

FOREST MANOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: HAPPY NEW YEAR & WELCOME BACK!

We hope you and your family had an enjoyable holiday break and New Year!



We have much to look forward to in the New Year. First of all, our amazing School/Parent Council will be organizing a Spring Fair and other events to raise funds to enhance our students clubs/activities and to upgrade our Learning Commons in anticipation of our 50th Anniversary in 2017/2018. Second, we're re-starting a wide array of extra-curricular activities, such as our Platinum certified ECO Schools club, which will help keep many students engaged and active. Third, we will continue

to focus on providing students with focused learning goals, clear success criteria, and timely feedback in order for all of our students to improve their learning, especially in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

As we move forward in 2017, we would like your support to continue. For example, all parents are encouraged to participate on School Council committees and attend meetings. Parents can also help by following the Parking Lot rules and reviewing the Code of Conduct with your child—as student safety is our first priority at the school.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the school.

Kevin Freckelton,
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY:

1st—Happy New Year!
9th—School re-starts
13th—Parent Meet-and-Greet
14th—Orthodox New Year
16th—Martin Luther King Jr Day
17th—Trustee Ken Lister's Ward Forum @7-9pm
19th—Pizza Day!
20th—PA Day (No school for students)
23rd—NEW Kindergarten students for September 2017 -Registration forms are available
25th—School Council @ 6:30pm
27th – Character Education assembly @ 9:15am –
27th—Family Literacy Day
28th – Chinese/Lunar New Year
31st—Gr. 5-6 Parents Info session about Woodbine MS @ 6:30pm



IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY:

1st- Kindergarten Registration Starts (by Appt.)
2nd—Junior Extended French online application
17th—Due date for Optional Attendance forms

KEY CONTACTS:

PRINCIPAL: Kevin Freckelton
VICE-PRINCIPAL: Darlene Avis-Pottinger
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SCHOOL RULES, ROUTINES & PROCEDURES

WEATHER GUIDELINES

Children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors; however, weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, lunch periods and pre-entry periods be considered necessary for student and staff safety.



Conditions warranting indoor recesses

- (a) Rain, thunderstorms, lightning, hail, extreme winds and extreme cold.
- (b) Cold weather: When temperature and/or wind chill factor indicates -28C or lower children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip and frostbite.

When temperature and/or wind chill factor indicates -20 to -28C, recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess be 20 minutes depending on local conditions. Children will be monitored closely for signs of frostnip, frostbite or difficulty breathing.

CODE OF CONDUCT

We have found this code a great help in making our school a safe, caring environment.

- **Show Respect for Self**—Complete your homework, update your agenda, do your best, play fairly, be honest, follow rules and instructions
- **Show Respect to Others**—treat others with kindness and consideration; no putdowns; use good manners (such as please and thank-you)
- **Show Respect for Property**—treat school equipment and materials with care (such as when looking at library books)

Please read and review it regularly with your child. Should your child have problems observing the code of conduct we will be discussing the matter with you and seeking your co-operation. If we do not see an improvement after discussion we will be forced to take more serious action. Together we can develop a positive, caring, learning environment.

STUDENT SAFETY & PARKING

For the last several years, staff, students, and parents/guardians have expressed concerns about traffic safety around the school and in the school parking lot. This issue has been repeatedly



raised in our monthly newsletters and discussed at Parent Council meetings on numerous occasions. Possible solutions have been advised by parents, the Caring and Safe Schools department at the TDSB, and the Toronto Police Services Traffic department.

When dropping off and picking up students, it is important for cars to be parked in the outer parking lot and for children to be walked to the play area. Parents should not be parking in the fire access route in order to drop off or pick up students. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. The safety of all our children is of utmost importance.

To alleviate the traffic congestion in and around the school, parents/guardians are encouraged to walk your child to school. We are hoping that we can establish a student drop-off/pick-up area with the assistance of parents and guardians.

