

September 25, 2024

Dear Forest Park School Families,

We have nearly completed the first month of school and your children have adjusted well to new routines and building their classroom communities. Our Breakfast Program is well underway, with Mrs. Cullum and Mrs. Mirus adding egg bites and toasted English muffins to our already kid-approved menu. We also started Tasty Tuesdays, which provides all our students an opportunity to sample a food item in their classroom once a month. This month the students sampled cauliflower with the option of dipping it in Ranch Dressing. Ms Bela is knee-deep in her outdoor education with a handful of classes right now. They are in the process of drying and pressing wild flowers for an upcoming project, making a salve and creating their own leaf-pressed notebooks. Mr Ens has provided each classroom with recess equipment as well as taught the students how to play tetherball. We are working on installing new soccer goal posts, generously purchased by our past PAC, that the kids can't wait to use! Our street patrols have already had their first field trip and the bus patrols are in the process of being trained. Teacher Dave's preschool program has many new families that have joined and a room full of eager young children.

On Friday, September 27 we will be recognizing **National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Orange Shirt Day)**. Throughout the day, classrooms will continue to learn about residential schools; work that is woven into your child's learning all year. We will be honoring those impacted by residential schools through a walk in our community wearing orange shirts. We invite all families to join us on our walk or stand outside your homes if you are along our route. We will be walking from FP School, down Sinclair to Leila, up Diplomat, Hillhouse and then back to Sinclair Street at 2:15.

Important Dates:

Monday, September 30: National Truth and Reconciliation, no school
Friday, October 4: Photo Day
Tuesday, October 8: Divisional PD, no school
Monday, October 14: Thanksgiving, no school
Friday, October 25: MTS PD Day, no school

If your child is late for school, please remind them to stop at the office and let Mrs. Barb know they are here. If your child is absent, please call the school to let us know. You can leave a voice mail when school is closed.

Sincerely,

Tanya Kohut