



## Dragon's Dish

Updates from the Forest

October 22, 2023

Monday October 23	Tuesday October 24	Wednesday October 25	Thursday October 26	Friday October 27
Handbells (Gr 5&6) at lunch recess	Completing SOS-Q questionnaire (Gr 4-6)  Volleyball Intramurals (Gr 3-4) at lunch recess	Completing SOS-Q questionnaire (Gr 4-6)  Choir (Gr 3-6) at lunch recess  Book Fair: 1:00-3:00  Parent-Teacher Interviews (4-7 p.m.)  Book Fair: 4-7 p.m.	Completing SOS-Q questionnaire (Gr 4-6)  Volleyball Intramurals (Gr 5-6) at lunch recess  Hot Lunch (if ordered)  Book Fair: 1:00-3:00  Parent-Teacher Interviews (4-7 p.m.)  Book Fair: 4-7 p.m.	Completing SOS-Q questionnaire (Gr 4-6)  Board Game Club at lunch recess  Halloween Costume Parade: 1:30 p.m. - Parents are welcome!  Halloween Dance 6-8:30

Dear Forest Green Families,

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews are October 25 & 26 from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

- When you book a timeslot you will be able to choose from these options to best meet your meeting needs:
  - In-person at the school
  - Online via Google Meet
  - By Telephone
- Follow this [link](#) to book an interview! We look forward to connecting with all parents!

### Library

The Library Learning commons is pleased to announce a new policy regarding lost and damaged library books. If your child has a missing or damaged library book we are happy to take a donation of a gently used book (of the same value) from home, as an alternative to having to pay a fee in Powerschool. If you receive a paper reminder from our library, you can simply choose to send a book from home, or the fee will be charged to you in powerschool.

### Halloween Costume Parade

Boo to you, our ghoulishly great students and parents! It's that time of year again when we summon all our little witches, wizards, superheroes, and creatures of the night to join us for a howling good time. Our annual Halloween Costume Parade is just around the corner! Dress to impress in your most creative, creepy, or captivating costumes. Weather you're a pumpkin, a pirate, or your favourite animal, show off your unique style. We will start our parade at 1:30.

Please help us keep our parade inclusive, safe and fun by following these simple guidelines:

- Costumes that include weapons, portray violence or that are gruesome or graphic in nature are not appropriate for the school day. Whole face masks are not allowed during the school day - but students may wear them during the parade if they are appropriate
- Part of creating a safe school community for ALL students on Halloween is to make sure racially, ethnically, culturally and gender identity based costumes are NOT part of our festivities because peoples' gender identity and their cultures are not costumes. We



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invite families to reflect on the questions below prior to selecting a costume for school activities.

- Is the costume racially, ethnically or culturally based?
  - If the answer yes, it is probably going to make some children from different cultures or of different ethnicity feel unsafe
- Does your child belong to that group of people?
  - If the answer is no, then reflect on what it means to borrow someone's culture or race or identity for the day. It is not a costume but their everyday lives.
  - Is the costume meant to be funny? Why is it funny?
    - If the costume is meant to be funny because it is making light of an ethnic group or racial group, or someone's gender identity, then it is only hurtful.
- If you are not sure about a costume then choose another one for school or dress in traditional Halloween colors or an object or your favorite animal. There are so many choices!

## Looking for Guest Chefs

Do you like to cook or bake? We are hoping you will consider being a Guest Chef here at Forest Green. You tell us what you want to make and what ingredients you need, what grade of students you want to work with, and how many students you are comfortable working with. We will make the arrangements on our end and all you have to do is come and share your talents with us. Student chefs will love to learn from you and students throughout the school will enjoy eating your creations! Please email Leah if you are interested in being a Guest Chef at [leah.andrews@psd.ca](mailto:leah.andrews@psd.ca).

## Parent Handbook

Please click [here](#) to view our Parent Handbook for the 2023/2024 School Year.

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](#)!

We are looking forward to caring, sharing, and learning together! 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](mailto:forestgreen@psd.ca).

Sincerely,

Leah and Miranda  
(Principal and Assistant Principal)

## Fundraising Society

Attention all Forest Green Families! The school Halloween dance is on October 27th at 6pm! Don't forget to get your tickets at <https://forestgreen.hotlunches.net> before they sell out! There will be a costume contest, canteen (cash-only), raffle baskets, 50/50 raffle, pumpkin carving contest, selfie photo booth, and more! Come and join the spooky fun and win some awesome prizes!

We must insist that children be accompanied by an adult, no exceptions. Also remember to bring cash for goodies, bake sale and little trinkets will be available for purchase. Can't wait to see everyone on the dance floor!