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Forest Grove Grapevine

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Welcome to our new and returning families to the Forest Grove community! We're glad to have you and look forward to getting to know you better.

A few rules around the school that we are working on:

- Students should not go into the forest during school hours
- Please be kind to trees and branches around the school
- Please do not run, roll or slide down any of our grassy banks – especially at the front of the school.

Finally, parents, please be respectful of signs in our parking lots. The East parking lot can become quite congested at drop-off and pick-up times and the rules we have in place are for the safety of EVERYONE (especially the children).

EMAIL UPDATES

Most notices are sent home via email, and although you are receiving a hard copy of this newsletter, future issues will be sent via email. If you do not have an email address, there will be a few copies available in the magazine rack in the hallway between the school office and the Community Room. Please let us know if your email address has changed or if you are not receiving emails and would like to be added to our parent email list. It is important that we have current information at all times, so please update us any time your address or phone number changes also.

KEEPING ILLNESS AT BAY

Cold and flu season has begun early and we've already had a number of students and staff away sick with various bugs. Having said that, we'd like to ask parents to remind your children about cleanliness and proper hand washing procedures after sneezing, coughing, and using the washroom.

LICE

Again this year we have a group of volunteer parents who will receive training in lice screening. In an effort to control potential spread, they will screen our students a few times a year. Although we have not yet received any reports of lice, it is advisable to check your child's head regularly and report any findings to us immediately. The sooner a problem is identified, the greater the chance of stopping its spread. Although lice are a nuisance, they are not considered a health threat, and are not a result of uncleanliness.

P.A.C. Mtg.
at 7:00 pm
September 14th

Early Dismissal
for all students for Parent Intake Meetings
at 1:48 pm
September 21 & 22

Pro-D Day
September 23rd

No School
Curriculum Implementation Day
September 30th

Calendar Updates at:
<http://forestgrove.sd41.bc.ca/monthly-calendars/>

Please note that all dogs must be leashed at all times when on school property. Thank you for your cooperation.

Allergy Alert

We have a number of students in our school with severe allergies. The most common one is NUTS. We ask that all parents not send students with snacks/lunches that contain nut products. We are not able to enforce this request but we ask respectfully that everyone do their best to keep our school nut free. If, on occasion, you have to send your child with nut products please let your child's teacher know so we can make appropriate arrangements to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Cash Online

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. We accept many different payment forms so come in and check us out! This is a safe alternative to sending your child to school with cash or checks in their backpacks and it creates an instant record for you as well. We encourage all parents to sign up for this option.

You can access School Cash from the front page of our website at <http://forestgrove.sd41.bc.ca> or by going directly to their website at: <https://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com>

Are You On the School Listserv?

We've already sent out several emails onto the school listserv and will be sending a digital copy of THIS newsletter out on the Listserv as well. If you do not receive this newsletter via email (or any emails from the school) then please do the following:

- Check your SPAM folder
- Check your JUNK folder
- Finally, if you still can't find our email AND you would LIKE to receive email updates from us...then please let us know. You can send an email to either Al.Post@sd41.bc.ca, Shelley.Streich@sd41.bc.ca or send a hand-written note to the Office. Thanks!