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Forestdale Elementary School Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome Back!!!

What a great start to the school year! We were so excited to see all the smiling faces last Tuesday for the first day of school. We have missed the energy and joy your children bring with them through our school doors each day. The building is now filled with excitement, laughter and learning. The teacher's have done an outstanding job of creating a positive environment in their classrooms with your children to promote a love of learning. We are looking forward to another great year at Forestdale with you and your children. Please take the time to support your child and Forestdale by donating a day at the "Dale." We want you to be an active participant in your child's educational day. We hope to see you volunteering in your child's classroom soon.

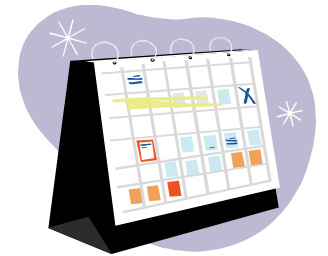
Calendar of Events

September

- 17-Constitution Day
- 22-NNAT Testing-2nd Grade & Select 3-6
- 23-Back to School Night 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 24-Sally Foster Kick-Off 1:45 p.m., Gym
- 29-Fall Pictures

October

- 1-Interims Sent Home



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Back to School Night

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 23, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. At this time, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear

about the expectations and curriculum framework for the upcoming school year. Two sessions will be held to aide families with multiple children. We look forward

to seeing you all on the 23rd. Remember this is a night for parents and teacher's. We will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.



Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT)

All second grade students and select students in grades 3-6 who are new to Fairfax County or do not have an ability test will be taking the NNAT test on Tuesday, September 22nd. NNAT is a nonverbal measure of school learning ability that is related to classroom achievement. It is designed to assess abilities without requiring the student to read, write or speak. Please help your child perform his or her best by making sure they get a good nights rest, a healthy breakfast in the morning and comes to school with a positive attitude.



PTA Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 6th
at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

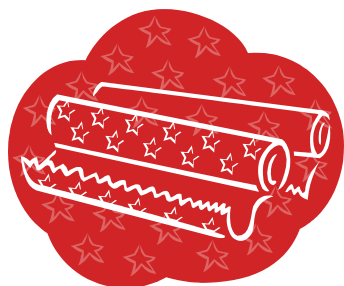
Come one come all!

Fall Pictures

Smile for the camera! Student's individual fall pictures are Tuesday, September 29th. Parents will be given the opportunity to preorder select packages. Please keep an eye out in this weeks Thursday folder for the Provine Pictures order form. All order forms should be sealed in the appropriate envelope and returned to school with all the important information completed. This includes; student's name, grade level, teacher's name and package you wish to order. Please make checks payable to Provine Pictures. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to capture lasting memories of your child's educational journey.

PTA Fall Fundraiser

Getting ready for the holidays? Sally Foster has items that your family and friends will love. Stock up on wrapping paper, candles, chocolate, entertainment books and much more. The PTA will be running this fall fundraiser from Sept. 24th- October 16th. Look for the sales catalogs and order forms to come home in your child's Thursday folder Sept. 24th. All proceeds go to supporting your child's education through PTA sponsored events, cultural arts programs and field trips. Please take the time to share these great gift ideas with friends, family, co-workers and neighbors. Do not have your children go door to door. Help the PTA support the Forestdale Community through participating in the Sally Foster Fundraiser. **Every item sold counts!**



Emergency Care Cards

At the beginning of the year, critical emergency care and contact information is collected from each family. **Emergency Care Cards went home today.** Please make sure to update the information on this printed form so it is correct. Sign and date the back of the form and return it to Forestdale as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, September 22nd. The emergency care card is our access to you, the parent, whenever we may need to contact you in case of sickness, return on the school bus, need for lunch money, etc. Keeping this information current throughout the year is critical. If phone numbers change at any time during the school year, please notify the office immediately at 703-313-4300. We thank you for your assistance with this important matter.



Summer Reading Celebration

We hope you all were able to relax and enjoy some good books this summer. It is that time again when we celebrate our summer readers. This reading celebration will be held on Monday, September 21st for upper grade students and Wednesday, September 23rd for primary students. Student forms need to be turned into classroom teachers no later than tomorrow, September 18th. Completed forms from the public library will also earn the celebration for your student. Thank you for your support in making our students life-long readers.

Thank You to our PTA!

Thank you to our PTA for beginning the year off with the wonderful luncheon catered by Fireside Subs. It is always a fun and thoughtful way to welcome back our staff as they begin to prepare for your students arrival for a new school year. Special thanks go to the following; Ann Marie Cumming, Cynthia Paul, Mary Bartholomaus, Terri Flowers-Bull for setting up, serving and cleaning up. Your efforts were very much appreciated.



"Praise your
child's effort,
without worrying
about the
results."

By Nancy Krulik



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"Home of the Falcons"



From the Cafeteria



This year student breakfast and lunch prices have increased. The cost for breakfast is now \$1.50 and lunch is \$2.65 per student each day. Please be aware of the new increases and make sure your child has enough money each day. A blue sticker is placed on students when the funds run low in their account. We thank you for your support with this matter in ensuring your child receive a well balanced meal.

To help ensure that your child has lunch money the following are the three (3) methods of payment for cafeteria meals.

1. Online-Using www.mylunchmoney.com. The service is easy to use, convenient, private and secure. There is a convenience fee. Once the account is open, parents may check the fund account anytime. Parents may find their child's I.D. number on their last year's progress report. If your child is new to Fairfax County Public Schools you may call the school to obtain the I.D. number.
2. Check-Make checks payable to Forestdale Food Services and bring the check to the food service manager's office located in the kitchen. Parents who want their check payments for meals only, no snacks should be written on their check or tell the manager.
3. Cash-Cash may be brought to the food service manager for deposit on the student's account.

Students in all grade levels that bring cash or checks to school to deposit on their accounts have the opportunity to do this each morning.

(For convenience, lunches may be purchased by the month)

