



Forest Park Community School Newsletter

130 FOREST PARK DRIVE / WINNIPEG / MANITOBA / R2V 2R8
Telephone: 338-9341 Fax: 334-4808

November 2010

Number 3

DATES TO REMEMBER

- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| Monday, November 1 | - Prof. Dev. Day - (NO SCHOOL) |
| Thursday, November 4 | - Story Magic Parent/Child Program -
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. |
| Friday, November 5 | - Rhyme Time Parent/Child Program -
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

-Picture retakes (am) |
| Thursday, November 11 | - Remembrance Day - (NO SCHOOL) |
| Friday, November 12 | - Remembrance Day Assembly - 1:15 p.m.
- Rhyme Time Parent/Child Program
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, November 17 | - Parent Advisory Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, November 18 | - Story Magic Parent/Child Program -
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

-KYAC |
| Friday, November 19 | - Rhyme Time Parent/Child Program
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

-Hot Lunch (hotdogs) |
| Thursday, November 25 | - Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
(evening)
- Story Magic Parent/Child Program -
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

-KYAC |
| Friday, November 26 | - Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
(NO SCHOOL) |
| Thursday, December 2 | - Story Magic Parent/Child Program -
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. |
| Friday, December 3 | - Rhyme Time Parent/Child Program -
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. |
| Thursday, December 9 | - Story Magic Parent/Child Program -
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. |

Friday, December 10 - Rhyme Time Parent/Child Program -
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 16 - Story Magic Parent/Child Program -
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Friday, December 17 - Rhyme Time Parent/Child Program -
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 23 - Last Day before Winter Break

Thursday, January 6 - First Day of Classes

Friday, January 28 - PD Day (NO SCHOOL)

SCHOOL EVENTS

MUSICAL NOTES

Remembrance Day Assembly



Please join the staff and students at our Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday November 12th at 1:15 p.m. in our school gymnasium. The Grade 1,2, and 3 students will join together to sing "Let's Join Hands" by Edna A. Strauss and the Grade 4 and 5 Choir will be singing "In Flanders Fields" with music by Manitoba composer Craig Cassils, based on the famous poem by the Canadian World War One soldier Dr. John Mc Rae. There will be a silver collection for poppies.

-Ms B. Warrack

PHYS ED NEWS

The final tally for our Terry Fox Walk/Run was \$410.15. That was well above our goal of \$300.00. Well done Forest Park!

Intramural Team Handball is well underway and should continue until the Christmas Break. The Divisional Team Handball Tournament for grade four and five students is set for Saturday, November 20th. More information will be sent home at a later date for interested students.

Students seemed to enjoy performing the dances they learned during gym classes at the Halloween Dance. If you can get a hold of the music, dance with your child at home.

-K. Lukas



We have a new bike compound at Forest Park School! In the interest of physical activity and environmental awareness, students are encouraged to ride bikes to school now that there is a way to ensure the safety of expensive bicycles. Students still need personal locks to secure their bikes to the chain link walls and a main lock will keep the door closed during the day.

FOREST PARK ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

Come one, come all to the Forest Park Used Book Sale!

The Sale will be held during Parent-Teacher Conferences on the following days:

Wednesday, November 24 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 25 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 26 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

ALL BOOKS 50 CENTS EACH
Hope to see you there!

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Halloween Dance! Thanks to all who volunteered their time to make the dance a success!

Remember the next hot lunch will feature hot dogs on Friday November 19th. PLEASE come to the school at 11:30 to wrap the hot dogs! Volunteers are always needed and appreciated! We thank those families who participated in the Epicure Selections fundraiser. Special thanks to families who made a monetary donation in lieu of purchase. Events such as the Halloween dance could not be held without your support !

The next Parent Advisory Board meeting is on Wednesday November 17th @ 6:30pm. Childcare is provided. We always welcome new members and new ideas!

Your co-chairs,
Chris Leblanc and Rina Lischka

Unite to Change

Mr. Boychuk and four students, Raia Steele, Evelyn Clowater, Daniel Blaschuk and Jake Lavarias, attended the 3rd annual "Unite to Change" Conference put on by Seven Oaks School Division. These students are the leaders of the Forest Park Green Team.



Evelyn Clowater, Jake Lavarias, Raia Steele, Daniel Blaschuk and Mr. Boychuk

Here is some of what the students learned at this year's conference:

"We learned that you can send dead batteries to Home Depot to be recycled. I also learned that using Century Gothic font (which this is) is the most environmentally friendly font because it uses the least amount of ink. We went on a scavenger hunt at the Forks to find out what is happening there as far as being "green". We toured The Forks and found out it has a lot of stores that have a lot of "green" stuff. A lot of the goods that are sold are produced or grown in Manitoba so there isn't a lot that has to be driven or trucked from far away. We saw videos of kids in other countries trying to help the environment. The Forks uses geothermal to heat and cool the buildings. All the food stores save vegetable and fruit scraps and they are composted and then put into the gardens. There is a natural garden there that has native plants from Manitoba. We saw a statue of Gandhi with the saying, "*We must be the change we wish to see in the world*".

