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Happy February! Can you believe it is already February? Where has the time gone? It has been a wonderful year at Forest Edge. Our students are engaged in learning activities; our staff members are working diligently to sharpen their craft; our staff and students are involved in many PTA sponsored after school activities; and our school is generally a nice place with genuine warm, caring people. What a gift!

I'd like to bring you up to date on a few things:

- The FCPS Office of Safety and Security has completed their observation of the current crossing guard location and the crossing of Becontree by students and parents, as well as the street parking. A recommendation has been submitted to the local authorities. Dr. Zuluaga has been informed and is involved in the process.
- We have had several concerns regarding unauthorized people in our building after school. Due to these concerns, we are keeping all doors locked at all times. We are working through the process of building access when we have an evening event. We are informing FCPS Office of Safety and Security when we have events. We appreciate your understanding as we work through this procedure.
- I am pleased to announce that we have two new staff members. Abbi Johnson has joined our staff as a second grade teacher and Shannah Hartman has joined us as a special education teacher. We also have an acting assistant principal with us, Jennifer Hertzberg. Jennifer is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Floris. She is working with Emily to hone her administrative skills. We send a big thank you to Dr. Zuluaga for helping us acquire these positions.

The next newsletter you receive will be a combined PTA/Forest Edge Staff newsletter. We have decided to do this in an effort to save paper and reduce duplication of information.

Have a great month. Enjoy the warm weather. See you in the hallways!

Kim, Emily, Sabra, and Jenn