



Forest Park News

From Principal Cindi Swingen

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Dear Forest Park Families,

Forest Park's teachers reported truly positive and inspiring things about the conferences you attended with them last week. Conferences are a really special time for educators. We get to learn more about our students and share with families individual celebrations, goals, and hopes for the future. Meeting with families helps us do our jobs better, and we appreciate you for making conferences a priority last week. Thank you for sharing your time and your children with us!

Please stay safe.

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Nuts and Bolts

- **Library Book and Materials Pick-Up:** We are once again allowed to exchange library books! Grades two and five will exchange books on Wednesday, December 2nd, and Kindergarten will exchange books and pick up materials on Friday, December 4th. We'll let you know about the other grades as soon as we have the schedule finalized.
 - **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.
 - **Nutrition Services** All children, ages 1-18, are eligible for free meals at 38 different school sites in Portland until December! Please to go this link <https://www.pps.net/Page/15846> to find out which schools are most convenient for you and to see the schedule.
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Families are invited to join Forest Park Staff every morning from 8:00 ~ 8:25.
This is gathering for building community, learning, and fun!

FOX BLOCKS

Fransus will welcome four students this week to play our new game! The goal of Fox Blocks is to review vocabulary introduced during our daily livestream. It takes many repetitions to learn new words and concepts, so we are taking a few minutes each morning to review and practice what we've heard and seen over the first weeks of school. There are no winners, losers, or prizes. It's simply a fun way to interact with words and ideas.

Here's how Fox Blocks works (repeated from last week):

1. **Fill out this form saying your child would like to play:**

<https://forms.gle/MZXGzZTwLaHujtmC9>

2. **Review the vocabulary at this link if you want to:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ID9N6WaOKdQiiqY7DGDMCFKI8YE-45jrZjkK2614xfY/edit#gid=0>

3. **Wait for an email and text from us letting you know your child has been selected to play the game.**

4. **Help your child play the game on the day they get called (on your phone)! You are welcome to help, use the spreadsheet, or ask for hints.**

Here is this week's Fox Den schedule.

We hope to see you there!

Monday: Fox Blocks, Math Challenge, Dr. Bob, Counselors

Tuesday Fox Blocks, Math Challenge, Dr. Bob, Mr. Huntley

Wednesday: SPIRIT Assembly!! Join Ms. Lizzie, Ms. Kristi, and others to learn our new Superpower for The Month.

Thursday: Fox Blocks, Math Challenge, Ms. Laura

Friday: Fox Blocks, Math Challenge, Special Guest - Ms. Hildebrandt!!

Here is The Fox Den link:

<https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/7af5d0e5-3862-4c52-b2c8-ae0e67423bbe>

Morning Mug



Come join us for coffee and conversation this Friday, December 4, from 8:45 - 9:15. Take the opportunity to chat with other parents and ask the principal your questions. All are welcome! Here is the link for joining: meet.google.com/dtu-ndkw-xxs

Yearbooks are Here!!

At long last, the 2019 - 2020 edition of our school yearbook is available for distribution. A huge thank you goes out to the many parents who helped make this possible, and to Suzanne Gleeson for her tireless support with ensuring yearbooks of the highest quality for our students and their families. Additionally, a sincere debt of gratitude goes to Mette Pedersen, who has volunteered to distribute the books on December 7th and 8th.

Procedure

Come between 11:00 and 1:00. Have your child's name on an 8.5 x 11 inch piece of paper taped to the passenger-side window. Pop your trunk or hatch when you stop in front of the school. A staff member will put the yearbook in your car. Please keep your windows closed. Thank you for understanding our staff won't be able to visit with you.

If your last name starts with A - M, your pick-up day is Monday, December 7th.

If your last name starts with N-Z, your pick-up day is Tuesday, December 8th.

FPE Holiday Food Drive Covid-19 Edition!

Hello FPE families! As many of you know, Forest Park Elementary has held an annual Holiday Food Drive for 20 years. This tradition has brought us together as a community to support other local families who are food-insecure over the holiday break; last year, we were able to give 150 boxes of non-perishable food to 150 Portland Public Schools families. This support helps sustain those families for whom food is not affordable.

We cannot collect food or put together boxes this year, but our partner schools still welcome our support. Families across Portland, including in our own community, are struggling to earn enough money to buy food, even with parents working two or more jobs. We are committed to continuing our partnership by raising money and purchasing gift cards to local grocery stores, to be distributed by school counselors to fellow PPS families before winter break. **If you are able, please donate money to our 2020 FPE Holiday Food Drive. We will collect donations until Tuesday, December 8th; any amount is welcome and appreciated.**

Click here to donate

<http://forestparkelementary.schoolauction.net/fooddrive/catalog?id=10>

If you are a Forest Park family needing extra support (in the form of gift cards) this winter break, please reach out to Ms. Lizzie O'Leary, Forest Park School Counselor; loleary@pps.net Your name will be kept confidential.

**Please be generous in helping us continue this FPE tradition of giving.
Your generosity is so appreciated!**

Questions?

Contact Pat Greene at pjsgreene@gmail.com

or Brianna Avery at brianna.avery@gmail.com.



FRIENDS OF FPE
FOREST PARK ELEMENTARY

Giving Tuesday is coming up and we have several opportunities for you to flex your altruistic muscles!

CONSIDER DONATING TO FRIENDS OF FOREST PARK ELEMENTARY FOUNDATION

Funds donated to FOFPE provide the opportunity to add staffing to our school. This month we approved an increase in funding for more EA (educational assistant) resources for this year. This year the EA is focusing on technology and has been a critical part of distance learning. Many employers offer special matching during this time. If your employer has a giving portal please use it so that we can get matching funds. Otherwise, use the link below:

<https://friendsoffpe.com/fundraising/donate-now/>



INTEL EMPLOYEES - CHOOSE FOREST PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION - \$10k FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Intel has recently changed its guidelines so that parents can request a match of \$10/hour (max of 5 hours/day) for educating their kids at home during COVID-19. Check the box on the "Track Time" submission form indicating that it was COVID-related. Forest Park Elementary's first day of school was 9/2 and kindergarten started on 9/8. You can even include your hours from Spring when we started officially started distance learning on 4/13 and ended 6/10. Copy and paste this link into the Intel intranet:

intel.benevity.org/news/9889



AMAZON SMILE

CHOOSE FOREST PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Don't forget to support our school with AmazonSmile this holiday season. Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/20-1975263 and AmazonSmile will donate to Forest Park Elementary School Foundation.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR UPDATE - Thank you for participating in the Scholastic Book Fair. We raised \$214.86 in Scholastic Dollars to help with supplying our library and teachers with new books.



COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER UPDATE - Pickup will be this Friday at the school. We will be reaching out to those who participated with details this week.

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