We had a great day and we have great plans for changing our world. We want to make the world a better place."

Principal's Message

November already? It is hard to believe that two months have passed since my first day as Acting Principal of Forest Park School. Having time to transition with Karen Hartikainen before she leaves for surgery has been a pleasure and a gift. During this time, I have had the chance to connect with our students and many of our families. I look forward to meeting all of you as we move towards Parent Teacher Conferences at the end of the month.

Late September, as the nights began to chill, we rescued 6 Monarch Butterflies. As you may know, each year, millions of Monarch Butterflies migrate from Canada and the United States, making way to their wintering grounds in Mexico. When you stop and think about this—these tiny flying flowers, fly thousands of kilometres, weathering harsh weather and other obstacles. Yet, each year, without fail, millions of Monarchs arrive in Mexico at the end of October. The story of the Monarchs always captures my attention and I was happy to share this experience with the staff and students of Forest Park School. We found the Monarchs in the chrysalis/cocoon stage of their life cycle. Fortunately for us, all 6 cocoons emerged into butterflies which we were then able to release into the world. I have always believed in the importance of connecting children to their environment and to the world at large. We are educating citizens of the world. Besides—seeing 6 Monarchs emerge into butterflies was simply amazing and breathtaking. Seeing them fly off into the sky inspired many questions from the students such as: Will our butterflies make it to Mexico? How long will it take to get there? Can we name them? Student questions and interests are of great importance to me.

As we proceed through this year together, I predict harsh weather, obstacles and many positive experiences. I believe that through communication and a commitment to our children—we can weather almost any storm. I look forward to building community with you, working with your children and I look forward to the Monarchs returning to Manitoba in the spring.

If you see me in the hallways, or in the mall—please do not hesitate to introduce yourselves to me. As stated, I look forward to meeting all of you throughout upcoming school events. I invite you to share your concerns with me and your compliments, too—as I have already witnessed a staff dedicated to the education of our students. I also extend you the invitation to attend our monthly Parent Advisory meetings. Your presence is always welcome. We cannot do what we do without you.

In closing, I received an email dated October 22, indicating that the first Monarchs were spotted arriving in Mexico. By October 23rd dozens of Monarchs were spotted in the same area. I choose to believe that the 6 Monarchs of Forest Park School have made a safe journey. We can only hope that winter in Mexico will be sunnier and warmer than winter in Winnipeg.

Sincerely,
Jacky Molyneux

Community News



Advancing Community Schools

Forest Park School

130 Forest Park Drive

Parent/Child Programs

We'd like to welcome families in our school community to join us for our **FREE** Parent/Child Programs. Weekly classes are held in our Forest Park School Library. During each of our programs, parents/caregivers participate in fun activities along with their children. With a focus on literacy, nutrition, parenting and building community, our programs encourage you to connect with each other. This is also a great opportunity to meet other families in your community.

Story Magic

A parent/child program best enjoyed by children ages 3 - 5 years that includes stories, songs, poems and art activities. You and your child will have fun together sharing and meeting others. A snack is also provided.

Weekly classes are offered on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 am
(Please see calendar for more details)

Rhyme Time

Best enjoyed by children from birth to 3 years, our Rhyme Time program is a special time for you and your little one to have fun together sharing songs and rhymes. A snack is provided.

Weekly classes are offered on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00 am
(Please see calendar for more details)

Registration is required as space is limited.

For more information or to register for our Parent/Child Programs, please call our Community Coordinator, Debbie Talling at 338-9341.

Baby Rhyme Time Evening Classes

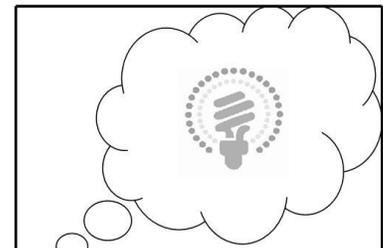
This program is a special time for you and your little one(s) to have fun together sharing songs and rhymes. It is also a great opportunity to meet other families in your community. Our program is best enjoyed by children ages 0-3 yrs. A snack is also provided.

Registration is required as space is limited.

Time: Thursday Evenings 6:00 – 7:00pm

**Dates: November 18th & 25th
December 2nd, 9th & 16th**

**Location: Margaret Park School
385 Cork Avenue
(Room 10 - The Family Centre)**



Thinking...
*of a way
to give back?*

Bright Futures is looking for creative, talented volunteers to develop and share their passions with high-school aged students

The sky's the limit to developing ideas that will *enrich and inspire* students' success in high school.

For more information
www.brightfuturesmanitoba.com
or 631-5849 ext. 3278