



FOREST PARK SCHOOL

SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

October 2, 2026

Dear Forest Park School Families,

The first month of school has flown by! Staff have been working hard to create welcoming and safe classroom communities where each child feels they belong. September is an opportunity to establish new routines, set expectations and learn about one another. In multi-age classrooms, the "olders" are helping the "younger" model routines; strengthening their own understanding of classroom practices. Every day your child attends school is another day they grow in comfort and safety in their learning environment.

This year we initiated a Whole School Book Club. September's gift to each classroom was the book *The Name Jar*, by Yanjook Choi. Each month our classrooms will receive a carefully selected picture book that aligns with the goals of our school plan: celebrating diversity, social justice and citizenship, belonging, social-emotional learning and regulation, climate action and land-based education. The Book Club will also build community amongst our classrooms as a way of connecting us further.

We spent the last two school days of September working towards Truth and Reconciliation. Tipi Joe shared tipi teachings with each classroom inside his beautifully crafted tipi along with the significance of circles and the 13 moons. As a school, we gathered in our field and all participated in The Bear Song, with several brave girls drumming. Then, wearing our orange shirts, we walked around our community as a visible reminder of our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. We wear our orange shirts on the 30th of each month to continue that commitment.

A reminder we serve breakfast daily from 8:30-8:55am in our library. All students are welcome and encouraged to come sit for a healthy meal. It's a beautiful opportunity to try new foods and socialize with new friends. We have continued the tradition of Tasty Tuesday's as well, offering all our children a chance to try healthy and accessible foods. Tasty Tuesday's have become the highlight of the month for many of our students!

As the weather starts to cool off it is a good idea to have your child dress in layers. The mornings can be chilly, but the afternoons warm. Recess is outdoors twice daily, unless the weather is -26 with a windchill or raining. Also, a reminder that drop-off begins at 8:30 am; there is no supervision before then.

If you would like to enter a draw for a \$15 gift certificate for Edge Imaging for your child's school photos, send me an email with your child's (children's) first and last name and they will be entered in a draw. Draw will take place Tuesday, October 6 at 3:30 pm. I will contact the winner via email.

Sincerely, Tanya Kohut
Principal



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Upcoming Dates

October 12: Thanksgiving (no school)

October 23: MTS PD Day (no school)

November 3: Divisional Day (no school)

