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# FOREST HILL P.S.

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JUNE 2017

### IMPORTANT JUNE DATES

- June 12<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Karyn Gordan 7PM
- June 13<sup>th</sup> - Regional Track and Field  
at Eastview (arrive before 9 a.m.)
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Library Book Return deadline
- June 16<sup>th</sup> - gr 8's to Collingwood
- 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - Last week for lunch programs
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Primary Play Day
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Seeger/McCabe Kind. Grad. 1:50
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Grade 8 Graduation (Willow Creek  
Baptist Church)
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Bates  
& Mrs. Bowman - End of Year  
Kindergarten Celebration - 2 p.m.
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Report Cards Go Home
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School for 2016-17

### IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER 2017 DATES

- 5<sup>th</sup> - First Day of School (incl. S.K.)
- 7<sup>th</sup> - First Day of School - new J.K. students
- 18<sup>th</sup> - First Parent Council Meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Elementary Turn-Around Day

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The end of another school year provides us with time to reflect, celebrate, recognize, and to say goodbye. We would like to wish the following staff all the best at their new schools: Mrs. McColm, Mrs. Spring, Mrs. Shanahan, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Naismith and Mme Murphy. We also wish Mme Nadia, Mr. White, and Mrs. Seeger the best of luck in their futures. Our deep gratitude goes out to Mrs. Copeland, Mrs. Stones, Mrs. Hazlewood, Mrs. Crew and Mrs. McNeice, our new Vice Principal. WELCOME BACK, Mrs. Norris and Mme Cooper!

Thank you, students, parents, and staff for making this past year productive and successful. Please take some time this summer to relax, rejuvenate, and reflect on all of the great achievements that have occurred this year.

From myself, and all staff at Forest Hill, we wish you a safe and enjoyable summer!

### THANK YOU, STUDENT HELPERS!



Mme Blom and Mrs. Jankowski would like to send a big thank you to this year's 'student leaders'.

These leaders have had very important jobs within our school and all our students have shown responsibility, reliability, caring and professionalism, so thank you for a job well done!

The staff and students would also like to extend a big "Thank you" to our relentless recyclers, milk monitors, hot dog runners, and pizza lunch helpers, as well as library monitors, kindergarten monitors and bus helpers. These students have contributed to making Forest Hill a wonderful environment in which to learn.

### WELCOME TO SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first Parent Council Meeting of the new school year is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2017.

The tentative dates for Council meetings next year are: September 18, October 2, November 6, January 8, 2018, February 5,

April 9, May 7 and June 4. No meetings are scheduled for December or March.

The elected positions on Council include **Chair(s), Secretary, Treasurer and Fundraising Chair**. Parents/guardians of a student at Forest Hill P.S. can vote in a school council election by becoming a parent member of the school council. Parents can nominate themselves to become a parent member on council by completing the nomination form, which can be picked up at the office or found on our school website in the School Council section, and returning it to Forest Hill by September 18, 2017. If required, an election will take place on Monday September 25, 2017 8:30 to 4:30 at Forest Hill P.S.

If a School Council member wishes to run for one of the positions above, please email the Principal Linda Blom at lblom@scdsb.on.ca with a brief biography no later than September 18, 2017 (or drop into the office). Names and very brief biographies of all interested candidates will be emailed to the school council members by September 19, 2017.

Council terms for elected and appointed positions are for a one-year term. Members can seek re-election each subsequent year and the executive positions may be limited by individual school council constitutions. Elections for school council shall be conducted by secret ballot (SCDSB FORM A7200 - 2). Neither proxy nor absentee voting is permitted. Voters must be present at the school on the election day(s), during the pre-set hours and must vote in person.

Parents/guardians of a student enrolled at the school are eligible to run as parent representatives (except when specifically prohibited in Policy 4310). Board employees are not eligible to run as a parent representative at their child's school if they are employed at that school. If they are employed elsewhere in the Board, they may

run as a parent representative providing they inform the parent community of that employment prior to the election.

Should you have any further questions you may contact the current School Council Chairs, Mary Jane Ulens and Debra Kapy at councilchairfor@scdsb.on.ca and/or Linda Blom, Principal.

### ***Farewell to 3 Council Members!***

Thank you to all School Council Members for their commitment to and involvement in Forest Hill Public School - your efforts are appreciated by all.

We are losing three of our council members this year. We bid a fond farewell to Secretary Patti Joslin as her daughter graduates this year and thank her for her seven years of service!

Lawrene Larche is also leaving this year as her twins graduate. In addition to being a Council Member for five years, Lawrene was a member of the Fundraising Committee and was instrumental in some of our most successful programs.