If you are interested in volunteering to help supervise a student drop-off/pick-up area, please contact the Principal about the days of the week and times you are available. If you have any suggestions to ease the traffic safety issues in and around the school, please contact the office at 416-395-2440 or contact the Principal: kevin.freckelton@tdsb.on.ca

FOREST MANOR P.S. WINTER CLUBS/TEAMS

(Last Update January 11th, 2017)

ACTIVITY	DAY	LOCATION	TIME	TEACHER(S)	GRADE
GR. 1 READING CLUB	Thurs	Learning Commons	3:20-4:30	Creighton	1
GR 5/6 INTRAMURALS	Tues/Thurs	Gym A	11:50-12:30	Bracht	5-6
ECO-OWLS - (LIGHTS OFF)	Daily	School Wide	10:15-10:30	Cyr	5-6
BLUE BOX RECYCLING	Mon	School Wide	10:15-10:30	Cyr, Cresta, Kaell	5-6
ECO OWLS	Mon	Rm 202	11:50-12:30	Cyr	5-6
GREEN BIN COLLECTING	Daily	School Wide	2:05	Cyr, Kaell	4-6
FOREST OF READING CLUB	Tues.	Learning Commons	11:50-12:30	Surgenor	3-6
FOLKDANCE CLUB	Wed	Gym A	11:50-12:30	Lauretti-Martin, Bayne-Thompson	3-6
PRIMARY CHOIR	Wed	Music Room	11:50-12:30	Kim, Passek-Kaplan	2-3
SAFETY PATROL	Daily	Front of school	Entry/Dismissal	Creighton	5-6
AMBASSADORS	TBA	School Events	TBA	Creighton	5-6
DANCE CLUB	Tue/Thurs	107	11:50-12:30	Damiano	4,5,6
LEGO CLUB	TBA	102	11:50-12:30	Ng	2
DRAWING CLUB	TBA	102	11:50-12:30	Ng	2
ROBOTICS	TBA	102	11:50-12:30	Ng, Wichert	6
KINDER MAKERSPACE	Wed	109	11:30-12:30	Wong, Shulman	FDK
INDOOR WINTER SOCCER TRAINING	WED or FRI	Gym A/B	11:50 - 12:30	Ready, Kaell	5,6
MATH CLUB	MON	203	3:20-4:30	Belevski, Creighton, Zavitz	2
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	TUE, WED, THUR	GYM B	3:20-4:30	Belevski, Caluya	4,5,6
GAMES CLUB	WED	214	11:30-12:30	Beygi	2
RECESS GAMES	MON-FRI	GYMS A & B	10:15-10:30 2:05-2:20	Armstrong & various staff	1-4

PARENTS AS PARTNERS...NEWS AND INFORMATION YOU CAN USE TO HELP YOUR CHILD

ONLINE HELP FOR YOUR CHILD IN MATH-THE PRODIGY GAME

PRODIGY is a free on-line program that is aligned to the Ontario Curriculum. There is assessment for and as sections, and much more. The Prodigy link to make it easier for you to access:

<https://www.prodigygame.com/Educators/>.

HELP FOR READING AND WRITING: READ&WRITE GOLD

The TDSB has a license for Read & Write literacy software that helps struggling readers and writers, students with learning disabilities, and English Language Learners. It is now available for parents to access it at home. For more information, go to the Forest Manor PS website and click on the link for Read and Write Gold, then use the User Name and Password listed below to download it.

User name: TDSB

Password: 4500677672

JUNIOR EXTENDED FRENCH PROGRAM

Applications to the Junior Extended French program are made the year your child is in Grade 3 for entry in September of Grade 4. It is an entirely online process.



All communication will be sent via the email address you provide. Please check your email regularly, including junk mail folders. Please visit the application site www.tdsb.on.ca/pars

- You will need your child's date of birth and OEN. The OEN is a 9-digit number found on any report card from the TDSB.
- Select Junior Extended French from the drop-down menu and complete the application process.
- **Application process opens: Monday, January 9, 2017**
- **Deadline for applications: Thursday, February 2, 2017**

SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC SCHOOL NOTICES & NEWSLETTERS!!!

