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Quote of the Week

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”

— Aristotle

Important Dates

Monday, Oct. 12th
Thanksgiving (no school)



Wed., Oct. 21st
PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm.

Thurs., Oct. 22nd
Photo Retakes

Friday, Oct. 23rd
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The RAVEN REPORT

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Terry Fox Run Thanks

Last Friday we celebrated the 40th Annual Terry Fox Run with our own Forest Grove Run. Of course with the new Health & Safety Protocols, it looked a lot different this year with having 4 different run routes and 2 different times to ensure learning cohorts weren't mingling.

The kids were amazing and ended up doing well **over 1000 laps**, and this was all made possible due to our wonderful parent volunteers and cheerleaders.

On top of that, our goal this year was to raise at least \$1 for every student and staff at the school...so about \$380. I'm happy to announce that the Forest Grove Community donated **more than \$1500** to the Terry Fox Cancer Research Foundation.

We are so lucky to live in such a caring and giving community. Thank you VERY much; your support is very much appreciated.



Sunny with a chance of rain, snow, fog, and hail

If nothing else, our West Coast Weather certainly keeps us guessing, as has been evident for the past week or so. As we enter the rainy, cold season in Burnaby, we ask that families please ensure that students arrive prepared for whatever the weather may have in store.

At Forest Grove, we understand the importance for students to get outside and remain active each day in order to reach their full potential at school. For that reason, we send students outside for recess and lunch every day unless it is unsafe to do so (for example, the field is a saturated mud pit or it is bitterly cold and icy). This means that students should bring raincoats, boots, and possibly gloves and umbrellas to allow them a chance to enjoy some fresh air each day and still return to class feeling comfortable (instead of soggy and cold). We often have students needing to call home due to a fall in a puddle, so an extra set of clothing at school is always a good idea. I must say, that so far this year, almost all students have been well prepared for whatever the weather brings. Thanks for your help with this.



Welcome to the Forest Grove Crew

Our Forest Grove family has grown this year. We are very excited to officially welcome the following members to our staff:

- **Mr. Li** has joined us as our new Grade 5/6 Mandarin Teacher. Mr. Li has a Masters in Education and Linguistics and just moved to Burnaby this summer.
- **Ms. Lau** is our new Grade 1 Mandarin Teacher. Ms. Lau comes from Nelson Elementary where she was a Primary teacher. It's great to have you with us.
- **Ms. Routly** is one of our new Educational Assistants who will be working mostly in primary classes this year. Ms. Routly has worked in many Burnaby schools, most recently Aubrey Elementary, and comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience.
- **Mr. Sharma** is another one of our new Educational Assistants that will be working with both primary and intermediate students. Mr. Sharma comes to us from Edmonds Community School and is a welcome addition to the Forest Grove family.

We're glad to have you all join our wonderful Forest Grove staff and be part of this amazing community.



Health & Safety

Just a reminder as we head into our Thanksgiving Long Weekend that we are still being quite diligent regarding Health & Safety Protocols at the school (Health Checks every morning, handwashing protocols, learning cohorts, etc...). We want to thank our community for not only reinforcing our Health & Safety rules, but also modeling it for your children.

It's very much appreciated.

I also want to thank families for continually erring on the side of caution when it comes to symptoms. I've spoken to numerous families that have had children with runny noses that they've kept home "just in case". So that you are aware, runny noses do not mean you must keep your child home, unless it is not something they can demonstrate some control over. But again, thank you again for being precautionous on behalf of all our students.

Nuts!

As many of you are aware, the most common cause of a severe allergic reaction is peanuts and other nuts. In fact, about 36% of people with food allergies are allergic to peanuts.

We have a number of students at Forest Grove that have **severe** allergies (anaphylaxis), especially to peanuts and nuts. As a result, we are a "NUT AWARE" school, meaning we ask families not to bring nuts or nut products to school so that we can keep our kids safe.

So just a friendly reminder that items sent to school are to be peanut/nut free, and students are not to share their snacks and lunches. Thanks so much for your help to keep our kids safe.

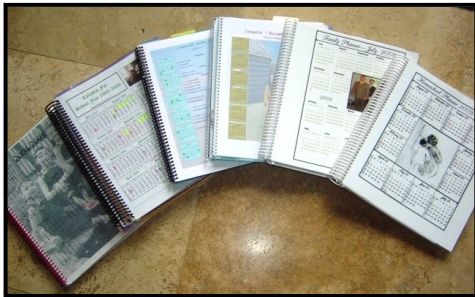


PAC PRESS



Just a reminder that as a Forest Grove parent, you are automatically a Forest Grove Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) member. Our next PAC meeting, which will be held online, is scheduled on **Wednesday, Oct. 21st @ 7:00 pm**. Mr. Gurney will email everyone a link to the meeting.

PAC meetings are a great way to keep informed about upcoming events or initiatives, but also a great way to give input on how to make improvements to make our school even better. Hope to see you all at our next meeting.



Student Planners

With the way things started this year, we weren't sure whether or not we'd be using Student Planners or solely an online platform, but with regular in-class instruction, we will be using student planners again. We know that some of the most important things we can teach our children are the skills of organization and time management, valuable tools not only in the job market but also in the classroom. Students

who can organize their assignments and belongings and make efficient use of their time meet with greater school success.

The Student Planner is designed to teach students these skills. Through the planner, the student learns to record daily the things he/she needs to remember. This is valuable training for students as they are expected to keep track of and organize homework assignments and coordinate their time with outside activities and interests such as soccer practice, piano, etc. Planners are also a direct and personal means of communication between home and school, as it should be taken home every afternoon, and returned to school with the child the next day.

All students in Grades 1 to 7 will likely be receiving their planners today. Using a Planner will be part of the daily program, so EACH student must be responsible for their planner each and every day.

Planners are \$6.00 each. Payments should be made using SchoolCash Online (click [HERE](#) or head to the [Forest Grove Website](#)), as we want to avoid handling of money or cheques this year. Should finances be an issue right now and you are not able to afford the planner at this time, please let Mr. Gurney know (kurt.gurney@burnabyschools.ca) and the fee will be waived. All students will receive a planner.

Photos

Photo day was back on Sept. 24th, and the photos arrived today. It's possible that your child will be coming home with the photo information today, but if not, you can expect it on Tuesday. When you receive the information, you will be given an information Webcard with information on how to order pictures. For more info, you can click [HERE](#).

If you missed Photo Day, or if you are not happy with your photo for some reason, our retakes will be happening in the afternoon on Oct. 22nd.

Picture Day

COULD YOUR CHILD BENEFIT FROM SOME HELP WITH THEIR MATH SKILLS?



MENTORING WITH MATH

- Offered to children in grade 3-7, each session is based on the principles of the JUMP Math numeracy program to encourage an understanding and love of math. The second part of each session consists of interacting with one another through games and activities.
- All volunteer tutors go through Big Brothers' screening and training process before joining the program.
- Sessions are once-a-week at Burnaby Neighbourhood House
- Starting Wednesday October 21st 4:00-5:30 for 8 weeks

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-Winston Churchill-