



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
Transportation Website: www.stswr.ca

Principal: **Mrs. T. Kaufman**
Vice-Principal: **Mrs. K. Reay**
Office Staff: **Mrs. K. Witmer**
Mrs. S. Pietras-Gorczweski

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school year continues to fly by and it is hard to believe that we are already heading into March!

Looking ahead, we want to let parents of Grade 3 and 6 students know that EQAO Testing is tentatively scheduled to take place once again this Spring. More information will be sent out as soon as we receive it. Specific dates will be sent out shortly to ensure that parents and students in Grades 3 and 6 are aware of their assigned dates to write the test. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

We would like to wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable March Break! We are hoping for some warmer weather and sunnier days when we return on March 21st!

Thank you for being diligent in completing the COVID screening for your child(ren) every morning before they come to school. Please continue to monitor the WRDSB website and the school website for any updates on COVID protocols and screening.

Yours in Education,

Mrs. T. Kaufman, Principal

Mrs. K. Reay, Vice Principal

Moving?

Please keep us informed of any changes for next year. We are beginning to plan for September. It is important for us to know the accurate number of students in all grades for next year. If you will be moving or plan to move prior to the start of the next school year, please call the office or let your child's teacher know. With the cap on numbers, it is more important than ever that we have accurate information. Mrs. Witmer or Mrs. Pietras-Gorczweski will be happy to take your information. Please call the office at 519-662-2830, option 3.

Daylight Saving Time- Spring Ahead

Sunday morning, March 13th at 2:00 a.m. marks the beginning of Daylight Saving Time for this year. You and your family will need to set your clocks AHEAD by one hour.

Why, you ask? The point of Daylight Saving is to take advantage of the greatest amount of sunlight each day. Sunlight is not being "saved," but clocks are being shifted to match the sun. That's why we "spring forward" and "fall back" every year. So . . . Don't forget to adjust your clocks before you go to bed on Sat. Mar. 12th.



Important Dates

Daylight Savings Time	Mar. 13
March Break	Mar. 14-18
Virtual Book Fair ends	Mar. 31
Good Friday – no school	Apr. 15
Easter Monday- no school	Apr. 18

2021-2022 Forest Glen Yearbooks! **Get Your 2021-2022 Forest Glen Yearbook!**

That's right! Our dedicated team of student committee members and teacher advisors are ready to make this a year to remember! We will be using the rest of this school year to complete the yearbook so it will be in your hands next fall.

How do I order one of these fabulous mementos of 2021-2022?

- Please stay tuned for a School-day email with ordering information. Yearbooks will be \$20 and will feature full page spreads devoted to each class, spirit days, school events, graduation tributes, and so much more!

How can students be a part of this collection of memories?

- Again, stay tuned to find out more about our **yearbook cover contest!** Also, please continue to take part in our awesome spirit days!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Teskey

School Council 2021 – 22

School Council meetings continue to look a little different this year. We met virtually on Feb. 28th.

Our next meeting will be held later on in the spring. Watch for information regarding the date.

Outdoor Education News

Last week staff from the WRDSB Outdoor and Environmental Education Department visited Forest Glen to install a Monarch Waystation and begin work on a school site Tree Audit, all with the help of our wonderful students!

These are board-wide initiatives meant to create ecological learning spaces, while also enriching our school yards with more diverse opportunities for play and greater access to nature.

We are really excited about the Monarch Waystation! Monarchs are an endangered species in North America. They have had a 90% population decline in the last 25 years. Habitat loss and less Milkweed in rural landscapes is the leading problem. In urban areas we can offset this loss by planting Monarch Waystations, spaces meant to recreate the habitat needs for these iconic butterflies.

To learn more about both projects visit the [Outdoor and Environmental Education Department website](#) or check out [this video](#) where our own Sean McCammon explains all about Monarch Waystations.

HERO News

Falcons are HEROES everyday whether we are learning in person or virtually. Our character trait focus for January was JOY. What brings you joy? Where do you see joy everyday? Upon our return to school, KINDNESS became our focus. Random Acts of Kindness Day was February 17th. Students wrote observations of where they see kindness and how they spread kindness daily. The RAOK thoughts were posted on our RAOK bulletin board for everyone to see. Kindness is an important aspect of putting a Stop to Bullying. Falcons participated in Pink Shirt Day on February 23rd, remembering that it is important to say No to all types of bullying, including physical, verbal, emotional and cyber bullying. We look forward to hearing more announcements and reports of random acts of kindness on "News from the Nest", our morning show broadcasted by grade 8 students on Mondays and Fridays!

School Safety

Just a reminder to please cross the street at a corner where a crossing guard is there to assist you. Waterloo St. is a busy street and it is dangerous to cross the street at a spot other than one of the corners. There is a crossing guard at the corner of Waterloo St. and Forrest Ave., as well as, Waterloo St. and Steinman St.

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** when your child is going to be **absent or late**. This number is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Library News

The Forest of Reading program is in full swing at Forest Glen P.S.. Kindergarten to grade 2 students are enjoying 10 awesome picture books written by Canadian authors and will get a chance to vote for their favourite book. It will be a tough choice since there are some great ones!!!

Students from grades 3 to 8 have the opportunity to read 10 Canadian author books geared to their age group. The Silver Birch Express, Silver Birch Fiction, Yellow Cedar and Red Maple books are proving to have a few titles that are sure winners. It will be exciting to see what students at Forest Glen, and all across Ontario, select as the top Forest of Reading winners.

If you want more information about any of these programs, feel free to send Mrs. Winter an email or check out the Forest Glen Library Website.

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Winter

Gym News

Winter is in full swing here at The Glen, which means outdoor snowy fun and racquet sports. Our primary grades love gym time outside. Exploring different snow "mountains", creating the largest snowball or taking a leap off our very snowy snow hill. Our intermediate students prefer to stay warm playing Pickleball and Badminton. The 7&8s competed in ladder tournaments with many epic rallies, some great diving shots and even a little trickery to climb their way to the top spot. Intramurals have started again and we are looking at pathways for interschool sports. Please look at ongoing and new school day messages for the latest information. We are looking forward to more opportunities coming shortly. Please stay tuned!
Mr. Walkey

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 has been shared through various advertising streams.

Registration began on January 10, 2022, at 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 2022-23

Looking for child care? The WRDSB provides high quality before and after school programs for children in JK to Grade 6. Registration is now open. 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 is open for registration for Before and After School Programs for the 2022-23 school year. Parents can register at; regionofwaterloo.onehsn.com/wrdsb
Parents can learn more about WRDSB Before and After School Programs at <https://www.wrdsb.ca/beforeafter/>

Weather Related Cancellations

Hopefully our winter weather is almost behind us and spring is around the corner. Just a reminder that if weather conditions result in transportation cancellation, all WRDSB schools will be closed to staff and students. It will be a Weather Impacted Learning Day and students will participate in asynchronous learning for the day. There will be announcements made on the local radio stations and also on the Board website www.wrdsb.ca

