



December, 2021

Leadership Message

It is so hard to believe that it is already December! Our students are continuing to learn, grow and make us proud! There are a number of things happening in December that are important for you to be aware of.

Key Dates this Month

- December 3rd - Report Cards available through Powerschool Parent Portal
- December 7th - School Council (6:15pm)
- December 16th-17th - Christmas Shop
- December 21st - Virtual Christmas Concert - Link will be sent out
- December 24th-Jan 9th - Winter Break
- January 10th - Students First Day after back Winter Break

Please continue to complete the [daily screening checklist](#) each day and to follow the advice of AHS should your child have symptoms. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school with any questions or concerns that you may have at either 780-963-7366 or forestgreen@psd.ca.

Take care,
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Literacy Interventions at FG

The Alberta Government recently announced dedicated funding to target the learning lost due to COVID in literacy and numeracy for students in grades 1-3. Forest Green in collaboration with PSD has implemented literacy interventions targeting phonological awareness in grades 1 through 6. Outside of the whole class work teachers are doing in classrooms, many of our students are also receiving 15 - 20minutes/per day of on level targeted instruction in their phonological areas of need.

Through the support of our Division Principals our school has implemented multiple different interventions to ensure our interventions are targeting kids using a differentiated approach where they are at. This is exciting work for us and we are looking forward to seeing our kids progress.

General Information

Reporting COVID Cases

AHS is not fully equipped to contact tracing, PSD will continue to take on the responsibility of notifying the class when there is a positive case. We have received many questions about what to do when you receive these emails. The answer is just to watch your child closely for symptoms, remind them to keep their mask on as well as to keep distanced and to wash their hands.



It is important to note that we will do our best to accommodate parents who choose to keep their child home when notified of a positive case in the classroom, however we are not set up for online learning this year, so while your child is at home they will not be receiving any teaching online. We cannot accommodate at home learning that goes more than 2 weeks. If you decide you would like learning to continue from home, please contact the office and we will discuss the options that you would have through Connections for Learning.

We will continue to accommodate at home learning for students who test positive and families recommended to isolate for as long as AHS recommends.

Parent Handbook

Please click [here](#) to view our Parent Handbook for the 2021/2022 School Year

Reporting Absences

To report an absence for your child, please email forestgreen@psd.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 no adults outside to supervise.
4. Students will now stay outside in their zone when they arrive at school until the first bell.
5. **Speed** (30km/hour or less) - Please ensure you are following the speed limit. Please remember, the speed limit is for optimal road conditions...our little cul de sac is often very icy, please adjust your speed accordingly.
6. **Curbside Parking** - Please respect our residents who live near the school. Please do not block any of the resident driveways as you pick up or drop off your children. Parking is limited near the school. Attached is a map showing alternate drop off points you may consider for your children.
7. **Skating Rink Parking** - please use caution as you are backing in or out, as many of our walkers are short and may not be easily seen.

Thank you again for respecting our drop off and pick up times. We are outside until 3:15pm, so you are free to pick up your child closer to 3:15pm if that works, as there are significantly less vehicles at this time.

Visiting Forest Green

To comply with AHS guidelines, we ask that you wear a mask and come straight to the office. We are not permitting visitors into classrooms at this time.



Masks/COVID

All staff and students in grades 4-6 are required to wear a mask when in the hallways as well as when necessary within the classroom. Students in grades K-3 must have a mask so they can put it on in situations that require it. Please ensure you are continuing to complete the [At Home Screening checklist](#) BEFORE you send your child/children to school.

2021-2022 Bell Schedule

Please note our revised bell schedule

8:15am	Supervision Begins (Buses Arrive)
8:25am	Doors Open
8:29am	Welcome Bell
8:34 am	O'Canada & Announcements
8:39 am	Instruction Begins
10:27 - 10:42	Recess
11:54 am - 12:24 pm	Noon Recess
12:24 - 12:44pm	Lunch Break
12:44pm	Instruction Begins
3:05 pm	Dismissal
3:15pm	Supervision Ends

Calendar

Our School Calendar has changed from last year...and boy is it more user friendly than the previous calendar. As it is no longer a google calendar, all you have to do is go to the [calendar on our website](#) and click on one of:

Download to iCal **Add to Google Calendar** **Subscribe to Calendar**

Located at the top of the calendar on our website. You can then search by grade level, event or topic to find information you are looking for as needed.

Message from our School Council Chair

Wow! Here we are almost in December already! I hope that everyone is managing to stay warm and healthy as we get ready to head into the holiday season!



Our School Council and the Fundraising Society are getting ready to host our annual Christmas Shop, which is always so much fun for volunteers and students alike! Our elves have been very busy already getting all sorts of gifts ready for the students to select, and again this year, this event will be sponsored by our generous Fundraising Society!

Did you know that Forest Green has an amazing breakfast program? You should've received an email about this, but in the event that you didn't, this program is in partnership with the Breakfast Club of Canada. Being run by our wonderful staff, this program provides grab & go breakfast items for students who need it, as we know that hungry students don't learn as well. Further, fruit bowls are back in the classrooms, containing apples, oranges, bananas and granola bars!

