

From The Edge

Forest Edge Elementary School



**Edge Events
Sept-Oct 2011**



September 2011

Principal: Ms. Kim Price
Assistant Principals: Mrs. Emily Cope
 Ms. Sabra Lowery

Tuesday, September 13
 Back to School Picnic
 5:30-7:30 pm



Tuesday, September 13
 PTA Meeting
 7:30-8:30 pm

Monday, September 19
 Back to School Night
 Preschool & Grades K-3
 7:00-8:30 pm

Tuesday, September 20
 Back to School Night
 Grades 4-6
 7:00-8:30 pm



Thursday, October 6
 Market Day Pick Up
 4:45-5:45—Cafeteria

Monday, October 10
 Columbus Day
 No School

Thursday, October 13
 Character Counts Reception
 8:20-8:50—Cafeteria

Thursday, October 20
 Fall Individual Pictures



Message from the Principal

“Our Business is the Future”

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year at Forest Edge. We have had a wonderful first week of school. I am always amazed at how quickly our students adapt to the new school year. We have had an interesting start to the school year with an earthquake, hurricane and the heaviest rain I have ever seen. In order to be prepared for an unanticipated change in schedule, parents need to make advance arrangements regarding where their children should go in case of an early closing, delayed opening or cancellation. The unexpected cancellation of school on Friday, September 09, 2011 reminds us of the need to have this plan in place now. I look forward to seeing you at the PTA Back to School Picnic and PTA meeting on Tuesday, September 13. Our business is the future – together we will build a great tomorrow.

Regards,
 D. Kim Price



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Back to School Nights for the 2011-2012 school year will be held from **7:00-8:30 pm**
Monday, September 19th , for preschool and grades K-3
Tuesday, September 20th , for grades 4-6



2011-2012 SCHOOL HOURS

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Main Office : 703-925-8000	Attendance Line: 703-925-8080
Kindergarten through 6th grades	Pre-School Hours	Head Start (FECEP)
Monday: 8:40 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Tues-Fri: 8:40 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.	Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m./11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tues-Fri: 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. /12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Monday: 8:40 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tues - Fri: 8:40 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

This and That

No Bus Passes in September—Transportation will not be accepting bus passes until October 1, 2011. Children need to ride their assigned buses until this date. There are no exceptions!

Check Those Forms

Please make sure that all forms are returned to the school. The **emergency care cards** are a vital piece of information that we need. If you change your telephone number or address during the school year, be sure to let us know. We know there have been many forms sent home this week and we appreciate your help.

Security System

In cooperation with FCPS school security plans, our doors are locked during the instructional day after all of our students have arrived. To gain entry, ring the doorbell on the left side of the main doors (#1) or door #8 and someone from the office will ring you in. Please continue to report to the office to sign in and receive your visitor sticker after entering the building. The doors will be unlocked during dismissal so that parents can meet their children at the end of the day.

Forgot Something?

Just a reminder that if your child forgets lunch, homework, books, or an instrument and you bring it to the office, we cannot interrupt instruction. **Have your child check the office if they leave these items home.** To retrieve items forgotten in classrooms after dismissal, please check in at the office before 3:45 pm.

Lunch

The prices for elementary school meals during the 2011-12 school year are **unchanged from 2010-11** and will be as follows: Breakfast--\$1.50; Lunch--\$2.65. FCPS offers three ways to pay for school meals:

- 1)**Online**—Using www.mylunchmoney.com—The service is easy to use, convenient, private, and secure. There is a convenience fee per transaction. Once the account is open, parents may check the fund account at any time from computer or phone.
- 2)**Check**—Write a check made out to Forest Edge Food and Nutrition Services and bring the check to the cafeteria in the morning before school. A parent who wants his or her check payments to be for meals only (no à la carte items) should write instructions on the check or tell the manager.
- 3)**Cash**—Cash may be brought to the cafeteria manager's office for deposit in student accounts, or students may pay cash for breakfast and lunch on a daily basis.



2011-2012 School Year Calendar

September 6	School Begins
October 10	Columbus Day Holiday
November 4	First Grading Period Ends
November 7-8	Student Holidays, Parent/Teacher Conf.
November 23	Students Released 2 Hrs Early (1:20 pm)
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Break
December 23-	Winter Break
January 2	
January 16	MLK Jr's Birthday Holiday
January 27	Second Grading Period Ends
Jan. 30-31	Student Holidays
February 20	Presidents' Day Holiday
March 30	Third Grading Period Ends
April 2-6	Spring Break
May 28	Memorial Day Holiday
June 19	Last Day of School

Counselors' Corner

Welcome back to school! We look forward to another year of helping your children continue to be the best they can be. As counselors, we do this by helping students gain a better understanding of themselves personally, socially, emotionally and academically. We continue to celebrate our school's cultural diversity and promote character development through our "Character Counts" program. September's Character Counts trait is **Citizenship**. This month the students will be learning how to be good citizens as they understand their personal responsibility for proper behavior at school as well as learning about their rights to be educated in a safe environment. Reviewing school rules, procedures, and classroom rules will enable your child to feel comfortable and safe at Forest Edge. We look forward to a great year! **Please** feel free to call us if you have any questions about the counseling program.

Sheila Murphy, Counselor for Grades K, 1, 2, and 3
Martha Hutchinson, Counselor for Grades 4, 5, and 6



Attendance Procedures Regarding Absences and Tardiness

- ★ If your child will be absent from or late to school, please call the **Attendance Line (available 24 hours)** at **703-925-8080 before 9:30 am**. The FCPS attendance policy requires schools to submit daily attendance records by 9:45 am. If you have not called the school by 9:30 am, you will receive an automated phone call from FCPS to verify your child's absence or tardiness. If your child is late, please have your child report to the office to get a tardy slip before going to class. **Please remember the school starts promptly at 8:40 am, and there is not a late bell.** Any student arriving at 8:40 am or later will be marked tardy.
- ★ Please remember to bring in a doctor's note for all absences pertaining to medical/dental appointments.

