



**Forestdale Elementary
School News**
*A Newsletter for and about
Forestdale and our PTA*

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September
**IMPORTANT
DATES**

Cheryl Toth, Principal Cathy Pullar, Assistant Principal

Welcome Back!!

2008 is going to be great!! We have started off the school year with wonderful children who are ready to learn, teachers who are eager to inspire and staff who are there to help all who enter with any question or circumstance. Thank you for supporting our first day, week and month.



- 9/4 Fundraiser Kick-off
Focus morning show.
- 9/5 Community of Caring
Kick-off 1:30-2:30
- 9/9 Back To School Night
7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 9/11 5th Grade Field Trip
Children's International
Festival—Wash. D.C.
- 9/22 Lucky Monday Night
5:00-8:00—Fundraiser

What Bus do you ride??


Transportation presents a challenge at the beginning of every year. Here are some suggestions to help us navigate through the weeks ahead.

1. **Do not cross the street!** All bus runs are designed for students to be picked up and dropped off on the house/apartment side of the street.
2. **Stay with the bus that runs on your side of the street!** Do not panic if you see a bus stopping across the street. Transportation has arranged a bus to drive on your side as well. This occurs in **Greenwood, Metrotech and Beverly Park communities.**
3. **Bus Notes are required** for a student to ride another bus home. This note must be signed by a parent or guardian. If one child is riding to another child's house, both must have notes signed by parents.
4. **Bus riders need to ride the bus.** We have an overflow of Kiss and Ride traffic which creates safety issues in the morning. If your child is supposed to ride the bus...please take advantage of the service.



Thank you!!



 **September 22nd
Lucky's Night**
**Come have dinner with the
Forestdale Staff at Luckys!**
Proceeds go to Forestdale ES!!

Back To School Night

BTS night will be held on September 9th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. We will run two sessions for those families who have more than one child at Forestdale. This evening is for parents. We look forward to seeing you on the 9th.



Kiss and Ride

Kiss and Ride is located in front of the school on Elder Ave. This area extends between the entrance and exit of the school. Please do not drop off your child past the crosswalk or near the wooded area beyond the school. We have staff positioned to aide students on the sidewalk and at the crosswalk. U-turns are prohibited in this area. Please drive straight through and left onto Kalmia street, left on Forsythia and left on Summerton Way to return to Elder Ave. Thank you for keeping our roadways safe.

From the PTA

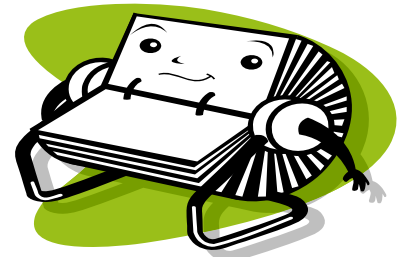
We need 100% participation and membership from our Forestdale families. Please pay close attention to the membership information that comes home in the Thursday folders. Please join the PTA and support your child and the education at Forestdale.

Forestdale Elementary School
6530 Elder Ave
Springfield, VA 703-313-4300

**Tom Scherston's
Math Night
October 2, 2008
6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Do we know how to reach you??

One of our greatest challenges is keeping phone numbers and addresses current. Please notify the office if your address or phone number has changed. If it is best to reach you by email, make sure you let the office staff know. Thank you for helping us keep the most current information available in case of emergency



The Testing Corner

SOL testing will take place between the dates of May 19 and June 13th, we are asking parents to make sure in advance to not schedule early vacations. Students need to be present until the last day of school which is Tuesday, June 17th. Below is the schedule for SOL testing. Please make sure to plan accordingly so your child is present on their testing days.

We thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions regarding testing contact Cathy Pullar at 703-313-4300.

Grade Level	Test Name	Testing Date
Students in grades 3-6	SOL testing	May 19-June 13, 2008
3 rd Grade	SOL Reading	Tues. May 20 th
3 rd & 4 th Grade	SOL Reading	Wed. May 21 st
5 th & 6 th Grade	SOL Reading	Thurs. May 22 nd
3 rd & 4 th Grade	SOL Math	Wed. May 28 th
5 th & 6 th Grade	SOL Math	Thurs. May 29 th
3 rd & 4 th Grade	SOL Soc. Stud.	Fri. May 30 th
6 th Grade	SOL Soc. Stud.	Tues. June 3 rd
3 rd & 5 th Grade	SOL Science	Wed. June 4 th

Make up dates are as follows: Friday, May 23rd, Thurs. June 5th and Friday June 6th.

