



The Echo

Forest Glen Public School

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



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Happy New Year 2024

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; Hat, Mitts and 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

Just a reminder to please call or email the attendance line if your child is going to be away or arriving late. The attendance line is available 24 hours a day. By calling the attendance line, it helps the office to ensure that all students are accounted for in a timely manner. You can call (519) 662-2830, option 1 or email fgl-attendance@wrdsb.ca

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.



Green Team News

The Eco-Team had a rebranding this fall. The team decided it was time for a new name. We came up with a list of possible new names and classes voted for their favourite. As a result our new name is, the Green Team. The grade 4-6 students are full of ideas to help make Forest Glen a greener and more environmentally friendly place.

The team's first initiative, in partnership with School Council, was The Holiday Marketplace. This has become an annual tradition students look forward to at Forest Glen. The event is an opportunity for students to purchase items to give to the people in their household. Many students, parents and staff sorted, and donated items, helped students purchase and wrap presents.

Holiday Marketplace raised \$2138 which will be shared between the Wilmot Family Resource Centre and the Breakfast Club.

Many thanks to the Green Team, volunteers and the Forest Glen Community for supporting this holiday tradition at Forest Glen.

Forest Glen Holiday Food Drive

Thank you all for your generous donations for the Forest Glen Holiday Food Drive! We collected a total of **1243.6lbs** of food!!!! Dave from NoFrills put out a challenge to all of the schools to see who would collect the most food and guess what? Forest Glen won the challenge! We collected the most food out of all of the Wilmot Schools! That is so awesome! Within our school, Class 8-2 collected the most and won the Class Pizza Party! Our contribution will help so many people in our community. Thank you so very much for supporting the Wilmot Family Resource Centre. It is very appreciated!

News from the Library

Forest Glen Public School will again be participating in the **Forest of Reading Program** run by the Ontario Library Association. This program includes **Blue Spruce, Silver Birch Express, Silver Birch Fiction, Yellow Cedar and Red Maple.**

All the reading programs consist of 10 books written by Canadian authors. Students are invited to read 5 to 10 books from the list connected to their grade. They will be reading the same titles, along with thousands of students from across the province. In April, students will have a chance to vote for their favourite book.

This is a great way for students to have a voice that informs authors about what students like to read. It is a great opportunity that we are pleased to be able to offer students at Forest Glen.

I will share more information about this program with all students in January, but in the meantime, feel free to email me anytime with questions.

Happy Reading Falcons!
Mrs. Winter



Important Dates

Welcome Back!	Jan. 8
Stuffed Cheesy Bread Day	Jan. 8
Dental Screening - JK/SK & Gr. 2	Jan. 12
Pita Day	Jan. 15
School Council Mtg. (in person)	Jan. 15
P.D. Day	Jan. 19
Pasta Day	Jan. 22
Panzerotti Day	Jan. 29
Stuffed Cheesy Bread Day	Feb. 5
Pita Day	Feb. 12
Report Cards go home	Feb. 12
Family Day	Feb. 19
Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 23
Pasta Day	Feb. 26
School Council Mtg.	Feb. 26

News from SAC

The SAC crew has had a busy start to the school year. Enriching the school community through events like Terry Fox, Fall Dance, Pretzels for Pogo and mint smoothie sales. Through their efforts the leadership group has raised over \$1000 for POGO and Prostate cancer research. SAC has also been actively encouraging class and school communities through different and fun spirit days. During the last week of December, the group organized 5 different dress up days, classroom olympics, movie and bingo events and a school dance. On behalf of the Forest Glen community, thank you SAC team for all of your hard work, hours of volunteering and commitment to bettering the school experience.

Ms. Carter, Ms. Frey & Mr. Walkey

News from the Gym

That's a wrap on the 2023 sports season at Forest Glen. The falcons finished the year off with some impressive volleyball action. Our girls' squad finished in third place. The girls had amazing team chemistry and made passing look easy. While our boys started slower, but they banded together to create unstoppable attacks and persistent scrappy defense. This year also featured a healthy turnout for drop in volleyball. On average, about 50-60 students would participate each break. Their games featured lots of cheering and entertaining rallies. In all Forest Glen had almost 100 students participate in either team or drop in volleyball. Coming in 2024 is another exciting season of Falcons Basketball. We will feature two intermediate teams and intramurals for grades 5-8. In addition, badminton intramurals and team will start in January. We are happy to announce the 4th annual Forest Glen Badminton classic will return again this year. Thank you to all the parents, teachers and coaches who make athletics possible at Forest Glen.

Way to Go FALCONS!!

Mr. Walkey



Music Notes

The Junior Choir and Intermediate Ensemble both did a wonderful job performing for our Remembrance Day assembly! Since then, both groups have been enjoying getting together to learn some festive music. They will be singing at our holiday assembly on the last day of school. In class, students have been doing lots of singing and are now showing various compositions they have created.

I'm looking forward to more wonderful musical experiences with the amazing Forest Glen Falcons in 2024!

Mrs. Miller

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has been going well! Wednesday mornings are buzzing with excitement as our wonderful volunteers are serving breakfast! Students are so excited to see what healthy foods are being served for breakfast each Wednesday. Our wonderful volunteers from Hillcrest Mennonite Church and Steinmann Mennonite Church know that a healthy breakfast helps fuel a child's brain for learning each day. The staff and students at Forest Glen can't thank the volunteers enough for their kindness and generosity. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Please take note that if buses are cancelled, there will be no breakfast club that day. The volunteers will not be able to come to Forest Glen. Please do not send your child early on a Wednesday if buses are cancelled.

Partial French Immersion

French language programs at the WRDSB begin in Gr. 1, where all students learn French through our Core French Program by listening, speaking, reading and writing. In Gr. 2, students can choose one of two pathways for French language learning. The two pathways are Core French or French Immersion. Students are automatically enrolled in Core French starting in Gr. 1 and will continue on the pathway of Core French, unless families register for French Immersion for Gr. 2. If your child completes French immersion from Grades 2 through 8, they can continue their French pathway in selected high schools.

Phase 1 of the Gr. 2 French immersion application process for students born in 2017 opens on January 10, 2024, and will close on January 31, 2024. Please direct any questions to: frenchprograms@wrdsb.ca

Kindergarten Registration- Sept. 2024

Any child who was born in 2019 or 2020 and lives in the 2024-25 [catchment area](#) of the school is eligible to attend Kindergarten. Information about Kindergarten and Before and After School Registration will be shared through various advertising streams beginning on January 15, 2024.

Announcements for registration for Kindergarten and the Before and After School Program will be made starting Jan. 15, 2024 at <https://www.wrdsb.ca/kindergarten/>.

Following online registration review, families will be invited to the school to meet with the office staff. These meetings are to validate the information contained in the online registration and include a review of original documents.

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



Before and After School Programs 2023-24

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.

Program operates during P.D. Days, March break, and winter break. All programs are subsidy eligible. Nutritional snacks are provided and there is Age-appropriate, high-quality programming.

OneList Portal opens on January 15, 2024 for registration for Before and After School Programs for the 2024-25 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/>



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.

Weather Related Cancellations

During the winter season we may encounter unusual or severe weather conditions that can lead to the cancellation of transportation and/or school closures. If buses are cancelled due to severe weather, schools will remain open unless it is considered unsafe. 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

