

FORESTVIEW FALCON REVIEW September 2017

Welcome back to our returning and families and a warm welcome to those who are new to Forestview! We hope you had an enjoyable summer and are as excited to start the new school year as we are!

STAFFING

There are many new faces on staff at Forestview, this year. We are pleased to welcome:

Mrs. Fish (Vice Principal)

Ms. Vegh (Administrative Assistant)

Ms. Lindberg (3)

Ms. Leblanc (7/8)

Ms. Swanson (7/8)

Ms. Wilcox (FSP)

Ms. Shapland (FSL)

Mr. Snow (Prep)

Mr. Comeau (EA)

Ms. Bergan (EA)

Ms. Hughes (EA)

Mr. Lutczyn (EA)

Ms. West (EA)

Mr. Lambert (Instructional Coach)

Ms. Randall (Instructional Coach)

Ms. Hasenack (Youth Counsellor)



We are also very happy to have our returning staff here again to lead the way! Thank you to all of the staff who have been in during the summer getting their classrooms ready for September and a special thank you to

Ms. Ratelle and the custodial staff for their hard work ensuring the school was ready for students!

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.

VERIFICATION FORMS

Please complete the confidential Verification Forms that have been sent home and return them to the school, as soon as possible. It is very important that we have current medical and emergency contact information on file at the office for your child. We would also appreciate being notified if any of this information changes during the school year.

STUDENT MEDICAL NEEDS

Any medication that must be administered by a staff member during the school day must be have an authorization form *completed by a physician* on file at the school. These forms are available at the school office.

If your child requires an Epipen and you have not completed the required paperwork, please contact the school immediately so we can put the proper safety procedures in place.

ALLERGY ALLERT

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.



CASH ONLINE

We will be using Cash Online for all payments this year. Once you have registered, you will receive email notifications for items that are available

for you to purchase (e.g. milk orders, hot lunches, etc.) and reminders when the item is about to expire. If you are new to Forestview coming from a different DSBN school, your previous login information is still valid. If you are new to school (e.g. JK), have not previously signed up or are coming from a new school board, you will need to register:

Press Ctrl + Click on Forestview Public School to go directly to the website.

- 1. Click on the Cash Online icon on the top right hand corner (please note, Internet Explorer is the most effective internet browser for Cash Online)
- 2. Create a profile for yourself (Parent/Guardian)
- 3. Attach your student(s) to your profile (date of birth & legal name required)

If you require assistance or internet access, please contact the office at 905-354-6261 x 32710.

STUDENT AGENDAS

Student Agendas are an excellent way to maintain communication between school and home, and teach students responsibility. Please purchase an agenda through Cash Online. Once the agenda has been ordered and paid for, it will be sent home with your child. Please take the time to review the agenda with your child on a daily basis.

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 and safety is our number one concern. Parking regulations will be strictly enforced. Please consider parking on one of the designated side streets if you are unable to find a spot at the school.

TRANSPORTATION

For transportation information, please visit the Niagara Student Transportation Services website at www.nsts.ca (Press Ctrl + Click on link to go directly to the website) or call 905-346-0290.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

If you are interested in joining our School Council we would encourage you to get involved in any way you can. Everyone has unique skills and talents that can be put to good use! Please contact the school to learn more about how we can work together to strengthen our school community.

VISITORS

We welcome visitors and parents to Forestview! Please be reminded that you must sign-in at the office and wear a visitor's sticker when you are in the school, for safety reasons.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering in your child's school can be a fun and rewarding experience and there is always something to do! If you would like to volunteer at Forestview, please contact your child's teacher or the office to learn more and pick up volunteer forms.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Verification forms due back to the office ASAP
- Early Release Day Friday, September 15th
 (Students will be dismissed at 12:15 pm; buses
 run on-schedule, three hours in advance of
 regular drop-off)



- Toonies for Terry (Terry Fox Run) Friday, September 15th
- Picture Day Tuesday, September 19th
- Open House Thursday, September 21st from 4:00 pm 6:00 pm.
- Orange Shirt Day Friday, September 29th



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 PS