



January 29, 2026

Dear Forest Park School Families,

Prior to the winter holidays, our school division updated protocols for all our schools, in a continued effort to keep students and staff safe. They are as follows:

1. Main entrances remain unlocked during school hours; other exterior doors remain locked. Exterior doors may be unlocked during break times to allow students access to the school.
2. Clear signage directs visitors to the main office.
3. All visitors are required to check in at the main office and sign in/sign out.
4. Visitors are directed to their destination by office staff or a designated staff member.
5. Students are only released to parents/guardians or individuals authorized by them.

We also reviewed our Emergency Response Plan and reviewed important information. We are required to have a total of 10 fire drills/school year and 2 lockdown drills. We currently have completed 5 and 2 respectively. Our Emergency Evacuation Site is Belmont School, a few short blocks from Forest Park School. Families will be notified of an emergency through email and/or by phone. It remains imperative your contact information stay updated in our system.

The increase of students using social media/gaming and being unsupervised on devices is on the rise. Regularly we are notified by families about concerning texts/photos/interactions after school and on weekends between our students on devices. This past week Constable Shaun, our School Resource Officer, did a social media/gaming presentation to our grade fives. The top three pieces of advice he has for parents is:

1. Devices should be removed from a child's bedroom before bedtime and kept in a safe place
2. Parents should supervise screen time and be sure the parent control is on
3. Screentime/gaming should be limited daily (set a time limit!)

This month our students participated in Bhangra Dance as an added Phys Ed/Movement period. This type of opportunity encourages our students to learn about one another, the cultures of our school, and pride for who we are. In February, our whole school will be participating in Metis Day where students will participate in various activities, both indoor and outdoor, to learn about the Metis culture.

February is Black History Month in Canada when our students will continue to learn about how Black Canadians contributed to our history and past and present notable/famous Black Canadians. During the month we also celebrate I Love to Read. If you would like to come read a favourite story to your child's class, please contact their teacher to make arrangements. We finish the month with our Annual Whole School Birthday Party!

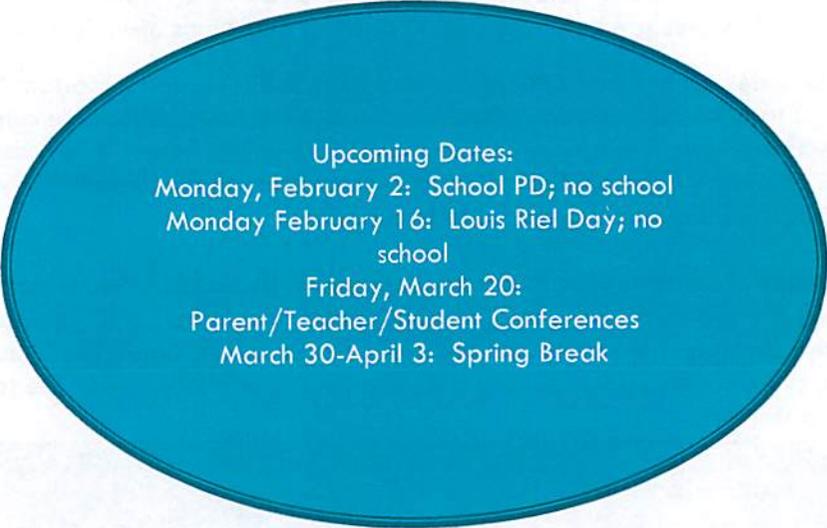
Do you have a child born in 2021? Kindergarten registration will be open on-line on February 23 for the next school year. If you have a neighbor or know someone living in our catchment area, please share this information. Our school website also has updated information.

Our Grade 5 Leadership students are organizing a book exchange for the students at Forest Park School on March 6th during the school day. If there are any gently used books in your home that you no longer want or need, we would gladly take them off your hands. We will be collecting books all throughout the month of February as part of I Love to Read month. There will be a collection box at the front of the school. Our goal is to collect enough books that every student will have a chance to take home a new book. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Take care of yourself, each other and this place.

Sincerely,

Tanya Kohut  
Principal



Upcoming Dates:  
Monday, February 2: School PD; no school  
Monday February 16: Louis Riel Day; no school  
Friday, March 20:  
Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences  
March 30-April 3: Spring Break