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Quote of the Week

"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are."

— John Wooden

Important Dates

**Friday, Oct. 29th
Monster Hunt**

**6:00—
9:30 pm**

**Wed., Nov. 10th
Remembrance
Day Ceremony
@ 10:45 a.m.**



**Wed., Nov. 17th
PAC Meeting @
7:00 pm.**

**Friday, Nov. 26th
Pro D Day**

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Halloween Costumes

Of course, Halloween is this weekend, which means we will all have an excuse to dress up as animals, pirates, witches, or super heroes. Here are a few guidelines we use when it comes to costumes at Forest Grove:

- We must be able recognize every child for safety reasons. This means that students are not to wear **full face masks** or other coverings that would make identification difficult. Half masks are often OK as long as we can see the child's eyes.
- **Detachable swords, light sabers, or other such "weapons"** are not allowed at school, even if they are brought in a bag, so please leave them at home so the students are not even tempted to take them out. Of course, this again has to do with student safety and it avoids putting staff in the awkward situation of disappointing students by having to take the "weapon" away for the day.
- In addition, we ask that students do not wear extremely "scary" costumes...again, common sense judgement is needed here. For example, dressing up as Pennywise, the clown from IT or Squid Game guards would not be an appropriate costume for elementary school, although coming as a clown is just fine.
- And finally, just a reminder that "culture is not a costume".

On **Friday, Oct. 29th**, we encourage students, parents, and staff to come in costume to show off their outfits (the staff theme this year is "begin with a cardboard box"). If parents would like to stick around after drop off, we are hoping to do a quick costume parade outside front with all the classes (9:05—9:20ish). Just remember to keep distance from students, wear a mask, and please do not park in the staff parking lot.



Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest

Bring your carved or decorated pumpkins **tomorrow (Oct. 29th) morning between 8:30 a.m.—8:50 a.m. to the front of the school** where a staff member will greet you and put it out for display for the school to see.

Please put your name and division on the bottom of the pumpkin (on masking tape is best). Prizes for **Most Creative, Most Detailed, and Most Funny/Scary**. The pumpkins will be available to take home at the end of the day, but if you'd like to donate it so it can be used for the Monster Hunt, that would be wonderful. We look forward to seeing all the amazing pumpkins.

K. Gurney—Principal

Another Addition to the Forest Grove Crew

Our Forest Grove family has grown again in the last couple of weeks. We are very excited to officially welcome **Ms. McKee** as our newest Educational Assistant working mostly in the upper intermediate classrooms. It's great to have you officially join us. Welcome aboard.

50/50 draw

If you would like the chance to support the school fundraising effort AND have a chance to win money at the same time, be sure to enter the 50/50 draw we're holding as part of the Monster Hunt extravaganza. Refer to page 5 of this newsletter for more info and instructions on how to enter the draw. Good luck, and thanks for your support.



To Be Late, Or Not To Be Late, That is the Question ...and There's an Easy Answer

I wrote this last year, but thought it might be good to remind some of you.

All of us know that getting children up and out the door in the morning is a blissful way to start your day...as you enter your child's room at 7:00 a.m. and kiss them on the forehead, they open their eyes, smile, and immediately jump out of bed singing, "Good morning wonderful parent, I'm just going to make myself a healthy breakfast, is there something I can get you?" As you leisurely finish your coffee, your child melodically calls up to you, "I brought your lunch downstairs for you and will wait in the car." That's exactly the way it is...right?



OK, maybe not. Maybe it's more like a parent yelling, "OK, you guys better be up, we have to leave in 7 minutes! Toby, bad dog, that's my new shoe! Where are my keys? What do you mean that you have to finish your homework, it's 8:40!?" Yep, I know it can be difficult to get the kids out the door in the morning, I've got 2 daughters...but the fact that more and more students are coming in late each day is getting to be problematic. Not only does it lead to disrupting classes, causes students to miss start up activities and announcements, but it also engrains the idea that being late is OK for those that are chronically late. Without a doubt, there will be occasions that this cannot be avoided,

but it's a chronic issue for far too many students that I'm hoping you can all help with by waking up just a little earlier and establishing clear morning routines to help students.

But just remember, if you are late, safety comes first...please do not rush into the parking lot, park illegally, etc... Thanks for doing your part to ensure students are safe and on time each day.

PAC PRESS



PAC Needs Your Help:

There are many roles that need filling at the PAC throughout the year. Got skills or even just a can-do attitude? Everyone is welcome to join in and help out. Contact us at forestgrovepac@gmail.com for more information.

Monstrous Fun

This year's Monster Hunt was a sold-out success, thanks to the help of many of our local ghouls and goblins. From decorating to orating, they stepped up to do it all. Thanks to everyone who helped out with this beloved event!



Join our next PAC meeting!

If you are a parent at Forest Grove you are welcome to join us for our monthly PAC meetings. This is a great way to stay up to date about what is happening at your school. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 17th from 7-9PM**. Please join us!



Planners:

Big thanks to all of you that have already paid for your child's student planners (Divisions 1—13). Each planner is \$6.00 and can be paid on [SchoolCash Online](https://www.schoolcash.ca). If you have yet to pay for it, could you please do so before Nov. 1st. If this proves to be a financial hardship, please let me know by email (kurt.gurney@burnabyschools.ca) and the fee will be waived.

Forest Grove
Grade 7 Fundraiser is back again!
Help the planet and help the grads!

Bring refundable cans and bottles in a clear bag to

any Return-It **EXPRESS** Depot.

No sorting!

Just use the **EXPRESS** kiosk and enter

Forest Grove's phone number:
604-296-9026 to donate your refund.



Your donations will help the grade 7 class of 2022 raise funds for farewell celebrations. **The account will be open until June 2022.** *The grade 7s thank you in advance!*

Return-It EXPRESS Locations close to Forest Grove:

6518 Hastings Street, Burnaby

6893 Hastings Street, Burnaby

435 (Unit W) North Road, Coquitlam

Forest Grove Elementary PAC



Support Our School for a Chance to Win CA\$H!

Buy your 50/50 Raffle tickets online for a chance to win 50% of the bounty
and have the other 50% support the school community.

Draw date: Nov 8, 2021 2:00pm

Share the link to increase the pot!

This year our raffle is open to anyone in British Columbia over the age of 19.



raffle.link/forestgrovepac

**Hold your phone's camera to the UPC code (as you would to take a photo).
Click on prompt to open your web browser app.**

More details at www.ForestGrovePAC.com.

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 National Indigenous Veterans' Day	9	10 Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:45 a.m.	11 Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)	12	13
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