

# **FOREST GREEN SCHOOL**

# **Dragon's Dish**

Updates from the Forest

### September 1, 2024

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5	September 6
Labour Day, no school	Staggered Entry for Kindergarten (see letter sent home for which day your child attends  Pickleball (Gr 5-6) @ lunch recess in the gym			

Dear Forest Green Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we embark on another exciting school year at Forest Green. Again, we want to emphasize the importance of consistent attendance for your child's success in elementary school:

**Every Day Counts:** Regular attendance is a cornerstone of academic achievement. When students attend school consistently, they have more opportunities to learn and grow. Each day missed represents a missed opportunity for your child to acquire new knowledge and skills.

**Building a Strong Foundation:** Elementary school is a critical time for building the foundation of a child's education. Consistent attendance ensures that your child can follow along with lessons, participate in classroom activities, and build essential social and emotional skills.

**Academic Progress:** Research shows that students who attend school regularly are more likely to excel academically. They are better prepared for future educational challenges, setting the stage for a successful academic journey.

**Establishing Good Habits:** Regular attendance helps children develop good habits and a sense of responsibility. It instills the value of punctuality and commitment, which are essential life skills.

**Supporting Your Child:** If your child is facing any challenges that may affect their attendance, please reach out to us. We are here to help and provide support to ensure your child's success.



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**Together We Thrive:** Let's work together to make this school year the best it can be. Your active involvement in your child's education, coupled with consistent attendance, will lay the groundwork for a bright future.

### Stay Informed: Explore Your Child's Learning Journey

For an overview of what your child will be learning this year, we encourage you to visit the Alberta Education <u>website for parents</u>. There, you'll find detailed information on the curriculum expectations for all students across the province. By selecting your child's grade, you can explore the core subjects, key learning objectives, and assessment methods for each area of study. Be sure to check out the "Grade \_ at a Glance" link on the right-hand side for a concise overview of the upcoming school year. This valuable resource will help you stay informed and actively support your child's educational journey!

#### **Important Lunch Reminders**

To help ensure a smooth lunchtime experience, we kindly ask that you provide your child with any necessary cutlery, such as spoons, forks, or knives, for items like yogurt, applesauce, or other foods that require utensils. Unfortunately, we are unable to supply cutlery for all students.

Additionally, please note that our access to microwaves is limited, and we have a tight lunch schedule. If your child's meal requires warming, we recommend sending it in a thermos to keep it warm until lunchtime.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

#### **Extracurricular Activities**

Keep an eye on the Dragon's Dish for important updates on upcoming extracurricular activities and opportunities for your child! This week, we're excited to announce the start of Pickleball intramurals for grades 5-6. Additionally, students of all grades are invited to join the cross-country running team, with races held every Thursday after school from September 12 to October 17. The cost is \$5 per race. If your child is interested, please ask their teacher for a permission form.

Be sure to check the newsletter regularly so your child doesn't miss out on the fun!

#### Parent Handbook

Please click here to view our Parent Handbook for the 2024/2025 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.

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 <a href="mailto:forestgreen@psd.ca">forestgreen@psd.ca</a>.





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# **Volunteers Requested**

We are hosting our very own Cross Country Run on September 12th over near the Stony Plain Outdoor Pool. We will require MANY volunteers, including older students as rabbits for the races. Please fill out THIS FORM if you are available to volunteer. More details to follow.

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, kokums, mooshums, aunts and uncles, everyone with availability is encouraged to reach out to our 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 <a href="leah.andrews@psd.ca">leah.andrews@psd.ca</a>.

### **School Council:**

- School Council AGM & First Meeting @ 6:15 p.m. on September 10th
  - Please consider joining our school council as a way to have your voice heard and to help make decisions that will benefit all students

## **Fundraising Society:**

• Fundraising Society first meeting of the year @ 5:15 p.m. on September 10th

Warm regards,

Leah Andrews and Miranda Niebergall Principal & Assistant Principal, Forest Green School







