



Forest Park News

From Principal Cindi Swingen

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Dear Forest Park Families,

We can see the sky! I hope you and your children are enjoying being outside as much as my family is this weekend. My heart goes out to all of you who had to keep young children and pets inside for days on end. Bravo for your patience and endurance. This week's newsletter is quite long. Thank you for taking the time to read it. As always, please feel free to contact me any time.

Please stay safe.

Cindi Swingen, Principal

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Nuts and Bolts

- **Need a Device?** Please email dsanders@pps.net to reserve a chrome book.
- **Need help with Technology?** There is a Tech Support Hotline for you to call! Please call **503 916-3375** to get your tech questions answered.
- **The Fox Den Week Two!** Thank you to our fabulous specialists and counselors for getting us off to a fantastic start with The Fox Den. Every morning we gather as a community at 8:00 for fun and learning. Students head to their classrooms at 8:30.

Here is the link if your child would like to join the fun (it's optional)

<https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/7af5d0e5-3862-4c52-b2c8-ae0e67423bbe>. I will also send it via Remind, just in case.

- **Nutrition Services** Families at FPE are encouraged to apply for food assistance using our [online application](#) . Please contact the Nutrition Services department at 503-916-3420 or mealbenefits@pps.net if you have questions.

Materials and Supplies Pick Up Tuesday, September 22, 10:00 - Noon

If your child is in grade K, 1, 3, or 4, please plan to drive through the school's front parking lot between 10:00 - Noon on Tuesday, September 22 and grab a bag of materials for your child. Hold up a piece of paper in your passenger window showing volunteers your child's name, grade, and teacher. Put a piece of paper with the same information on it in the trunk or inside the hatch. A volunteer will put a bag into your car and take the second piece of paper so we'll know you stopped by. If your child still has materials at school from the spring, you'll get those as well. You are welcome to have a friend or relative pick up materials in your stead.

If you are expecting a chrome book, look for communication from Donna Sanders, our amazing school secretary. We are waiting for 25 more computers to be delivered, and hope they'll be here in time for pick up on Tuesday. If you need a device please contact Donna at dsanders@pps.net.

Back-to-School-Night

September 24

K, 1, 2 6:30 - 7:00

3, 4, 5 7:00 - 7:30

Teachers will be letting you know how their grade level teams will be sharing their back-to-school-night information with you later this week. You can anticipate learning about such topics as schedules, homework, expectations for online participation, what content standards will be covered this year, and more. Teachers have the option of sharing in the following ways:

- 1. Livestream and present live and record it so those who can't make it can watch later**
- 2. Pre-Record a presentation using a Google Meet and broadcast the recording**
- 3. Have a live Google or Zoom Meeting to share in real-time with families and record for those who can't come**
- 4. Prepare a Power Point presentation and share it with your narration, either recorded or live**

If your child works with Ms. Melissa Smith, Ms. Jennifer Potegal, or Ms. Adriane Blackman, you will be receiving an additional message regarding times to connect.

The short time allotted for the classroom sessions won't allow for questions and answers from individuals on Thursday evening, however, FPE teachers will always respond to your emails and Remind messages in a timely manner.

Girls on the Run

Brian Hamilton, a Forest Park parent and FOFPE Board Member, has been instrumental in getting our school's Girls on the Run program off the ground. Despite the pandemic, he is planning on getting the children up and running again just as soon as possible with an in-person/hybrid approach that will be both safe and fun. FPE's team can host up to ten girls this year. To find out more, please go to this web site: <https://www.girlsontherunpdx.org/x>





From Our Counselors

Greetings Forest Park Families!

See below for important information. Stay safe and take care!

If you'd like to make an appointment for your student to check in with Ms. Lizzie, you can schedule by clicking on this [link](#). We have a [Family Resources](#) document that is updated as we learn about new and helpful resources. Please feel free to share a resource if you know of something that could support our FPE community!

Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15- October 15

Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the multicultural and multiethnic nature of Latinx, Latino, and Hispanic-identified communities. The month-long celebration begins on September 15 commemorating the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The commemoration kicked off in 1968 as a week-long event. It expanded to four weeks in 1988 to reflect Mexico's, Chile's and Belize's Independence days and now ends October 15. While we want to acknowledge, celebrate, and uplift Latinx voices year round, this an excellent time

to explore the rich history and culture of Latinx people.

Fast facts on Latinx Children and young adults in America

- Latinx people make up 20% of all Americans.
- Latinx people make up 25% of all millennial Americans.
- One in four students in public schools are Latinx. In California and Texas, Latinx students make up more than 50% of the student population.
- Latinx kids make up 33% of Generation Alpha in the U.S.
- The current average age of native-born Latinx people is 19.
- Two-thirds of U.S. Latinx people are native-born.
- One million U.S. Latinx people will turn 18 this year and every year for the next two decades.

Resources

- HRC article- [Latinx Heritage Month: More Than One Word, More Than One Heritage](#)
- [Lessons and activities](#) that focus on Latinx people and culture
- [NPR World Cafe Hispanic Heritage Month Playlist](#)
- [Latinx Booklist](#)



Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is an opportunity for students to socialize with other students in their grade during their lunch break. This is 100% optional, but we hope it is a nice opportunity to connect and make friends. Thanks for bearing with us as we make adjustments based on attendance.

Schedule (teachers will provide the Google Meets link)

Mondays: 1st Grade, 11:20-11:40 & 3rd Grade, 11:45-12:05

Tuesdays: 2nd Grade, 11:20- 11:40 & 4th Grade, 11:45- 12:05

Wednesdays: 5th Grade. 11:45-12:05



Let's Get Reading!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year from your school library. We are excited to serve you!!

Things will look different this year. The good news is that we will be getting books to you, digital and physical!

Digital books will be found most easily through Destiny Discover and Sora. I will be adding more titles soon! Here are links to help you access our ebooks.

[Destiny Discover](#)

[Sora](#)

[Forest Park Webpage](#)

Please go to this link to find out lots of details for how students will be getting real FPE library books during Comprehensive Distance Learning:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-Y3ilh3pt2QfgsCnIii7OGLo62OYJUIMVa1Mpno1P0/edit>

Thank you! Ms. Laura and Ms. Mette



TAG News from Miss Laura

Hello Forest Park Families,

Here is some guidance from the PPS TAG Department that I would like to share with you.

- You are encouraged if you have not already done so to reach out to your child's teacher to let them know what has worked well for your child in the past and how their specific learning needs might be met this year.
- **NNAT3** 2nd grade level testing will not happen this fall and might happen in the spring.
- Single Subject Acceleration information and processes will be available OCT 1.
- The TAG Department is currently making Canvas Modules to support teachers TAG teaching efforts during Distance Learning.
- TAG Nominations will take place this fall using FALL MAPS scores.

Please contact me if you have any questions and I will do my best to find the answers.

laxon@pps.net

Sincerely,

Laura Axon

Forest Park Elementary Apparel Web Store



Order Deadline is Sunday, September 27th

Orders are placed online through the Athletes Corner website @
www.athletescorner.com

From the CATEGORIES panel, choose "Custom Web Stores",
then select the "Forest Park Elementary" web store.

Password: *fpe2020*

Because of covid orders will NOT be available for pick up at school.
You can choose to ship orders to your home or
pick them up at Athletes Corner in Vancouver WA.
We recommend choosing the shipping option.

Estimated completion is October 9th

Wow, congratulations on reading this whole newsletter.

Thank you!

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