

# Forest Grove Elementary

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## NEXT PAC MEETING

Thursday

March 8th@ 7:00  
pm

Library

Parents and Caregivers  
welcome to attend and  
share ideas.

## NO SCHOOL ON THESE DATES

Spring Break March

19-30

## SAVE THE DATE!

Student Led  
Conferences

April 26

## Principal's Message:

### Report Cards

We have had a productive second term. The students have made improvements in many areas. I trust you have noticed the improvements. When you get your child's report please celebrate the positives and help your child set realistic goals. Thank you for your partnership.

Second term report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, March 14th. Please review the report card with your child, sign where indicated and **return the envelope to the school**. If you have questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher. Thank you.

### Redesigned Curriculum

As part of the redesigned curriculum, teachers are infusing indigenous education into the various subject areas. Often an integrated approach is used to foster learning. One example would be the class is learning about myths and legends. The teacher may read myths and legends from different cultures, including aboriginal myths, to the students. The students would then write their own myths, illustrate the myth using a particular Aboriginal style and sing an Aboriginal song related to a myth or legend. This is just one example of how indigenous education may occur in a classroom. By teaching about indigenous history, traditions and culture, students will learn about these aspects and grow in their appreciation of these aspects.





## Me to We Update

Batteries are being collected at the school in an effort to keep them out of landfills. Please send in batteries for recycling.

## Dance Clubs

Thank you for the support of our dance clubs. Funds raised from the hot chocolate and baked goods sale will be used to purchase music, costumes and props.

## Leaving Ceremony for Grade 7s

Keep this date open: The Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony will be Wednesday, June 27th .



## Thank You

We would like to acknowledge the Firefighters for their ongoing and generous donation of fruit bars that helps us provide students a snack when needed.

Cobbs Bread also makes a weekly donation for our school community. We appreciate the community support.

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The school would like to thank Kin's Market and White Spot for supporting the Chinese New Year Celebration with their generous donation of mandarin oranges and pirate coins for the students and staff.

## Forest Grove Sports Team News—Basketball

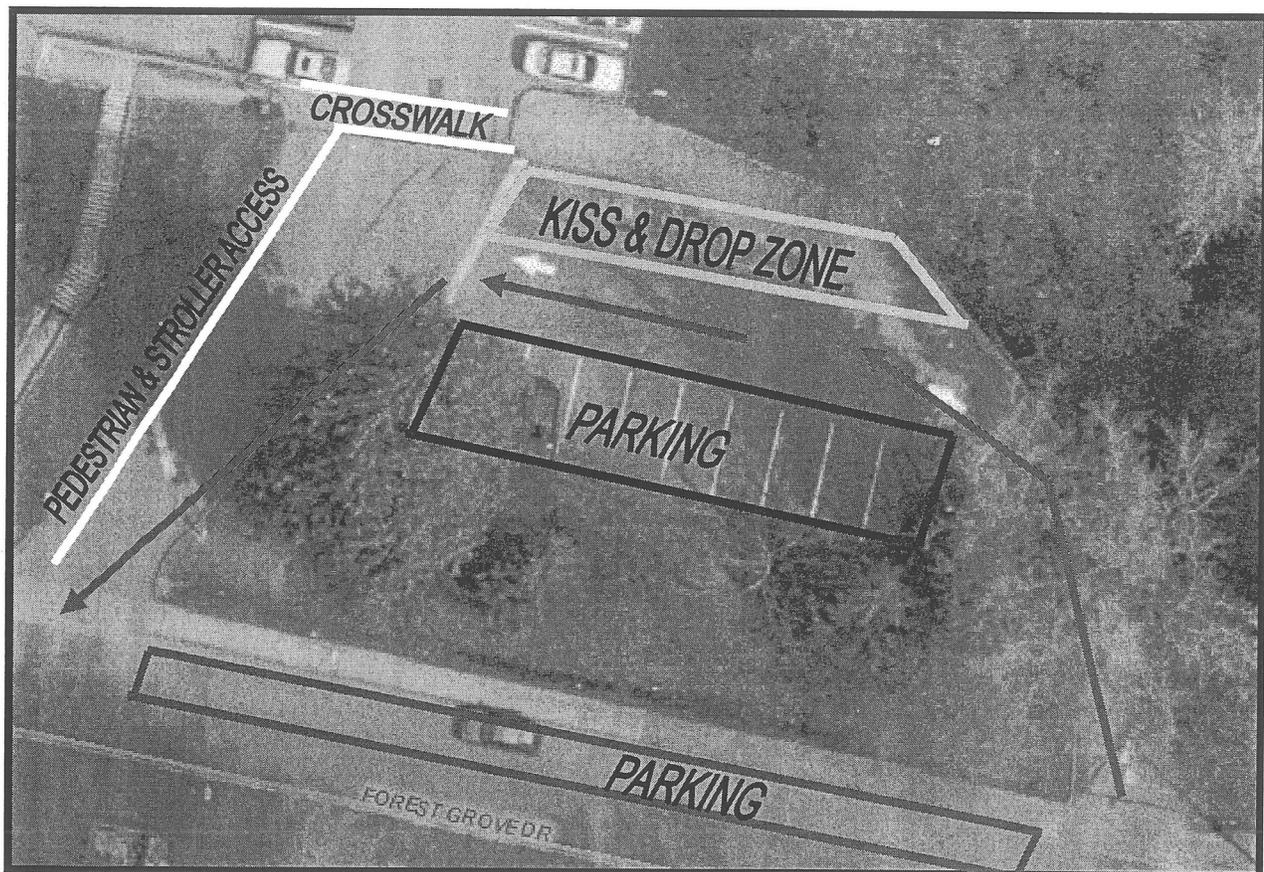
Another wonderful basketball season has been completed. Again, our Forest Grove Athletes represented the school with positive spirit, skill, and respect. The support for each other and the enjoyment of improving their play was very evident throughout the season.

