



March 13, 2024

Dear Forest Park School Families,

February went so quickly, it's like a blur! We kicked the month off with our Family Fun Night featuring the musical talents of Tibert and Douzie. The hot food, dancing and opportunity to connect with our community set the tone for the next few weeks. During February, we celebrated Black History Month in unique ways throughout the different classrooms. We had some guest readers in for I Love to Read, we welcomed more new students to our community and we opened registration for next year's kindergarten program. Our students continued to learn, investigate, question, share and celebrate meaningful lessons in their classrooms. We finished the month with a big bang of a party. Our first ever Whole School Birthday Party was such a huge success, the Winnipeg Free Press did an article about it. I overheard a student excitedly remark, as he was leaving the gym from Minute to Win It activities, "This was the best party I've ever been to!"

We look forward to seeing you all at parent/teacher/student conferences tomorrow and Friday. Your child has much to share with you about their successes over the past few months. You will undoubtedly see academic growth in your child! Please take a few minutes to read over your child's report card in advance; you can find it on Parent Connect.

We are planning another family evening at Forest Park, so mark your calendars! On April 11, you are all invited to attend Bring Your Families to School Night. Stay tuned for more information, but the title should be a hint!

Thank you to families who help their children dress for the weather every day. It's that time of the year when you leave the house in the morning and it's still winter jacket weather, but by second nutrition break it's more like light jacket/hoody weather. Our Lake Forest Park is dangerously icy in the morning, but an inviting pool by mid-day. If you are able to provide water resistant boots for your child, as well as slush pants, your child will be thankful. Dressing your child in layers is also helpful. If you give your child all the clothing options in the morning, we can help them make good choices for outdoor learning and play.

Mr. Vince, our day custodian and pretty amazing human, installed a snow blade to his truck this winter. He wakes early on snowy days to clear our parking lot, sidewalks and walking paths around the school. Currently he is pumping water away from our playground so our kids have somewhere safe to play. He goes over and above to keep our school running smoothly throughout the year and we are fortunate to have him on our staff.

Sincerely,

Tanya Kohut