

October 6, 2025

Dear Forest Park School Families,

The end of September brought two significant school events. First, our Pow Wow students participated in a Pow Wow Showcase because the Pow Wow Grad was forced to be cancelled in June due to smoky conditions. Out of all twenty-one schools in our division, our Pow Wow Club had the most students! It was a beautiful day in Kildonan Park that also honored Residential School Survivors and those who never returned. Secondly, we commemorated Orange Shirt Day on September 29 by gifting each of



our students and staff a FP orange shirt. A contest was held in June with all our students and Sophia's art was chosen by staff because it represented "Freedom and all the Residential School Survivors that got out safely". Classroom communities participated in a variety of learning activities that day and we closed our afternoon off with the whole school singing the Bear Song accompanied by room 7 on the drums.

Mark your calendars! Forest Park School is presenting the musical "SQUIRM" at SOPAC on Wednesday, October 29. More details to come!

This month all of our grades 3-5 students will be participating in a phonemic program called Walk to Learn. Students meet in small groups twice a cycle with the same teacher to target specific foundational knowledge and skills necessary for proficient reading. Through a Scope and Sequence model, students will systemically acquire each skill needed and learn to apply each skill with automaticity and confidence. Students have already been doing this work in their classrooms throughout the years. We are following the UFLI and Words Their Way programs.

As the weather changes to cooler temperatures, it's a good idea to encourage your child to dress in layers; warmer clothes for the mornings and lighter for the afternoons. We only stay indoors for recess if it's -27 degrees or colder or if the rain is really coming down hard. Our students love to play at recess, so proper clothing is a must!

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact their teacher through email.

Sincerely,

Tanya Kohut

