



December 2020

Leadership Message

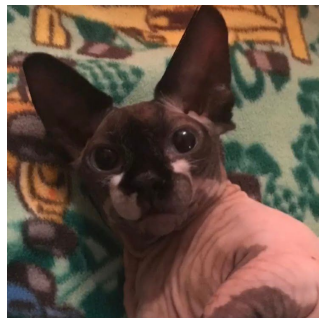
Well, what a year 2020 has and continues to be. We want to thank all of you for doing your best to support your children in doing their best to follow all of the restrictions related to COVID. Students have had to learn how to interact in ways that they are not used to. They have learned how to play tag with pool noodles, to air hug their teachers, air high five their friends as well as wash and sanitize their hands more times in a day than they probably used to do in a month.

Although we are excited to wave goodbye to 2020, we do want to enjoy our final month together. We want to celebrate all that we can despite the restrictions and enjoy our time together with our students.

We also want to ensure that everyone is aware that January 4th-8th, 2020 is online learning for students. Teachers will be sending home paper material for that week and then supporting the learning via google meets during the week of January 4th-8th. More details will come closer to the break.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school with any questions or concerns that you may have at 780-963-7366 or forestgreen@psd70.ab.ca.

Click the picture below for a message from our good friend Stella:





School Council & Fundraising Society

Christmas Shop 2020!

The 2020 Christmas Shop will be held **Tuesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 9.**

This year the Christmas Shop will be modified to accommodate Covid restrictions, so the plan is to have the shop set-up in the gym, and elves will be helping the students shop through one-on-one google meets (one elf with one student) using ipads and chromebooks. The gifts the student selects will be placed in a plastic bag, labelled with their name and placed in a class bin to be quarantined for at least 3 days. The students will be wrapping their gifts with their teachers/cohorts the following week.

This is such a special event for the kids and we are beyond grateful that we are able to find a way to make it happen in these strange times. This year Christmas Shop does not have a charge...the Fundraising Foundation has donated all of the gifts this year.

WHAT'S UP WITH THE FUNDRAISING CREW?

- December 8-9: *VIRTUAL* Christmas Shop
- December: Watch the Facebook Page and Emails for pick-up dates for Santa's Little Helper and School Apparel orders
- February/March: Purdy's Easter Fundraiser
- March/April: Dominoes
- Buy 1 Get 1 Free cards
- May: Mundare Sausage
- June: Spellathon

JOIN US for our next Virtual meeting!!!

December 15th, 2020

Fundraising Meeting @ 5:15pm (Zoom Link will be sent out)

Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm via Google Meets. Link: meet.google.com/msm-mrsj-jty

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact us at fgsfundraising@gmail.com.

Forest Green School Parent Council & Fundraising Society

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 15 - Fundraising Society @ 5:15, Parent Council @ 6:30
Feel free to attend virtually via Google Meets. Link located in the School Calendar.

New faces are always welcome!

**Next Fundraising Society Meeting & School Council Meeting: Tuesday, December 15th
@5:15pm & 6:30pm**



General Information

[Feeling Sick? Here's What to Do - UPDATE](#)

- Please click on the above link for directions on what to do when your child is sick.

Parent Handbook

Please click [here](#) to view our Parent Handbook for the 2020/2021 School Year

Please click [here](#) to view our COVID School Re-Entry Handbook.

Reporting Absences

To report an absence for your child, please email forestgreen@psd70.ab.ca or call and leave a message at the school office (780-963-7366). Please include the student's name, teacher (or grade), and reason for the absence in your message.

Drop-Off & Pick-UP

Please note the following important information regarding child safety and parking at Forest Green.

1. Bus Drop-Off is at 8:15 am
2. Students who are being driven or walking should plan to be here after 8:20, but before 8:30.
3. Supervision begins at 8:15 am, please do not drop your children off before this time as there are not adults outside to supervise.
4. Students will now stay outside in their zone when they arrive at school until the first bell.

Visiting Forest Green

To comply with AHS guidelines, we ask that you call the school prior to entering. When you arrive, you will be asked to sign in and fill in the COVID screening checklist. We are not permitting visitors into classrooms at this time.