The week before testing, students should spend 10-15 minutes each night looking through their interactive notebooks as a review of yearlong learning. Getting a good night sleep and a healthy breakfast keeps the body fit and alert. The night before, reassure your child. Tests are only a snapshot in time...we want students to do their best and that is good enough!!



Pennies for Hope...



Forestdale Falcons should be extremely proud!! Working together, we topped our last years total of \$450.00 dollars. This year students raised \$608.00 dollars to be donated to the American Cancer Society!

Cafeteria Winners for April



Cafeteria Winner

- 1st Grade-Mabe
- 2nd Grade-Junkin
- 3rd Grade-Kimball
- 4th Grade-Slusser
- 5th Grade-Quesenberry
- 6th Grade-no winner

This month's winners will receive Fun and Games with Principals. Next months winner will receive ice-cream.



Lee Pyramid Art Show

Picasso would be proud of our Forestdale artists!! Every year Key Middle School hosts the Lee Pyramid Student Art Show. The artwork is displayed for the community to enjoy. The following artists from Forestdale were featured at this show;

Second Grade:

Scott Cook
Deysy Castro
Katheen Gurango
Diarra Dia

Third Grade:

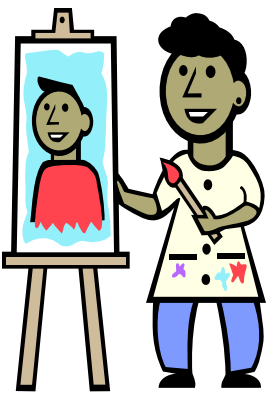
Huy Vinh Le
Samiha Mohamed
Helen Sande
Gabriel Perez
Eunice Shin
Caitlin Pao
Otto Rebane

Fourth Grade:

Tianna Lewis
Ahmen Khan
Akari Shiraishi Murga

Fifth Grade:

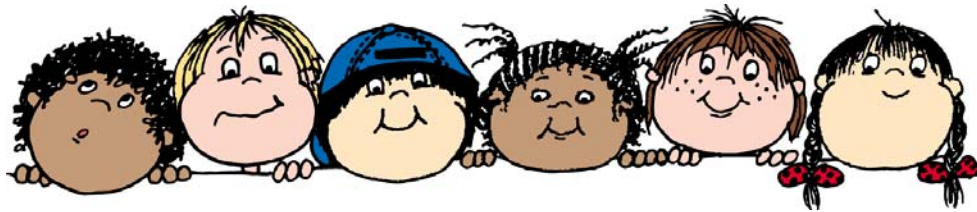
Yousra El Guneid
Pitchesinee Veerakajorn
Giselle Marchante



Sixth Grade:

Tarik Fayyad
Jerry Romero Lujan
Devin Cook
Katie Henslee
Marlen Turcios
Noor Awadallah
Jenny Cardwell





Make It Clear To Persevere

Our character education focus for the month of May is **perseverance**. Young children are naturally impatient and without some guidance are rarely motivated to complete tasks or follow through on projects independently. Look for opportunities to teach your child that some of the best and most enduring things in life are worth working and waiting for. Help your child see the benefit of persevering. Adult recognition and appreciation of perseverance and a child's accomplishments will encourage more of the same.

Survey Forms for 2008-09

Please fill out the student enrollment that was sent home recently. If you have a child who will reach their fifth birthday on or before September 30, 2008. Virginia law, section 22.1-254 requires that children who will reach their fifth birthday on or before September 30th must be enrolled in Kindergarten for the 2008-09 school year.



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Go Falcons!!

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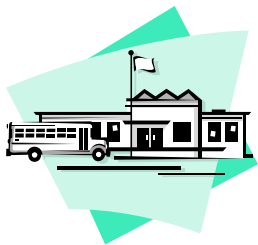
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Web: <http://www.fcps.edu/ForesdaleES/>



"Home of the Falcons"



Are you moving??

If you are planning on moving and your child will not be attending Forestdale for the 2008-09 school year, please let Cindy Morris know in the office. Student enrollment is very important to us. It helps us to determine the number of teachers we will have along with additional programs for the children of Forestdale. Thank you for keeping us informed on your current and future status!

Cindy Morris—703-313-4300

Web Page Update

Our Forestdale Web Page is currently under construction. You will notice that the updates are current on the opening page. The links will be updated soon. Thanks to Liz Caligiuri for taking on this mammoth job.



Please bring your used printer cartridges to the computer lab for recycling. It will help us raise funds to purchase needed equipment.

Thank you,
Mrs. Caligiuri
School Based Technology Specialist (SBTS)

