

FORESTVIEW FALCON REVIEW

October 2018

FORESTVIEW NEWS...READ ALL ABOUT IT!

"I MATTER" AWARD WINNERS!

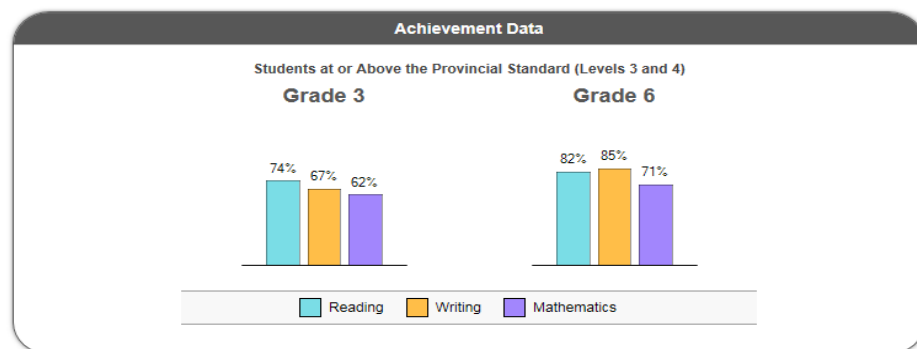
Congratulations to our September "I Matter" award winners...Sonny, Phoenix, Geneva, Kohl, Hudson, Shaylee, Hannah, Kale, Haven, Alizah, Ryan, Ezekial, Karson, Dunja, Guransh, Lauren, Erin, Viktor, Bradley, Selvi, Norah, Sofia, Eli, Amina, Zac, Yashmit, Aidh, Aileen, Olivia, Honoka, Emma, Felix, Jasmene, Amy, Abigail, Kaitlyn, Darby, Ayden, Joshua, Luke, Layne, Ada, Kaylen, Sophie, Manav, Gavin, Elyse, Myka, Yusra, Ophelia, Boris, Hayden, Daniel, Natalie, Ava, Aleksa, Gracie, Evan, Brock, Erik, Mitchell, Zoya, Luca, Shaan, Ariba, Luca, Will, Lucas, Maria, Emily, Subhaan, Sophie, Arnav, Pierre, Stephanie, Marko, Russell, Treyvon, Malak, Abdi, Zoe, Sohrab, Anam, Alexander, Aileen, Chris, Alyssa, Sophie P., Kavya. Well done, Falcons...keep up the great work!



2017-2018 EQAO RESULTS

We are very pleased with our EQAO results from last June. The table below highlight our own scores in Reading, Writing, and Math. Our Primary and Junior Divisions always work very hard to improve our students' understanding of the curriculum and to work on improving our practice. We use information taken from the more detailed results that we receive to celebrate successes and plan for next steps. We always reflect on how we can continue to improve our programs to benefit all students and the EQAO information is one of the tools that we use. In particular, our school focused on Math instruction and improving our students' ability to problem solve at a high level and effectively communicate their thinking.

We are pleased with the progress we are making in this area. Congratulations to the hard-working students and the dedicated educators that make this all possible! Individual Student Reports will be sent home with students that wrote the assessments during the month of October and will indicate specific levels of achievement for each student. More information can be found at <http://www.eqao.com/>.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY



DSBN will join with others across Canada in celebrating Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters to recognize the effect of Indian Residential Schools and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensuring that every child matters. Orange Shirt Day has been marked in schools across Canada in a variety of ways, including Orange Ribbon campaigns, commemorative walks, and wearing orange shirts. DSBN will recognize Orange Shirt Day on October 1, 2018 and our students are encouraged to wear something orange to school on this day.

Orange Shirt Day began with a commemoration event held at St. Joseph Mission in Williams Lake, British Columbia, where years before, Phyllis Webstad had her new orange shirt taken away on her first day of residential school. She never saw the shirt again and the colour represented her loss of language and cultural identity. The end of September is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to attend residential schools and September 30 is the official Orange Shirt Day. Phyllis's story has become part of a national recognition event and wearing orange has become a symbol of the many losses experienced by thousands of students and families due to residential schools.

CCAT FOR GRADE 4 STUDENTS

As in years past in the DSBN, all Grade 4 students will take the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test during the period of October 9 and 22, 2018. This assessment helps to identify individual student needs and abilities to ensure appropriate programs are provided as well as information about student strengths in verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal reasoning. The assessment provides a benchmark as students complete future achievement tests, whether these tests are teacher-generated, board-wide or provincial. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE



A pamphlet has been sent home inviting you to the DSBN Parent Involvement Conference on November 1, 2017. The event is hosted at Eden High School in St. Catharines from 4:00 - 8:15 pm. This event brings parents together to hear from experts in a wide variety of fields that are of interest to both elementary and secondary parents. Check out the list of speakers on the DSBN website. Go to <http://www.dsbn.org>. Click "Parents" then click "Parent Involvement". Registration is also available online at that site.

