

September 6, 2023

Welcome to all our returning families of Forest Park School and all the new families joining our community! Orientation was a beautiful opportunity to ease our way into the busy school year and reduce any first day butterflies for our students. Tomorrow school will start for all students (except kindergartens, who are on a staggered start) at 8:50-3:30.

This summer Seven Oaks School Division ran an EAL Language Camp out of our school. It was well attended by students in our school division and many from our school. We also opened our library to families for 2 days to take out summer reading books. Our custodians, Vince and Roger, were busy cleaning our building from top to bottom.

We have a few staff changes this school year. We welcome Marcy Hubel, who joins our EA team, Noel Mantaring, who will be teaching half time in a grade 1/2 classroom, and Justyna Orlow, who is teaching grade 1/2 again for the full year. Roger Schick is our new evening custodian. We also welcome Hannah, Emily and Kylie to our school. They are university practicum students who will be learning from your children.

In anticipation of tomorrow, please review the end of day routine with your child. Children who take a bus at 3:30 will have plenty of staff helping them find their way and teaching them the routine. If you are picking up your child, let them know where you will be standing outside. It is always a good idea to arrive earlier the first few days because traffic is usually heavier and parking is a premium. Speaking of parking, **do not park in front of the school to drop off or pick up your child.** That is designated for busses only. Do not use the parking lot to wait for your child nor turn around. Read the parking signs carefully to avoid tickets. Our concern is all the students' safety. Patrols are on duty daily to help our students cross the streets safely. Busses may be a little late for the next couple of days, both picking up and dropping off students.

There seems to be a higher-than-normal wasp population right now. Therefore, students will have both nutrition breaks to eat their snack/lunch indoors. During outdoor play, we will not allow food outside at this time. A reminder that nutrition breaks are 10:40-11:20 and 12:50-1:40. We are a Nut Free School, so please be mindful of what you pack your child for food. We have several children in our school with severe anaphylaxis.


All our school and common professional development days have been booked for this school year. That information can be found on our school website. The next school pd is Friday, September 22.

A reminder to all our families that we will not be celebrating a child's individual birthday with treats brought from home or a party. This year we are celebrating every child's birthday on February 29 with a Whole School Birthday Party. We continue to make school an equitable place for all, and this is another way for all children to feel special. If you would like to contribute to that in some way, stay tuned for more information later this year. It will be a party to remember!

As we work towards Truth and Reconciliation, we encourage all staff and students to wear an orange shirt on the last day of each month (or the school day before the last day).

You can expect regular communication from your child's classroom teacher through email, Instagram, See Saw or Google Classroom. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the classroom teacher with any questions or concerns. We are all a part of your child's educational journey and want to ensure their success. Our staff also have personal lives. Therefore, unless it is an emergency, there should not be the expectation that they will respond to you after hours or on the weekends.

Breakfast program will begin tomorrow. Students are welcome to come to the library 8:30-8:50 daily for a nutritious start to their day. All students are encouraged to come for breakfast as soon as they arrive at school in the morning. This year Mrs. Cullum and Ms. Mirus are our Breakfast Ladies.

If you are not already following us on you can find us on  forest_park_school

Bring on the new school year!

Sincerely,

Tanya Kohut