Do you want to keep up to date and informed about what is happening at your child's school? Then sign up for e-mail reminders, notices, and newsletters!! How?

Return this form with your full name, and e-mail address, your child's name, and teacher's name:

PARENT FULL NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____ TEACHER: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS! **OUR NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING IS....**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25TH @ 6:30 PM

- *Special Presentation by Toronto Police: Anti-Bullying Tips*
 - School Uniform Consultation • Parking Lot Access
- Sub-Committees' Updates • Fundraising Report • 50th Anniversary
 - Spring Fair Update • Prizes • Child-minding

Yes, I will be attending School Council meeting.

Yes, I will need child-minding. I will bring _____ number of school-aged children.

Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

*** Please return this form by **MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH** so plans can be made for the event. For more information, email the School Council: fmschoolcouncil@gmail.com

PARENT COUNCIL FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE IN DECEMBER!!!

BIG THANKS to the FMPS community for donating to our One Can Food Drive and HOWL boxes. Our Parent Council organized things to help families in need celebrate a fabulous start to the New Year!



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IN DECEMBER!



Thanks again to our Parent Council and many parent volunteers for organizing a well attended Family Movie Night "Finding Dory". Pictured above with Principal Mr. Freckelton and Vice-Principal Mrs. Avis-Pottinger are a few members of the Parent Council (L-R): Pushyami, Alifia, Lubna, and Tamreen.

Toronto District School Board
Welcome!



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Բարի գալուստ <small>ARMENIAN</small>	歡迎 <small>CHINESE</small>	Welkom <small>DUTCH</small>
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Bienvenue <small>FRENCH</small>	Willkommen <small>GERMAN</small>	Καλωσορίζατε <small>GREEK</small>
આવો પધારો <small>GUJARATI</small>	ברוכים הבאים <small>HEBREW</small>	स्वागतम् <small>HINDI</small>
	Benvenuti <small>ITALIAN</small>	歡迎 <small>JAPANESE</small>
	ਉਹਨਾਂ <small>KHASIA</small>	Bene Ventum <small>LATIN</small>
	добро дојдовте <small>MACEDONIAN</small>	Binbwaachen <small>NETHERLANDS</small>
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Hoş Geldiniz <small>TURKISH</small>	Bitamo <small>YIDDISH</small>	کوش آس <small>URDU</small>
CHÀO MỪNG <small>VIETNAMESE</small>	זייט באַגריסט <small>YIDISH</small>	

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

To register, please bring:

- Proof of age (a birth certificate or baptismal record or passport)
- Proof of citizenship (a birth certificate, passport, or Record of Landing)
- Proof of residence (two pieces of identification that show your address, such as your mortgage papers/Deed or rental/ lease agreement or Property Tax Statement or Sharing Accommodation Letter (if applicable) with a telephone bill, driver's licence, or bank statement,)
- Immunization Records (**the card that shows a list of needles your child has received**)
- Health Card or Private Plan Name & Number
- Home Telephone Number
- Legal Custody/Separation Documents (if applicable)

TO AVOID DELAY OF YOUR CHILD BEING REGISTERED, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU BRING ALL DOCUMENTS AT REGISTRATION!!!

Kindergarten Registration Starts by Appointment on: Wednesday, February 1st



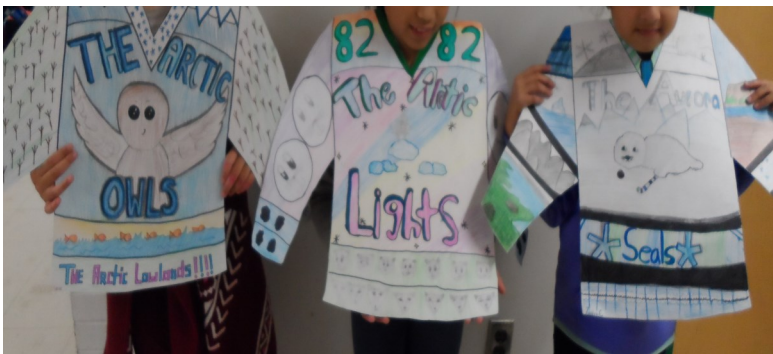
**Please phone the Main Office for an appointment: 416-395-2440
 Our Office Assistant Mrs. Kombiyikyan will be pleased to assist you.**

ROAMING THE ROOMS IN DECEMBER...

