



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

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Principal: Mrs. T. Kaufman

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 18th!

Yours in Education,

Mrs. T. Kaufman, Principal

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**. These are accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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.

Important Dates

Panzerotti Lunch	Mar. 4
Airband Show- 6:30 p.m.	Mar. 5
Daylight Savings Time	Mar. 10
March Break	Mar. 11-15
Stuffed Cheesy Bread	Mar. 18
Gr. 8 Year End Photos	Mar. 21
Crossing Guard Appreciation Day	Mar. 22
Pita Pit Day	Mar. 25
Good Friday – no school	Mar. 29
Easter Monday- no school	Apr. 1
Science Fair Set Up 4:30- 6:00	Apr. 3
Science Fair 5:00-7:00 p.m.	Apr. 4
Gr. 7 Immunizations	Apr. 4
Pasta Day	Apr. 8
P.D. Day	Apr. 10
Panzerotti Day	Apr. 15
School Council Mtg.	Apr. 15
Dance A Thon	Apr. 17
Gr. 8- Youth Symposium	Apr. 18
Stuffed Cheesy Bread	Apr. 22
Rain Barrel Pick up at Rec Centre	Apr. 25
Pita Pit Day	Apr. 29



Daylight Saving Time- Spring Ahead

Sunday morning, March 10th 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. 9th.

2023-2024 Forest Glen Yearbooks!

Your 2023-2024 Forest Glen Yearbook is coming! Our dedicated team of Grade 6, 7 and 8 student committee members is 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 ready for you in September.

How do I order my 2023-2024 Yearbook?

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, Grade 8 tribute pages, and more. Ordering will take place on School Day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mme Shantz at andrea_l_shantz@wrdsb.ca.

School Council 2023 – 24

School Council met virtually on Feb. 26th. We are excited to be able to plan fundraising initiatives and events for our school community. Stay tuned for information on our upcoming Dance-a-thon that will be held on April 17th!

Our next meeting will be held in person on April 15th.

Airband Show

Forest Glen is looking forward to our Airband Show on Tuesday March 5. Please join us at 6:30 pm in the gym, to cheer on our Airband groups!

Doors open at 6:00 pm. Admission is \$2.00 per person.

Come and Rock the Nest!



Gym News

There is so much happening in athletics here at Forest Glen.

Firstly, we are celebrating the success of our girls' and boys' basketball teams here at Forest Glen! Both teams have been practicing and putting in long hours in the gym since December, resulting in some impressive victories and outstanding performances. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and teamwork, and we congratulate them on their achievements this year!

As we celebrate the success of our basketball teams, we also want to highlight the upcoming sporting events that will be taking place in the coming weeks. Our school is buzzing with excitement as we prepare for a series of thrilling competitions across various sports, including

- Badminton Team (April 12)
- Dance Team (Late April)
- Wrestling (Late March to End of April)
- Ultimate Frisbee (Early May)
- Track and field (May 14, May 27, June 5)

Stay tuned for more details on the upcoming sporting events, including game schedules, locations, and opportunities to get involved. Let's continue to rally behind our student-athletes and celebrate their achievements both on and off the field.

Go FALCONS!

Mr. Walkey

Science Fair

Calling all Scientists!

The Forest Glen Science Fair will take place on Thursday, April 4th and is open to students in all grades. We had an incredible turnout of projects last year and look forward to seeing what students create and experiment with this year!

Students may purchase a project board from the school for \$5, or use their own. Students who order a board will bring it home on Thursday March 7th. Set up for the Science Fair will take place on Wednesday, April 3rd from 4:30-6:00pm and Thursday April 4th from 7:30-8:15am. Classes will visit the Science Fair throughout the day and the gym will be open for parents and community members to visit from 5:00-6:30 pm on April 4th. Projects may be picked up at 6:30 that evening, or will be available for students to take home on Friday April 5th.

-Mrs. Brown

Music Notes

Our Junior and Intermediate choirs are back rehearsing together!

Any grade 7/8 students are welcome to come have some fun singing on Day 4's at 2nd break!

Any junior students are welcome to come sing on Day 1 at 2nd break. This choir will be performing in an evening outdoor concert with Waterloo Oxford, Baden, Grandview, Wellesley and Sir Adam Beck at W-O on June 5th. As well, some members of the Jr choir will be participating in the Kodaly Concert at Centre in the Square on May 8th!

In Music, many classes will be starting their instrumental units and so at home, you may start to hear about guitar, ukulele or recorders! These are great opportunities for kids to feel musical in a different way, to try out playing an instrument and to build confidence to try other instruments in the future. Thank you for your encouragement and support of our budding musicians.



Chess Club

Mr. Jones and Mrs. Robinson have started a Junior chess club that meets in the library. It is quickly becoming a favourite game of many Falcon students. The Junior Chess Club runs on Day 3 for the whole 1st Nutrition Break.



Breakfast Club

We are so happy to report that the Breakfast Club continues to be an enormous success with our students and we have had a record number of participants this winter! Breakfast Club takes place every Wednesday morning. Doors open at 7:45am (not before!) and all are welcome. Thank you to our fantastic community volunteers from Hillcrest Mennonite Church and Steinmann Mennonite Church for continuing to support nutrition and community building with this opportunity.

Green Team News

The Green Team is blooming with excitement. They hosted the Winter Walk to School Day on February 1st and it was exciting to see parents participate and bring their mug for coffee on a chilly morning. The classes who won the hot chocolate parties for most participation were: Mrs. MacLaurin, Mrs. Leis, Ms. Frey, and Mr. Peters. The class with the most participation and winner of the GOLDEN GLOVE was Mrs. Leis' Grade 1/2 class.

Green Team thanks the Forest Glen community for all the litterless lunches and reusable water bottles we see students using to help us be kind to our planet.

Jump Rope for Heart Update

This year, students from JK to Grade 8 participated in Heart & Stroke's Jump Rope for Heart event. Together, we surpassed our goal and raised \$3075 for the foundation.

For more than 40 years, Jump Rope for Heart has empowered kids to take charge of their heart and brain health. Jump ensures an active, educational event that raises funds in support of Heart & Stroke while motivating kids to practice healthy habits at an early age.

The funds we raised will support research and education that gives kids across Canada the best start to a healthy and happy life.

Thanks for your generosity.

Mrs. Leis, Mrs. MacLaurin, Mrs. Cordeiro, Mrs. Hanson-Barry

Kindergarten Registration- Sept. 2024

Any child who was born in 2019 or 2020 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 8, 2024, 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 2024-25

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.

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. Programming is age-appropriate and high-quality.

OneList Portal is open 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/>