HALLOWE'EN!

October 31st is Hallowe'en and details are still being determined and will be announced closer to the event. **For all activities please refer to our Allergy Alert information inside this newsletter as well as on our website <http://forestview.dsbn.org>.** Remember that we cannot accept any outside treats provided for students - any items brought to the school will be sent back home with that student. Another reminder will be sent home before the event. Thank you for keeping all of our children safe! If you would like to send non-food treats, pencils and stickers, etc. are welcome!

Some pointers to keep the trick-or-treaters safe, from Niagara Regional Public Health:

Children under nine years of age should go out with an adult or responsible older child.

Be sure your child stops at all curbs, looks left, right and left again to check for traffic. Remind children to cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections. It is important they walk on the sidewalk, or walk facing the traffic if there is no sidewalk.

Bright-coloured costumes make your child easier to see. You can use reflective tape on a costume to make your child more visible. Face paint instead of a mask helps them to see well. Have your child carry a flashlight.



When they get home, check all of their treats carefully. Throw out any treats that aren't wrapped, if the wrapping is torn or loose, or if the wrapper has a hole. Remember that small treats can cause your child to choke. You might want to offer an alternative to sugar based treats. Stickers or multi-coloured pencils can be a nice surprise in place of, or in addition to, traditional treats!

OCTOBER IS INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH!

Lace up your shoes or snap on those bike helmets for an active trip to school.

If you live far from school, park a few blocks away and walk part of the trip.

If you ride a bus take part by walking to your bus stop.

Here's a quick trivia question to have fun with at the dinner table tonight. Walking and wheeling to school can improve:

- A) Health
- B) Happiness
- C) Stress Level
- D) Grades
- E) Safety
- F) All of the above



If you said F, you're correct! Walking and wheeling to school has many benefits and those are just a few. (Source: activesaferoutes.ca)

Tips to remember when walk or biking:

- Look left, right and left again when crossing the street
- Never run or dart out into the street or cross between parked cars
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them and watch out for cars that are turning or backing up
- It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible
- Cross streets at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

Our entry time is 9:05 am and dismissal is at 3:25 pm. Please ensure that you carefully navigate your way through the parking lot during drop-off and pick-up times as it can be congested during these times. Parking regulations will be strictly enforced.

Please, park only in marked / designated parking spots in the parking lot.

SAFETY IS OUR NUMBER ONE CONCERN.



OFFICE INFORMATION



Mrs. Stevenson, Ms. Vegh and Mrs. Wilson, our Administrative Assistants, are in the office from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each weekday. **Please inform the office of all absences. A message can be left at 905-354-6261 at any time of the day or night.** While we do appreciate that there are sometimes unforeseeable circumstances that arise, we ask that you please make afterschool arrangements with your child prior to the school day to avoid phone calls to the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

STOP THE SPREAD OF INFECTION

- Stay home if you are sick and return when you are well
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or in your sleeve
- Keep your distance
- Get a flu shot

For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to [Niagara Region Public Health](#).



ALLERGY ALERT



We have a number of students at Forestview with severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts. **Please read food labels carefully and refrain from sending any snacks or lunch items that contain nuts.** Eggs **ARE** permitted, this year. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



Forestview PS has purchased **DreamBox Learning's Math Program**, an online, Intelligent Adaptive Learning(tm) program that helps all students achieve better, faster math proficiency.

Your student can access DreamBox Learning from any computer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using this link:

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/forestviewp>

DreamBox is an online program - there's no software to download! All you need is a high-speed Internet connection and Adobe Flash. Adobe Flash is free and is included with many Internet browsers.

To access DreamBox on iPad, go to <http://www.dreambox.com/ipad>, or search for "DreamBox Math" in the App Store. Download DreamBox Math Green and DreamBox Math Blue to ensure your student has access to the full catalog of DreamBox Learning Math lessons.

When prompted in the app, use this School Code: **42cv/forestviewp**

Review your student's academic progress with a DreamBox Parent Account.

Please follow these steps to create your free Parent Account:

1. Go to <https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/forestviewp>
2. Have your student login to their profile just as they would at school.
3. Click *Setup Parent Access* at the bottom of the page.
4. Follow instructions to create a new login and password.
5. Read *Terms of Use* and *Privacy Policy*.
6. Click "Submit".

Log into your home account after set up:

1. Go to <http://play.dreambox.com>
2. Enter your email address and password.
3. To see student progress, click the "Family Dashboard" button.

If you have any questions, please contact DreamBox Client Care by calling them at 877-451-7845 (weekdays 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time), or email support@dreambox.com.

Sincerely,
Forestview Public School