



FOREST GREEN SCHOOL

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Updates from the Forest

September 3, 2023

Monday	Tuesday September 5	Wednesday September 6	Thursday September 7	Friday September 8
	Students' First Day (Grades 1-6) Staggered Entry for Kindergarten (see letter sent home for which day your child attends)	Staggered Entry for Kindergarten (see letter sent home for which day your child attends)	Staggered Entry for Kindergarten (see letter sent home for which day your child attends)	Staggered Entry for Kindergarten (see letter sent home for which day your child attends)

Dear Forest Green Parents, Guardians, and Students,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and excited for the upcoming school year! The entire staff at Forest Green is thrilled to welcome you back for another year of learning, growth, and fun. As we embark on this exciting journey together, we wanted to provide you with some important information and updates for the 2023-2024 school year.

Important Dates:

- First Day of School: Tuesday, September 5, 2023
- Picture Day: September 25 & 26
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 25 & 26, 2023 and March 19 & 20, 2024
- Orange Shirt Day, September 29, 2023
- Fall Break: November 13-17, 2023
- Report Cards Released: January 30, 2024
- Spring Break: March 25-29, 2024
- Last Day of School & Report Cards Released: Friday, June 27, 2024

New Assistant Principal

We have a new Assistant Principal here at Forest Green School. Miranda Niebergall comes to us from Student Services where she has been working as a social-emotional facilitator for the last 3 years. You may recognize her as she was a Collaborative Teaching Partner here at Forest Green prior to moving to Student Services.

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 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. If you are picking up or dropping off your child, and you see a bus behind you, please do not stop. Just make another loop so you are behind the bus. We need to get the busses in and out as quickly as possible.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Staff Parking Lot - Please do NOT pick up or drop off in the staff parking lot.

Thank you 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

If you are visiting Forest Green, please ensure that you first sign in at the office.

2023-2024 Bell Schedule

8:15am	Supervision Begins (Buses Arrive)
8:30am	Welcome Bell
8:35am	O'Canada & Announcements
8:39am	Instruction Begins
9:51-10:06am	Recess
11:54 am - 12:24pm	Noon Recess
12:24-12:44pm	Lunch Break
12:44pm	Instruction Begins
3:04 pm	Dismissal
3:15pm	Supervision Ends

Parent Handbook

Our Parent Handbook for the 2023/2024 School Year will be on our website this week.



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We encourage you to follow us on social media as we celebrate our amazing school community. You can find us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Additionally, please watch the [announcements page](#) on our [website](#)!

School Council:

- School Council AGM & First Meeting @ 6:15 p.m.
 - Please consider joining our school council as a way to have your voice heard and to help make decisions that will benefit all students

Volunteers Requested

Do you like reading? Playing games? Have a little bit of free time? We are looking for volunteers this year that are interested in coming to the school to read with students and/or play simple math games. No experience required. Grandmas, grandpas, aunts and uncles, everyone with availability is encouraged to reach out to our new assistant principal, Ms. Niebergall at miranda.niebergall@psd.ca

Additionally, if you are interested in helping out with our breakfast program please contact Leah at leah.andrews@psd.ca.

Family Fun Events

Please be sure to watch our calendar for family fun events once a month. Final details are still being ironed out but will be posted soon. We are designing events that will invite families into the school to engage with us around themes like literacy, numeracy, and physical literacy.

School Counselor

Last year Miss Thorarinson joined our team as a school counselor and is available to support students one-on-one and in small groups. She can also help families find resources in the community. For more information click [here](#).

We're Here for You:

Remember, our doors are always open. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to chat, please do not hesitate to reach out to our dedicated staff and administrators.

Here's to a fantastic year filled with growth, learning, and fun! We can't wait to see all the amazing things our students will achieve in the coming months. Warm regards,

Leah and Miranda
Principal & Assistant Principal, Forest Green School