



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**
Attendance Email: fgl-attendance@wrdsb.ca
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Principal: **Mrs. T. Kaufman**
Office Staff: **Mrs. K. Witmer**
Mrs. S. Pietras-Gorczewski

Fall 2023



Welcome back! We want to welcome all of you to the 2023-2024 school year. We hope that everyone had a wonderful and safe summer and you are excited to be back at school! We are excited to embark on a new school year and look forward to providing a safe and caring learning environment where we treat all who walk through our doors with kindness and respect! Please read all of the information in this newsletter carefully, as it contains a lot of information.

Our Meet the Teacher Night will be held on Tuesday, September 12th, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity for parents and guardians to visit their child's classroom and say hello to their child's teacher.

The teachers have been working hard to prepare for all of our "Falcons" to arrive and are excited to welcome them into their classrooms. A special thank you to our custodial staff, Mrs. Ricketts, Mrs. Ivanisevic, and Ms. Schmidt who worked diligently during the summer months to prepare for September. The school looks great and it was a real team effort to make sure it was ready for opening day! Thank you also to our wonderful secretaries, Mrs. Witmer and Mrs. Pietras-Gorczewski. They have worked hard to make sure everything was organized and ready for the new school year! Thanks to the efforts of many people, we look forward to a successful start-up and are excited about the upcoming year!

As parents, we understand how important open communication is between home and school. Please feel free to call us or your child's teacher to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about your child. We look forward to working with you this year!

Looking forward to a great school year!

Mrs. T. Kaufman, Principal

Staff Changes

We have some staff changes as we begin the new school year. We are happy to welcome the following new staff members to Forest Glen:

Mrs. Gerber- Kindergarten
Mrs. Cordeiro- Grade 2/3
Mrs. Peters- Kindergarten Planning Teacher
Ms. Murray- Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. Ackland- Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. Silvera- Early Childhood Educator
Miss Kneisel -Early Childhood Educator

Welcome to Forest Glen!

Bell Times 2023 - 24

8:05-8:20	Supervision of students
8:18	Warning 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
2:40	School Dismissal

Important Dates

P.D. Day – no school for students	Sept. 5
Welcome Back! First day of School	Sept. 6
Welcome Back Assembly	Sept. 8
Meet the Teacher Night 6:00– 7:30 pm	Sept. 12
School Council Mtg.- 6:30 p.m.	Sept. 18
Terry Fox Run	Sept. 22
Photo Day	Sept. 26
PD Day	Oct. 6
Thanksgiving Day	Oct. 9
School Council Mtg.	Oct. 16



School Council 2023 - 24

School Council typically meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 pm in the library. The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday September 18.

Safety Drills

We are mandated to conduct various safety drills throughout the school year, including fire drills, violent intruder drills and tornado drills. These drills allow us to practise our procedures should an emergency situation ever arise. The drills will occur throughout the school year, and several of those drills will be conducted during the month of September.

Photo Day

Photo day will be on Tuesday, September 26th. More information will be sent home through School Day.

Celebrations

Due to allergies and our promotion of healthy eating, we ask that food is not sent in for whole classes for birthdays etc. If you wish to send something to celebrate, please consider items such as fun pencils, erasers etc.

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** or as close to the back playground as possible. **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 at the back** of the school before the arrival bell, where teachers are on supervision duty.



NO NUT PRODUCTS, please!

Please be aware that several of our students have severe **life-threatening allergies** that cause 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 nut 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.**

School Day

Once again, parents will have the option of ordering and paying for trips, hot lunches etc. on-line using School Day.

Lost and Found

We always end up with numerous items in our Lost and Found bins within a few short weeks of school starting. It would be very helpful if coats, sweatshirts, gym clothes etc. would be labelled with student names inside. This would help to minimize the number of items in our Lost and Found and ensure students aren't losing items of clothing. Thank you for considering this.

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.
2:40 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Waterloo St. & Steinman St.
7:45 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
2:40 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Safe School Arrival

Please call the school **as soon as possible** when your child is going to be **absent or late**. Just call the school number- 519 662-2830 and press 1 for attendance. This number is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also email attendance information to fgl-attendance@wrdsb.ca

Students MUST check in at the office if they arrive late, after 8:20 AM. Students will sign in and a staff member will accompany your child to class if necessary. 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!

There are times when students forget their lunch or backpack. If this happens, please buzz at the main office door and we will have the student pick it up here in the office. Also, please remember that if you are here volunteering, **sign out** in the office before you leave. It is important that the staff is aware of any visitors in the school. This helps to keep all of our students safe.

Leaving School Property

Students are not allowed to leave school property without written parent permission. If *your child is leaving to purchase lunch* 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 will not be able to call home for verbal permission.**

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

News from the Library

Welcome to another year of reading in our Forest Glen Library! I look forward to having your child(ren) visit the library often. The library will be open Monday to Friday from 8:20 a.m. to 1:40 p.m.

We encourage students to visit the Library Learning Commons from home at: <https://wrdsb.insignails.com/>

You will find an extensive online collection of research tools, our e-book collection and streamed media tools.

Students are responsible for the books that they borrow from the library. To avoid loss or damage, we encourage students to:

- Carry books in a book bag (bags provided for students in Kindergarten to grade 3)
- Keep food and liquids away from books
- Store books in a safe place away from young children and pets.
- Return all books by or before the 3 week loan period

If a book becomes lost or damaged, please notify Mrs. Winter. A small fee will be charged to help with some of the replacement cost. The fees are standard and are as follows:

Soft cover book: \$5.00 Hard cover book: \$10.00

Parents are welcome to stop in at the library to sign out a book from our Parent Resource section.

I am looking forward to a great year in the Forest Glen Library!

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Winter, Library Clerk

Personal Property

We recommend that cell phones or any electronic devices, valuable jewelry, sums of money, valuable apparel or other treasured possessions 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 be advised that your child is responsible for the phone. Phones must be turned off and left in your child's locker for the entire day.** Items brought to school and used inappropriately during the school day will be held at the office until the end of the day.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be running again this year at Forest Glen on Wednesday mornings. Volunteers are needed in order for this program to run. Please call the school if you are able to help out.

Bikes and Scooters

Walking or biking to school is a great idea! Just a reminder to please walk all bikes and scooters once you arrive at the edge of the school property. This helps to keep everyone safe.

Dogs on Property

Pets are a welcome part of many of our families' homes but please remember that some students may be fearful of animals or possibly allergic. For the protection of all of our students and parents, **we ask that dogs not be brought onto school property during school hours or during school events.** We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



Student Drop off Times:

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 or their classroom prior to this time to be supervised. This is especially important during inclement weather as we do not want students to be standing outside in the rain/cold for extended periods of time. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to our drop-off times.

Medication at School

If your child requires medication (ie. Epi-pen, puffer, etc.) at school, you must provide the school with a properly completed medication form available through the school office. Board policy also requires that all medication be kept in a locked cupboard in the office. Parents, with children who have life-threatening allergies, requiring an epi-pen, are asked to make sure this information has been communicated to the office.

Student Accident Insurance

Each year, thousands of families are left unprotected when their children are injured at school or while participating in non-school activities. The Insuremykids Protection Plan costs just pennies a day and provides financial protection for expenses not normally covered under government health or group insurance plans. You can apply online now at www.insuremykids.com

Strong Start

Our Grade 1 and SK students are fortunate to have the support of trained volunteers to help with their reading skill development. 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.**



Strong Start to reading
"Making a difference in the life of a child"

School Website

<http://fgl.wrdsb.ca>

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.