Masks/COVID

Students and staff are adjusting very well to the new protocols and procedures in place because of COVID. Please ensure you are continuing to complete At Home Screening checklist BEFORE you send your child/children to school. Please click on "[What to do if you are sick](#)" for information, should your child have symptoms. Also, **please ensure all children in grades 4-6 have a mask.**



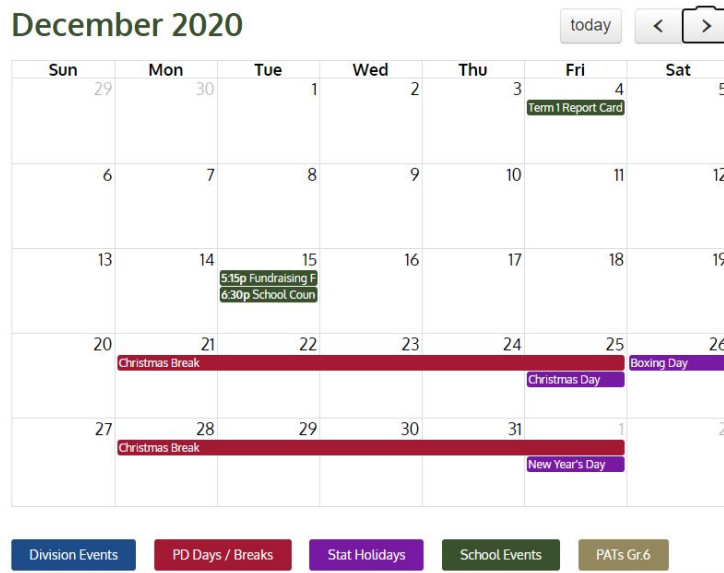
2020-2021 Bell Schedule

Please note our revised bell schedule

8:15am	Supervision Begins (Buses Arrive)
8:25am	Doors Open
8:30am	Welcome Bell
8:35 am	O'Canada & Announcements
8:40 am	Instruction Begins
10:25 - 10:40	Recess
11:50 am - 12:20 pm	Noon Recess
12:20 - 12:40pm	Lunch Break
12:40pm	Instruction Begins
3:05 pm	Dismissal
3:15pm	Supervision Ends

Calendar

This is only a snapshot of this month's calendar. To see the most up-to-date version, please click on this [link](#), or on the calendar below.





Community Support Worker News

I wish all our students and their families a safe Christmas. This is not a normal year, so please, remember to be kind to yourself and each other. The school will be closed from December 21st through January 3rd. I will return to work on January 4th.

Below you will find links to local services, in case you need support during the holidays.

The HelpSeeker app gives you access to 130k+ of community, health, and social services and enables you to provide help to those in need when they need it the most.

<https://helpseeker.org/>

WHAT IS 211? 211 is an essential service that helps Albertans find the right resource or service for whatever issue they need help with, at the right time. 211 is available 24/7 by phone, text and chat. The service is free, confidential and available in over 170 languages over the phone.

<https://ab.211.ca/>

Click below for Alberta's Province Wide Service Directory for information about community, health, social, and government services across the province.

<https://www.stonyplainandsprucegrovesu.com/?community-referrals>



Parent Learning Opportunities

Please see online learning sessions (free) for parents and caregivers, hosted by Alberta Health Services and the Mental Health Foundation. Session topics this month include: anxiety, sleep and your families mental health, and motivating children through praise and rewards.

There are a variety of session times to meet families' needs - after-school/evening hours, as well as lunch and learns.

<https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca/>

Spruce Grove FCSS will offer free, in-person and virtual programs to support social connection, resilience and mental well-being. Due to the current situation with COVID-19 and based on guidelines from the Province of Alberta, FCSS Fall Programs will operate a bit differently this year.

For more information on the rules and guidelines for in-person programs visit

www.sprucegrove.org/FCSSPrograms

Registration is required for all programs. To register, visit sprucegrove.org/onlinereg or call 780-962-7618.