Forest Glen! There were special days such as Red and Green Day, Favourite Sock Day, Class Colour Day, Winter Wonderland Day and Pajama Day.

As we continue to experience the joys of Canadian winter weather, we want to remind families about a few important safety issues. In particular, we want to remind students to be extra careful when walking to and from school and staying off of roads, even when sidewalks may be difficult to navigate. Please take extra precautions when crossing streets to make sure that cars are actually stopped before crossing to ensure that the cars will not slip into intersections. Make sure to cross the street at the cross walk with the crossing guard. It is extremely important that students come to school prepared with appropriate clothing (hats, mittens/gloves, winter coat, snow pants, and boots) in order to be prepared to be outside throughout the day. Please do not request that students stay inside due to illness as we do not have the ability to supervise them. On days when we are faced with extreme cold or wind chill conditions, children will be kept inside as per Board Policy.

Please note that our **supervision** in the morning does not begin until **8:05 A.M.** We would ask that students do not arrive at school prior to this time as there is no yard supervision in place. As well, it is not permissible for students to be dropped at the main office prior to this time to be supervised. This is especially important during the winter weather as we do not want students to be standing outside in the cold for extended periods of time. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to our drop-off times.

**Yours in Education,**

*Mrs. T. Kaufman, Principal*

*Mrs. K. Reay, Vice-Principal*

## **Playground Project at Forest Glen**

Forest Glen School Council and the Playground committee is working hard to finalize designs and fundraising initiatives for a new playground structure that will be accessible to students of all ages. The current structure is not usable by Kindergarten students and may reach the end of its lifespan in the next few years. A new structure will allow greater opportunity for ALL students to use the climbers, as well as be a welcome addition to the community in the evenings, weekends, and summer months.

**School Council has set a goal of raising the required \$25,000 balance by the summer of 2022, in order to install the new structure in time for the fall.**

School Council asks that you consider donating to this project through the WRDSB WEFI program (<https://www.wrdsb.ca/wefi/give-the-gift/>). Tax receipts are available, customizable e-cards in honour of a gift are included on the site, and your donations will leave a lasting mark on the Forest Glen and New Hamburg community. Additionally, if you know of any local business or individuals who would like to help sponsor the playground, please contact April Brown at [aprilkathleenbrown@gmail.com](mailto:aprilkathleenbrown@gmail.com)

We thank you for your ongoing support of our community, our students, and their well-being.

-Forest Glen School Council

## **FALCON WEEK AT TWICE THE DEAL PIZZA NEW HAMBURG!**

**January 31 – February 3**

TWICE THE DEAL New Hamburg has graciously agreed to help us with our Fundraising campaign to get Forest Glen Public School a New Playground! Place an order with Twice the Deal anytime during the week of January 31–February 3, and mention you want the FALCON DEAL. Twice the Deal will donate a portion of the proceeds to the playground fund!

Spread the word and enjoy some Pizza!



## **'Mabel's Labels' Playground Fundraiser**

Purchasing 'Mabel's Labels' is another way that families can support the playground fundraiser. Buy 'Mabel's Labels' waterproof, durable labels to help curb germ spread and keep your items coming home! Visit [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and choose Forest Glen from the list.

## **Important Dates**

Welcome Back!	Jan. 17
P.D. Day	Jan. 21
School Council Mtg.	Jan. 24
Twice the Deal Pizza Fundraiser for Playground	Jan. 31- Feb. 3
Report Cards go home	Feb. 16
Family Day	Feb. 21
Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 23
School Council Mtg.	Feb. 28

## **Toonies 4 Tummies Campaign**

Thank you so much to all of our students, staff and families for participating in the "Toonies 4 Food4Kids Tummies" Giving Tuesday campaign. Forest Glen raised \$811.05! That is incredible! Because of the fundraising that Forest Glen did, 81 children received packages of food! Way to go Falcons!



## **HERO Update**

Our HERO Generation project continues this year with a focus on presenting HERO in a way that responds to our current school and broader community needs. Our main goal is to use HERO as a way of creating a sense of school community, particularly given that the pandemic interrupted in-person learning in the past two school years. The ultimate goal is to remind one another of the important role that joy and kindness play in making the Glen an amazing place to grow and learn. Please stay tuned for more HERO news after the break.

## **News from the Library**

Just a reminder that we have some great **Parenting Resources** available in our library for parents to sign out. Books about helping your child with homework, ideas for talking with your children at different stages of life, helping children work through worry, conversations about gender, and awareness around bullying. If you are interested in reading some of these books, feel free to send me an email. I can sign the book out under your child's account and send it home with them, or you can pick it up from the office. To search for titles, go to the WRDSB library, Forest Glen at

[\*\*https://wrdsb.insignials.com/library/Home.\*\*](https://wrdsb.insignials.com/library/Home)

January marks the start of the **Forest of Reading Program**. Forest of Reading is a program created by the Ontario Library Association. Ten books, written by Canadian Authors, are selected for different age groups for the 2022 year. Students have until mid April to read the books and then they get to vote for their favourite one. We will be participating in this program again this year and books will be available for students to enjoy. Mrs. Winter will be introducing the program to students in early January. Ask your child about the great books being offered in this fun reading initiative.