We also say good-bye to Chair Mary Jane Ulens as her youngest son graduates. MJ may hold the record for the longest term of volunteerism at Forest Hill - 17 years! Mary Jane has done everything from reading with kids, hot lunches, field trips, scrapbooking, Kiss 'n Ride, fundraising and for the last five years, Chair of Council. A shining example of a Forest Hill Parent!

### ***Thank You Volunteers!***

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for all that you have done this year! The dedication and commitment of our many parent volunteers is truly inspiring. We are so lucky to be able to provide such an engaging and supportive learning environment for our children. Without our

volunteers, Forest Hill would be a very different place.

Volunteers run the lunch programs, they keep kids safe at Kiss 'n Ride, they assist teachers, they fundraise, they drive teams to events, they create fabulous scrapbooks, they sit on committees, they read with kids, they count money, they chaperone field trips, they plan graduation festivities and they sell freezies at Track and Field ... and so much more!

We are so lucky to have such a large group of dedicated volunteers to help to make Forest Hill great!

Enjoy the summer and see you all again in September when I will be recruiting again to keep all these activities going!

Debra Kapy  
Volunteer Coordinator

### Parent Volunteers

Thank you to all who volunteered at Forest Hill over the year! We will have Volunteer Orientation sessions; you may choose one of the following two dates: the first on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. The second session will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.



All volunteers must attend a volunteer session each school year and complete a form to register. We will introduce you to the staff, programs, emergency plans and special needs students.

Also, in order to volunteer, you must have a Criminal Record Check completed and returned to the office. If you have already done this, you only need to complete an Annual Offence Declaration form each year. These

will be available in the school office in September.

### LOOKING FOR ...



Mme Gratrix is looking for donations of used paperback French/English dictionaries (in excellent condition) to donate to the teachers she is volunteering with in Haiti.



### Class Lists for September

On the first day of school in September, staff will be on the yard in grade groupings, by division. Primary grades, from grade 1 to 3, will be on the primary yard tarmac near the Kindergarten rooms. Junior grades, from grade 4 to 6, will be inside the track, and Intermediate grades 7 and 8 will be on the baseball diamond. English classes will be indicated with a letter E after them (for example 1E), French Immersion by an FI (for example 2FI) and Extended French by EFSL (for example 5 EFSL). Grade numbers will be posted on the respective yards: students should gather near that number, where a teacher will be waiting with their class list. After the bell rings, the teacher will read off their class list and will bring their class into the classroom as a group. In case of rain, primary students will be brought into the library, junior students will be brought into the gym, and intermediate students will be brought into the intermediate hallway. Class lists will be read out loud in those locations. Our administrators, Mme. Blom and Mme McNeice, teacher librarian, planning time teachers and Special Education Resource Teachers and Education Assistants will all have master lists for any student who may need assistance. Parents are reminded that they are to drop their children off on the boundary of the yard and are not to be on the yard after 8:55.

At the end of the first day, your child will bring home a letter with contact information

for their teacher. Having worked through this process at previous schools, we are confident that it will go well here. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding with regards to this change in procedure.

### **September Start-up**

**Please note: Our Elementary Turn-Around Day (reorganization) is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

### **Kindergarten Entry Procedures 2016**



Senior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. They are to attend continuously from this time.

All Junior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. They are to attend continuously from this time.

### **GIFTED SCREENING PROCESS**

Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program modifications. This type of programming is important to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements.

Parents/guardians of a student who will be in or above Grade 3 in the next school year, who wish the school to consider their child for gifted screening are asked to contact Mrs. Clements, Special Education Resource Teacher, before Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

Students may be nominated by either a teacher or parent.

A letter examining the gifted screening process in greater detail will be sent to parents of students in Grade 3 in September. Parents will still have the opportunity for nominating their child in September and October.

If you require further information about the gifted screening process, please contact the school.

### **Are You Moving?**

Just a reminder to advise the office if you have any plans on moving over the summer and will not be returning to Forest Hill P.S. in September.



### **PLAN AHEAD WITH THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

You will find the approved 2017-18 School Year Calendars under 'Schools' - 'School Year Calendars' on the Simcoe County District School Board's website ([www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca)), click on **Schools** and **School Year Calendars**. Some of the key dates include:

- Students start school on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The last day for elementary students will be Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- The holiday break is December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Students return to school on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- March Break is March 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **FUNDRAISING EFFORTS**

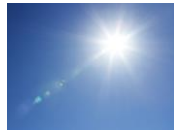
#### **A Soggy Midurst Mile '17**

A huge thank you to all the Forest Hill families who braved the wet conditions for our annual Midhurst Mile! We made the best of a soggy evening, with the kids enjoying the CloudHop bouncy castle, tunes from the Dock, Simcoe County paramedics, Springwater Firefighters, Giant Tiger beach balls and of course delicious food courtesy of Michael and Marion's and BeaverTails. We had over 170 dedicated runners complete our Midhurst community loop, with smiles all around despite

the rain coming down horizontally at times! Over \$2000 was raised and will go towards Forest Hill athletics.