As the weather has now changed significantly, I also wanted to take a minute to touch on traffic around our great, little school. As we know, the area can become quite congested at peak times, and we must always remain aware of little ones that may not be as aware of traffic around them. Please respect the 30km/h speed limit, and be good neighbours by not blocking driveways while picking up and dropping off. There are also a few alternate areas that can be utilized for parking, and a map has been emailed.

Lastly, we are still in search of Parent Room Reps to join us. The commitment is only 1 evening per month, and we absolutely love to see new faces at our meetings. In fact, our **next meeting is December 7 at 6:15pm**, and we would love to see you there!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to touch base with me at forestgreen.scchair@partner.psd.ca and follow our Facebook page at Forest Green School Parent Council & Fundraising Society.

Next School Council Meeting is December 7th at 6:15pm, via Google Meets due to current health restrictions.

GMEET LINK: meet.google.com/opw-gtjk-xtb

The more the merrier!

School Council & Fundraising Society

Hot Lunch

*****January Hot Lunch Orders are Due: December 20, 2021. Ordering opens December 1.**

Order online at: forestgreen.hot [lunches.net](https://forestgreen.hot.lunches.net)



THERE'S STILL TIME TO GET YOUR HOLIDAY PAPER, TREATS AND DECOR! Santa's Little Helper has been extended! Orders are due December 1! Shop online at: <https://fundraising101.ca/fall-2021-fundraiser-5.html#!/Seller/7>

CHRISTMAS SHOP IS BACK and we NEED volunteers!

We are seeking helper elves to work a shift or two on December 16 and 17. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. Please email fgsfundraising@gmail.com if you can help our kids shop, wrap, and get into the holiday spirit!

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

**Next Fundraising Society Meeting:
Tuesday, December 7th @5:15pm
We love to see new faces!!!!**

Community Support Worker News

Hi Forest Green families, I hope that you had a relaxing fall break as we gear up for the holiday season. I wish you all peace and love this Christmas and I hope that 2022 will be the best year ever!

- I can offer support and referral information to families about our community resources, agencies and support groups. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at jenn.goulden@psd.ca.

Does the thought of the holiday make you feel stressed? There is support in our community.

(check <https://www.parklandcounty.com/en/live-and-play/christmas-supports.aspx>)

- 2-1-1 is here to help you find the right community and social services. It is confidential, multilingual, and available 24 hours a day across many parts of Alberta including Parkland County.

Don't feel stuck this holiday season. Call 2-1-1 today to get connected with the resources you need to get ahead.

- Parkland Food Bank- apply online <https://parklandfoodbank.org/need-help/christmas-hamper/>



- Christmas Hampers - apply through the Food Bank <https://parklandfoodbank.org/need-help/christmas-hamper/>

Reach out for support...

- Children and Family Services Crisis Unit: 780-427-3390
- Children's Mental Health Crisis Line & Response Team: 780-424-491
- RCMP Spruce Grove: 780-962-2222
- RCMP Stony Plain: 780-968-7267
- Youth Mental Health (Westview Primary Care Network) 780-960-9533 ext 221
- Youth Mental Health - Northgate Walk In Clinic (AHS - now call in or virtual appointment) 780-342-2700
- MOBILE/AFTER HOURS CRISIS TEAM: 780-407-1000
- AHS - Addictions - Stony Plain: 780-963-6151
- Parenting support (APFA) - Triple P Parenting 780-963-0549
- Adult Crisis Response - 780-342-7777
- Support Network Distress Line - 780-482-4357
- Adult Mental Health Referral and Treatment - 780-424-2424
- Parkland School Division - Family Support - Vicky Mamczasz - 780-668-7422

Parent Learning Opportunities

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Each month, Parkland School Division's Learning Services team compiles a newsletter for parents and guardians of students. Inside you will find information, opportunities and strategies to help you and your family connect with us on your child's educational journey. contact vicky.mamczasz@psd.ca or follow the link to Strong Families Sessions. <https://www.psd.ca/division/news>



Please see some amazing...(and FREE!) online learning sessions for parents and caregivers, hosted by Alberta Health Services and the Mental Health Foundation. There are a variety of session times to meet families needs - after-school/evening hours, as well as lunch and learns. For more information or to register, visit www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

Alberta Parenting for the Future - apfa Programming:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/alberta-parenting-for-the-future-association-15112757928>

City University is offering free virtual [Alberta Parenting for the Future Association Events](#) counseling sessions remotely. Sessions start at children 6+ to adults and include couples and families. Appointments can be requested by visiting their website www.cityuclinic.ca.

TriLeisure hours are 6am-9pm Monday to Friday and 7am-9pm on weekends, exceptions are stat holidays <https://www.trileisure.com/>.

Check out the [Spruce Grove Public Library](#) to stay up to date on activities and accessibility resources on their website.

[SP Library](#) - drop in to see the new location!