



January 31, 2024

Dear Forest Park School Families,

Tomorrow is the start of February. January is notoriously the hardest month in school, however not this year. Despite the frigid temperatures after our return from Winter Break, we are fortunate to have unseasonably warm winter days. Why is this so impactful in our school? It means our kids can get outside for recess, classroom community walks and land-based learning! Outdoor play has such a significant impact on our students' mood, attention and mindset (and staff as well!). The atmosphere of our school community is greatly affected when the temperatures do not allow us to be outdoors. So January was a big win for us!

Speaking of February... tomorrow we have our Family Fun Night where we welcome Ti-Bert and Douzie to entertain us with their musical and storytelling skills. Our students will be involved in workshops during the school day with them and will have much to share with you by the end of the day. February is I Love to Read Month where our committee and Grade 5 Leadership Group have planned some exciting activities for our community. The month also marks Black History Month with learning opportunities planned. In February we celebrate Louis Riel Day, where many Manitobans participate in Festival du Voyageur. It's Valentine's Day and 100 Days of School during this month. And to finish an already packed short month, we have our Forest Park Big Birthday Party for any student who has a birthday (that means every student gets celebrated). Stay tuned for more information about this event.

Do you have a child born in 2019? If so, your little one is invited to join our Forest Park School family in kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. Registration begins February 26 and is completed on-line. If you require a paper registration, phone the school and Barb can help with that process. More information can be found on the Seven Oaks website. Please share with neighbors if you think they have a child ready for kindergarten.

This Friday there is a divisional pd day. There is no school for students.

Sincerely,

Tanya Kohut