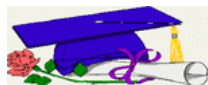
Congratulations to the classes of Mme Shier and M. Schreck for being the top classes for participation, and to Mrs Withers for the yard duty draw! It was so wonderful to have everyone out to enjoy a fun evening at Forest Hill. Thank you so much to all our generous sponsors (including those whose activities were cancelled because of the weather!), and those who donate prizes for the raffle draw and loot bags, as well as those who put in time and effort to organize activities for our Mile. A special mention goes to Water Depot who donated a home Reverse Osmosis unit as the grand prize in our raffle draw this year! Thank you to all those who volunteered to help run the activities and to the wonderful members of the Midhurst Mile planning committee!

We hope to see everyone out again next year and will hopefully luck out with sunnier skies!!



## GRADUATION UPDATE

### Grade 8 Graduation



**Graduates:** The big day is quickly approaching! Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at Willow Creek Baptist

Church. The ceremony will take place at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you in your Sunday best!

## CALLING ALL UNIFORMS!

We want you back! If you find a Forest Hill Public School team uniform "hanging" around your house, please return it to the office. No questions asked, no hassles given ... promise!



## MRS. MORROW'S LIBRARY NEWS

It takes a group effort to make sure our library is the best it can be. Mrs. Morrow would like to thank the amazing volunteers who put away, straighten, catalogue and label books on a weekly basis. The students of Forest Hill love coming to the library and your help is invaluable! Thanks to Sarah Burke, Krista Shaw, Heather Rissanen, and Ardis Harris.



Happy reading this summer. Hopefully you find some great books to curl up with during July and August! Spending some time reading is not only enjoyable, but a great way to keep your brain sharp during the long, hot, lazy, hazy days of summer!

And last, but not least, please **return ALL LIBRARY BOOKS** to the library by Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Morrow  
Librarian

## End of Year Medication/Epi-Pen Pick-up



If your child currently has an epi-pen or any other medication at the school, please be sure to pick it up in the office by Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is also important to have your doctor complete a new Student Medical Health Data form over the summer for the 2017/18 school year, if your child continues to require medication at school. A copy of this form is available in the office, which you can obtain upon pick-up of medication.

## Junior Boys Basketball

The Junior Boys Basketball Team had a fantastic season this year. They played multiple games and often came out as the winning team. They came 2nd in their Zones and secured themselves a spot in the regional tournament where they were defeated in the semi-finals. Congratulations boys on a great season!

## **SCHOOL BOARD NEWS**

### ***Approved School Year Calendar 2017-2018***

The Ministry of Education has approved the Simcoe County District School Board elementary and secondary school year calendars for the 2017-2018 school year. School starts on Tues. September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Holiday Break takes place December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and March Break is March 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The last day for elementary students will be Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and the last day for secondary students will be Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. To view the full calendar for next school year, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) - 'Schools' - 'School Year Calendars.'

Senior Kindergarten (Year 2) students will start school on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Junior Kindergarten (Year 1) students will start school on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. They will attend continuously from this time.

### ***First Rider Program Gives Students the Chance to ride a School Bus***

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) welcomes students to take part in the experience of riding on the school bus for the first time through their First Rider program. This program, offered in the summer, teaches school bus safety for first-time school bus riders and includes a ride on a real school bus. This FREE program is provided by the SCSTC, in partnership with school bus operators, to educate students and their families about the rules and

responsibilities on and around the school bus. The sessions start in late August at school locations across Simcoe County.

Parents/guardians and students attending school in Simcoe County may attend any of the sessions. For more information and session dates/times, visit the SCTSC website at: [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) and click on the 'Safety' link.

### ***Still Time to Register for Summer school***

Summer school credit courses are available this July through in-person classes and eLearning. New this year are full credit grade 9 and 10 courses at Bear Creek Secondary School in Barrie. The in-person courses at Bear Creek will run July 4 to 28 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Limited school bus transportation is provided from all areas of Simcoe County. Details are on the Learning Centres website: [www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com). Students can also get information from the school or from any of the SCDSB's Learning Centres. Online registration for current SCDSB students is available through the student portal. eLearning registration is supported through high school Guidance Offices. Non-SCDSB students can register using the forms on the website.

