

June 26, 2025

Dear Forest Park School Families,

And just like that... another school year wraps up!

We only have a few staffing changes for next year. Cheryl Jackson will be leaving our school division to pursue a leaning support position. We welcome Stephanie Petrachek to our grade 3/4 teaching team. Venice Maglanque, who has been an EA at our school the past few months, is going back to school but will have some availability to sub. Jesse Malloy, our library technician, is going down to half-time in September. We welcome Lisanne Wood to our library, who brings years of experience and a passion for children's literature.

As a staff, we have thoughtfully created next year's classroom communities. If your child is in a multiage classroom, they are likely remaining in the same class as the "older". We had to do some changes to the grades 1-2 classes, as we will have an AM and PM kindergarten next year and Miss Genny is swapping classes and grades with Mrs. Yakiwchuk. We have honored a "friend list" for each student, as well as separated students who will do better meeting new friends. We recognize that change can be difficult for children, but through supportive conversations by school and home, children will gain confidence through this process. You can view your child's report card this afternoon through Parent Connect.

The school office reopens the last week of August. Orientation is Tuesday, September 2 and 3. You can book your orientation appointments the last week of August. The first day of classes for students is Thursday, September 4. Our school website already has the professional development days booked so you can plan for "no school" days, as well as winter and spring break holidays.

If your kids are getting antsy at home and you all need a change in scenery, consider coming to Forest Park School to pull a few weeds and water our garden beds. We recently expanded our Medicine Garden and planted new perennials around our Turtle Garden, thanks to Miss Bela and our students. But two months is long time to go without caring for our plants.

We are welcoming a higher-than-normal amount of kindergarten and new students next year. We have only heard about a handful of families who are moving during the summer. If you have not already let us know that your child will not be returning to Forest Park School in September, please give us a call before the end of June.

Tomorrow kindergarten students are dismissed at 10:30am and grade 1-5 will be dismissed at noon.

Have a safe, restful and adventurous summer! Tag!

Sincerely,