



# October 2020 Newsletter

## Forest Grove Elementary

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### Safe Arrival and Dismissal of students

The safe arrival of children coming to school is of the utmost importance to us. We would like to remind parents and caregivers to **please call us (397-2962) when your children are not coming to school** on any given day. If you know in advance, a note in your child's school planner will suffice. We ask the same of you if your child is going to be picked up during the school day or if you are making alternate arrangements for their travel home. Please note that we do not have the volunteer support that we had before COVID so your diligence is more important than ever.

### Student Clothing - Please ensure that your children are dressed for the weather.

As fall is upon us and winter not far off, we would like to make parents aware that our students spend time outside, rain or shine, nearly every day at Forest Grove Elementary. We ask that parents ensure their children are prepared for the colder/wetter weather conditions that we typically face at this time of year.



### Fire Prevention Week is this week (October 5– 9)



The Forest Grove Volunteer Fire Department will be doing a presentation on fire prevention in the afternoon on **Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Two students will be selected to be "Fire Chief" and "Deputy Fire Chief for a day." Instead of the usual routine of traveling in the fire truck to the Firehouse Diner in 100 Mile House to enjoy lunch with the firemen, this year's Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief students will be acknowledged in another way to be determined. (something "COVID-friendly" .)

### CPAC Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Our Community Parent Advisory Committee has made a change to both the day and time of their regular monthly meetings. Starting next month, meetings will be held on the first **Monday** of each school month at **5:00 PM** (instead of Tuesdays at 6:00 PM).

Next month's meeting will be this year's **Annual General Meeting**. It will take place on **Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM** in the school gymnasium. This AGM will serve as the regular monthly meeting for November and will include the annual election of officers (president, vice president, treasurer and secretary.) New members are needed, and all executive positions are up for grabs!

If parents would like more information about the CPAC executive positions or would like a copy of the CPAC Bylaws, please e-mail Kristy Abrams at [kristy.coleabrams@gmail.com](mailto:kristy.coleabrams@gmail.com).

### School Photos

At the October CPAC meeting, the committee voted to purchase a class photo for every student in the school this year. They would like you to know that this decision was made because they expect to be sponsoring fewer fieldtrips this year and felt they had the funds available to do so. I would encourage parents to thank a CPAC member when you see them to acknowledge this kind gesture.



CPAC will be providing our first Hot Lunch since the emergence of COVID-19. They will be providing **cheese pizza** and **juice boxes** for our students on **Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup>**.

## Breakfast Program

I would like to thank Amy McKean and Melanie McMaster for providing breakfast snacks to our students. Every morning, a tray of healthy snacks is delivered to each classroom where teachers oversee the distribution of this food. While it takes longer to provide our breakfast snacks this way, it is proving to be an effective program once again, and we are thankful for the efforts of all involved and for the support of CPAC in helping to make this program available all year long.

## Our Terry Fox Run was a big success!

Our annual Terry Fox Run was held on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our school raised a **best ever \$650** this year in spite of the difficulties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic! Ms. Babicky's class was awarded a food prize (donuts/muffins/fritters) for raising the most money. However, this year's fundraising was so close amongst all of the classes, the other divisions received "donut chunks" as a reward for their strong efforts! Well done students, staff and parents!



## Thanksgiving

**Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** is Thanksgiving, and the school will be closed on that day. We hope you all enjoy a happy Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

## Pro-D Day this month

Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> is a scheduled Pro-D Day for staff. Students do not attend and the school will be closed on this day.

## Forest Grove Elementary Calendar of Events

October 2020

Date	Event & Details
Tuesday Oct 6	School Photos
Tuesday Oct 6	CPAC Meeting (6:00 PM)
Friday Oct 9	Fire Department visit (Fire Prevention Week)
Monday Oct 12	Thanksgiving Day (school closed)
Friday Oct 23	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Thursday Oct 29	Halloween (Spirit Day and Monthly Assembly)
<b>Upcoming (Early November)</b>	
Monday November 2	CPAC Annual General Meeting (5:00 PM)
Wednesday November 11	Remembrance Day (school closed)