



# FOREST HILL P.S.

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## **IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES**

### **October is Canadian Autism Awareness Month and Dyslexia Awareness Month**

3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> – Fire Prevention Week  
5<sup>th</sup> – World Teachers' Day  
6<sup>th</sup> – International Walk to School Day  
10<sup>th</sup> – World Mental Health Day  
18<sup>th</sup> – Gifted Screening Nominations due  
18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> – National School Bus Safety Week  
21<sup>st</sup> – Child Care Worker & ECE Appreciation Day  
25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – Gr. 7 Immunization Program offered to  
Gr. 7's and 8's

### **SPIRIT DAYS**

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – Dyslexia Awareness (wear RED)  
Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – 80's Day  
Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – Black & Orange Day  
Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – Silly Sock Day

### **PA DAYS & HOLIDAYS**

PA: Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>  
Holidays: Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>,  
Mar 14<sup>th</sup>, to 18<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>, Apr; 18<sup>th</sup>, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**



Happy October Forest Hill Families!

Well, it has been a busy September with lots on the go. From Terry Fox to Truth and Reconciliation, and there is no sign of slowing down. It is wonderful to see students back in the school. Here's hoping it stays that way.

I want to express a personal thank-you to the warm welcome I have received from so many families over the last month. It has been a great start to my time here at Forest Hill. Also, we want to express our thanks

for your patience as we re-organized our Gr. 5 Terry Fox cohorts back into the building, then re-organizing again as we downsized a class. It is not an easy task and is unsettling for all. We appreciate your understanding around that.

We have had some beautiful weather over the month of September which has allowed many classes to utilize our new Outdoor Classroom. This has been a wonderful outdoor space funded through the efforts of our school council and completed over the summer. More installations are on their way to complete the project. If you haven't had a chance to see it, come by on a weekend and check it out.

We have been able to slowly introduce some teams back into circulation starting with our Cross-Country running team and, most recently, our Flag football teams. The response for these has been outstanding. Clearly, team sports is something they are all craving. It is so great to see the level of participation and enthusiasm and we wish them all well and good sportsmanship in their endeavors.

We do hope you enjoy your long Thanksgiving weekend and find some time to spend with family.

Take good care.

Ken Wilson

### ***DYSLEXIA AWARENESS***

Please help us to spread dyslexia awareness during the month of October. We invite our students and staff to wear red on October 8<sup>th</sup> to help our efforts!

### ***2020-21 Yearbook***

Last year's yearbooks have arrived and there will even be extras for sale! They have been organized and delivered to all current students that ordered last Spring during the last week of September. Graduates with siblings currently at the school also had their yearbook sent home with their siblings. If you have a graduate with a sibling that has not yet received their yearbook, please email Ms. Maughan at [jmaughan@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:jmaughan@scdsb.on.ca).

For graduates without siblings, Ms. Maughan will be available Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. She will be set up at the front door for pick up! If you know a graduate from last year, please send along this information. If unable to make it during this time, please contact Ms. Maughan.

Did you miss the sale but would still love a yearbook? As of Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>, the extra yearbooks have been on sale through School Cash Online (while supplies last). These yearbooks will be delivered following the Thanksgiving long weekend. We thank you for your support and look forward to creating more memories in 2021-22!

### ***SCDSB NEWS***

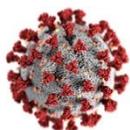
#### ***CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER***

Cooperation - we work together towards shared goals and purposes.

More information about Character Education can be found here:

[www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character\\_education](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education)

#### ***Daily COVID-19 self-assessment***



All students and staff will be required to complete the daily COVID-19 self-assessment prior to entering SCDSB schools and buildings, using

the provincial self-assessment tool.

Students or staff with symptoms must stay home from school. To access the COVID-19 self-assessment tool, please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

#### ***Inclement weather and bus cancellation information reminder***

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s bus information website at [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Our school is in the Central zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. School staff are expected to plan for such emergencies in order to transition students who are unable to attend due to inclement weather, to their online platforms (Google Classroom and/or SCDSBhub [Brightspace by D2L]) and continue with academic programming. It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter [@SCSTC\\_SchoolBus](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus) for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here:

<https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.

#### ***School bus transportation information available from the SCSTC***

For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s website at: [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Also, remember to bookmark the school bus information page at: [simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days.

### ***Have you met Sora?***

Our digital ebook/audiobook collection contains over 4,000 titles waiting to be checked out by our SCDSB students. Students simply download the app, use their SCDSB login and start reading for free on their phone or tablet. The collection can be accessed at: [meet.soraapp.com](http://meet.soraapp.com).

### ***Supporting your child's math development***

Are you looking for ways to support your child in developing their love of math? In class, your child has been learning about how their mindset, experiences and identity have shaped them as a math learner. You can make a difference and support your child's learning by helping them see connections between their everyday experiences and the mathematics concepts they are learning about at school.

Ways to help your child develop their personal connection with mathematics:

- notice and name the math in your day-to-day lives at home
- talk about the ways math is used in your culture
- tell stories about your positive math experiences
- share ways that math has helped you solve problems at work or home
- identify the beauty of math in nature and at home (in patterns, symmetry, geometric shapes, etc.)

We're planning a Math@Home learning series for parents and want to know what you would like to learn more about! Complete the survey at <https://bit.ly/scdsbmathathome>, and include your email for a chance to win one of three Math@Home prize packs!

### ***KISS n' RIDE INFORMATION***

A huge thank you to those families that use our Kiss N' Ride! You have made a difference ensuring the safety of our students! As others join in, please ensure you understand that:

AM: single file, no passing other cars, only let your child(ren) out in the yellow line area, no parking

PM: double line prior to the bell, may exit your vehicle to meet your child(ren) (FDK and Grade 1 parents only on the yard), once cars are loaded all proceed with caution to exit, remaining cars enter in single file and no passing of other vehicles.

### ***HALLOWE'EN***

Hallowe'en at Forest Hill will continue to be Black and Orange with no costumes. Staff will have curriculum-based activities for the students, respecting various beliefs around this tradition.

### ***SUPERVISION AND ROUTINES***

For the safety of all our students, please ***do not*** drop your child/ren off or have them arrive before 8:55 a.m. as there is no outdoor supervision until that time.

If you are aware that there will be a change to your child's end-of-day routine (being picked up instead of put on the bus, etc.), please be sure to advise the teacher by sending a note with your child. This information is important to us to ensure the safety of your child(ren.) Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please do your best to have your 'end of day plans' in place before the school day begins, and to ***refrain from calling the office between 2:45 and 3:30 unless it is an emergency.***

### ***SAFE ARRIVAL***

**Please ensure that you call the safe arrival phone line (721-8300, press 1) if your student(s) is/are absent or will be late.**

Make certain that you ring the doorbell to request that your child be sent to the office for dismissal, and we will ensure he/she is signed out

Parents are asked to arrange appointments, transportation changes and material for drop off before school, as ***classes will not be interrupted until the nutritional breaks at 10:50 & 1:10.*** This is to protect instructional time. We appreciate your cooperation.