GRADE 4—MS SHULMAN'S CLASS...

Mrs. Shulman's Grade 4 class has been working on a fun and exciting project. We had to design a hockey jersey based on one of the seven physical regions of Canada. We used the laptops to research our region and had to represent at least four of the following six categories on our jersey: landforms, climate, animal life, vegetation, natural resources, and industry. Everyone will present their jersey to the class and vote on the winning jersey!

By Maryam and Zunaira



JANUARY IS FAMILY LITERACY MONTH...

Family Literacy Day® is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Just taking 15 minutes a day to read or do a learning activity with children can improve their literacy skills dramatically.



For more information, go to:

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy>

Other ways to get your family involved in literacy, go to the Toronto Public Library website:

<http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/family-literacy-day/>

For other literacy resources online, check out the following:

- www.starfall.org
- www.childrenslibrary.org
- TDSB Virtual Library:
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/findyour/schools/librarycat.aspx>

THE LEARNING COMMONS...

Under the guidance of Mrs. Surgenor, our library is currently being transformed into a "Learning Commons".

Why are we doing this? As content becomes more accessible online, a library becomes less about housing books, and more about connecting learners and constructing knowledge.

What changes are taking place?

1) The physical space is being reconfigured to reflect the needs of 21st century learning:

- Greater access to technology.
- A Maker Space area.
- Flexible groupings of tables.
- Instructional space with use of Smartboard.
- Cozy seating for reading and working throughout the space.

2) Learning Partnerships are developed so that:

- EVERYONE is engaged in the learning process, including students, teachers, Principals, and community members.
- Teachers become learning coaches and facilitate new learning.
- technology based learning partnerships enabling integrated learning opportunities (real-world, global, cross-curricular, INQUIRY DRIVEN)
- The Learning Commons supports a school-wide culture of inquiry.

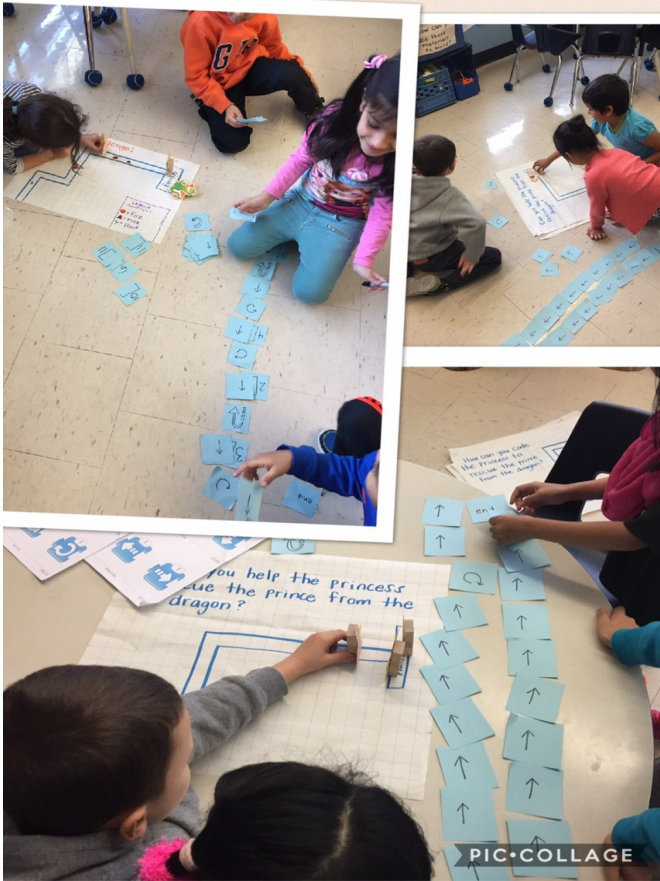
3) Technology will be used to learn and communicate collaboratively:

- Technology "specialists" within our school will share expertise through learning partnerships with other teachers and students.
- Students will learn how to use technology as an educational tool
- Students will explore to emerging technologies (Web 2.0 based).