A special thank you to Ms. Isomura, Ms. Zanette and Mr. Larocque for the time and energy they devoted to the basketball teams-coaching, encouraging and supporting! Also thank you to the many parents who cheered on the teams and helped to drive the students to games.

## TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE FOREST GROVE PAC

Please find below a map of the east parking area showing our designated pick-up and drop off zone (Kiss & Drop Zone), public parking area and pedestrian walk ways.

- **Kiss & Drop Zone – Pick up & Drop off ONLY**
- **Public Parking Zones**
- **Pedestrian Access – west of cement barriers**
- **Arrows - Traffic flow – One-Way traffic only**



## PICK-UP/DROP-OFF AND PARKING POLICIES

Please review our policies regarding this area:

**1. Advantage of the “Kiss & Drop” zone:**

- Students are dropped off at the safest location at the school.

**2. Can I park in the “Kiss & Drop” zone?**

- No, parking in the Kiss & Drop zone prevents the area from being used safely and reduces the number of cars that can use the Kiss & Drop zone.

**3. Can I drop-off my child anywhere in the “Kiss & Drop” zone?**

- No, please pull into the Kiss & Drop zone as far as possible before dropping off your child. This allows the maximum number of vehicles access to the curb, which is the safest place to drop-off your child.

**4. How should students exit vehicles?**

- The safest place for your child to exit your vehicle is the passenger side. The east parking area is wide enough for cars to pass each other creating a dangerous situation for pedestrians.

**5. Can I park and drop my kids on the west parking lot?**

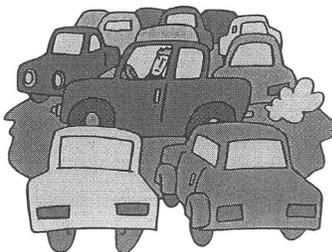
- No, this parking lot is for teachers, staff of Forest Grove, staff of Burnaby Parks & Rec and the Pre-School.

**6. How do I access the school with a stroller on the east side?**

- A cement barrier has been installed on the exit driveway of the east parking lot. When walking up the driveway, please make sure the cement barriers are on your right-hand side.

**7. Pick up at the end of the day:**

- The loading process takes significantly longer. Please do not park in the Kiss & Drop zone and exit your vehicle to pick up your child from the classroom. You must stay in the vehicle and wait. If you prefer to park, please use the designated zones. We recognize that at times, this is terribly inconvenient; however, it is our reality and would ask that you respect these parking restrictions.