Wishing everyone a year of great reading!  
Mrs. Winter



## **News From the Gym**

It will be so nice to fill the gym with the noise of excitement and energy from winter intramurals (dependent on Public Health guidelines). Starting in January Badminton Club will begin, followed by floor hockey for grade 7&8s. Depending on public health guidelines, cohort to cohort challenges may resume in the new year as well. In addition to extracurricular activities, the pop bottles used for games like skittles are getting a bit tired. If you have any clean used pop bottles please bring them to school in the new year. Although we may not be able to throw snowballs at school, we can throw sock balls in a fun Japanese inspired game called Yuki Ball. If you have any clean old socks instead of throwing them out please donate them to the Glen to help create "sockpile" of sock snowballs for Yuki Ball!

Remember- "Once a Falcon, always a Falcon!"  
Mr Walkey

## **Parking Lot Safety**

Please continue to exercise caution when dropping off and picking up your student at Forest Glen. Students are to be dropped off at the back of the parking lot in the designated "drop off zone" (near the pathway that leads through the rear gate). Follow the directional arrows to reduce congestion and minimize the possibility of a collision. If you choose to park across the street from the school, please utilize the crossing guard at the corner of Waterloo Street and Forrest Avenue.

## **Drop off and Pick up of Students**

Thank you to all of our parents for wearing your masks when dropping off and picking up your child(ren). Thank you for being a great role model to all of our students. Just a reminder that when you arrive on the school property, your child should line up with their class. Please refrain from standing beside them in line, as that causes you to be too close to other students. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

## **Safe School Arrival**

Just a quick reminder to please call our Attendance Check number at **(519) 662-2830, option 1 or email [fgl-attendance@wrdsb.ca](mailto:fgl-attendance@wrdsb.ca)** when your child is going to be **absent or late**. This number is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## **School Council 2021 – 22**

School Council met virtually in November. Thank you to Natalie McAleese who has accepted the Secretary position on the executive. We are still looking for a School Council chair, as well as, someone to fill the Treasurer role.

Our next meeting will be held virtually on Monday January 24th at 6:30. Please email [forestglenvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:forestglenvolunteers@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending our next School Council meeting.

## **Partial French Immersion**

Any parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten children who are interested in Grade One of the Partial French Immersion Program 2022, must complete a registration form on the WRDSB website. **The French Immersion registration process will be held January 5<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> on the WRDSB website at [www.wrdsb.ca](http://www.wrdsb.ca).** If you have any questions related to the Partial French Immersion registration, please call the Learning Services secretary for Languages at 519-570-0003 x 4267

## **Kindergarten Registration- Sept.**

### **2022**

Any child who was born in 2017 or 2018 and lives in the Forest Glen catchment area of the school is eligible to attend Kindergarten. Information about Kindergarten Registration will be shared through various advertising streams beginning in January 2022.

Families will be able to register online any time after January 10, 2022, at [www.wrdsb.ca/register](http://www.wrdsb.ca/register).

Note: Children who are currently attending Forest Glen in our Junior Kindergarten program do not need to register for the Senior Kindergarten program.



## **Before and After School Programs**

### **2021-22**

Looking for child care? The WRDSB provides high quality before and after school programs for children in JK to Grade 6. Registration will open in the new year. A minimum number of pre-registrations are required to operate these programs. Schools will notify families in May if the program will not operate.

#### Program Highlights:

Available Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., conveniently located at your school

Ongoing registration with no waitlists

Program operates during P.D. Days, March break, and winter break. All programs are subsidy eligible. Nutritional snacks are provided

Age-appropriate, high-quality programming

OneList Portal opens for registration for Before and After School Programs for the 2022-23 school year. Parents can register

at; [regionofwaterloo.onehsn.com/wrdsb](http://regionofwaterloo.onehsn.com/wrdsb)

Parents can learn more about WRDSB Before and After School Programs

at <https://www.wrdsb.ca/beforeafter/>

## **Weather Related Cancellations**

During the winter season we may encounter unusual or severe weather conditions that can lead to the cancellation of transportation and school closures. A reminder of the change in policy that if transportation is cancelled, all schools will be closed and staff and students will participate in on-line learning that day.

If weather conditions result in transportation cancellation or school closures, there will be announcements made on the local radio stations and also on the Board website [www.wrdsb.ca](http://www.wrdsb.ca)