## Jan/Feb PAC Garden Committee Update

**What is the Garden Committee and how you can help?** The Garden Committee is focused on supporting the evolving Garden Program at Forest Grove Elementary through fundraising (Salsa Sales), grant writing and meeting regularly to discuss ideas and upcoming school garden projects. [Sprouting Chefs](#) is the non profit community partner organization that oversees the program by facilitating the Garden Club, Seed Classes, Cooking Classes and After School Cooking Classes. Parents, teachers and other community members are invited to join the committee to have a voice in the direction of the program. By having these areas of support the garden and green spaces around the school are planted (Seed Classes where the whole school participates), maintained and sustained (Garden Club), and the children of the school get to learn how to cook and eat what they grew (After School Cooking Classes). Did you know that because of all these various activities we do with our school garden that Forest Grove is seen as the model program for school gardens in the District? It's true! Many schools in Burnaby are now looking to us for guidance and support

If you would like to become a part of this committee; you have a passion for positive change, are able to help research for grants or help write them, you love to garden and want to be a part of the Garden Club, please contact us: Barb from Sprouting Chefs [barb@sproutingchefs.com](mailto:barb@sproutingchefs.com).



I always appreciate the Garden Club throughout the year with the help they provide. In the winter and times when we are indoors discussing various aspects of the garden, is one of the times these kids really show their commitment. Despite not having real "garden activities" to accomplish, it's great to see the kids show up to discuss plans for the garden instead, what to plant, doing a seed inventory and visioning how we want the garden to look and feel all happened in January. Because of our Seed Inventory, we were then able to request a donation from our friends at West Coast Seeds who sent us a box of seeds worth at least \$350.

Thank you West Coast Seeds!!

## **February Activities:**

Spring is coming right? It was right here a minute ago...we have proof too! Check out what is blooming in the front garden (bulbs planted from the Garden Club in 2016, rose bush planted in 2013 for our principal Deb Taylor):

## **Tomato Seedlings in Ms. Zanette's class**

The Seed to Table Program has started at Forest Grove which includes Seed/Gardening Classes, Labyrinth Activities and later will also include Harvesting and Tasting Classes. All divisions have signed up to participate starting with Ms. Zanette's Gr. 5/6 class who was the first to have a lesson in how to start seeds indoors with 2 trays of tomatoes and peppers as these crops like a head start inside. Students learned what seeds need to germinate (warmth and moisture), when the seedlings need light (leaves sprouting) and how often to water along with some other main tips and tricks.

Garden Club is helping by checking every other week and adding a few extra seeds to the trays to ensure proper growth. It's not an easy task but we are hoping we will be rewarded with a crop of tomatoes for more pasta sauce in the fall.

## **MARCH GARDEN CLUB DATES:**

**March 9 – Annual Soil Delivery. Everyone Welcome to join us 3 pm to 4 pm in the upper garden.**

## **After School Cooking Classes – May/June Registrations**

Classes which start on May 15 to June 21<sup>st</sup> have yet again filled up for the younger session. If you would like to register for our 10 to 13 yr old session, please email me for a registration package [barb@sproutingchefs.com](mailto:barb@sproutingchefs.com).

Kids learn the value of where our food comes from in this Spring Session by being able to go up to the garden and harvest a few things to cook with. We focus on a holistic approach to cooking by incorporating the health benefits of key ingredients, the virtues of how to “be” in the kitchen (patient, respectful, responsible, confident and of service to others) as well as basic cooking skills including: knife handling, sautéing, basic lunch and dinner recipes. Copies of the recipes are provided at the end of the class.

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***SAFETY: Please use the west parking lot to drop off students. If you need to park and bring students to their door, please use the street parking.***

***Thank you!***

# ♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

Registration began February 1st. The best times to come in are between 9:30 and 11:30 am and 1 pm to 3:00pm.

Please bring the following **ORIGINAL** documents:

- Proof of child's birthdate (child's birth certificate or passport)
- Updated immunization record
- Immigration papers for parent and child, if applicable.
- Proof of guardianship (on birth certificate or landed immigrant papers or guardianship papers)
- Proof of citizenship of the parent and the child (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document or permanent resident card)
- Proof of residency of parent or guardian and student. This must include two items and at least one from A below:

A: proof of ownership of a home or lease or rental agreement

B: BC Hydro bill, BC Cable bill, Provincial driver's licence

\*All forms to complete are available from the office or can be printed from the district web site.

**Welcome to Kindergarten orientation is Thursday June 7th**

If you have a Kindergarten age neighbour please their parents know about this information. Thank you!