How can you help? Leading up to our 50th Anniversary in 2017/2018, some of our fundraising efforts are going to focus on creating a Learning Commons. Your donations and fundraising efforts will purchase new furniture, equipment, and technology—which, in turn, will help us teach your child to become an effective 21st Century learner!

For more information or to donate to the Learning Commons initiative, please contact the Principal, Kevin Freckelton, by phone @ 416-395-2440, or by email: kevin.freckelton@tdsb.on.ca

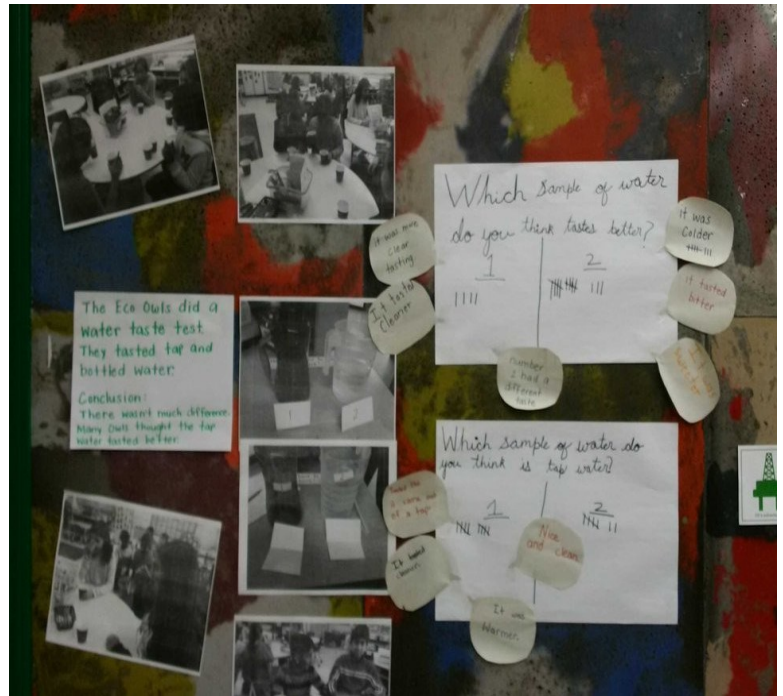
ROAMING THE ROOMS IN DECEMBER...



Ms. Cyr's grade 1 class participated in TDSB's Hour of Code. They helped a princess rescue a prince from a dragon by coding her actions, coded their friends as robots and used apps like Kodable and Lightbot on the ipads. Lots of fun, learning, teamwork and problem solving!

GRADE 3'S—MS CHANG'S CLASS & "SCIENTIST IN THE SCHOOL"

On December 14, a scientist came to our classroom to teach us about Forces. We learned that a force is an invisible push or pull that causes movement. The 4 forces that we learned about are: gravity, friction, magnetism, and electrostatic forces. You can measure a force using the unit Newtons. We did many fun experiments using catapults, magnets, toy cars, and we even made a marble roller coaster. Forces are really important in our lives because they can help us everywhere and are all around us.



Pictured above—Our Platinum Certified ECO Schools Club, the ECO OWLS, conducted a taste test about the difference between bottled water versus tap water. What do you think they found out?

ECO OWLS...

Hi! I am an Eco owl and my name is Aamena. We have a big problem at Forest Manor. The problem is that we are putting waste in the wrong spot. We are sending out 2 sorting kits one for the primary classes and one for the junior classes. These sorting kits help students put waste in the right bins like, paper goes in recycling, banana peels go in the green bin, wrappers go in garbage and you don't have to put tissue boxes in recycling, you can re-use them.

Once you get the sorting kit use it with your class as soon as possible and then pass it along to the next class on the list so that everyone will get to use it before March Break.

If you have any questions email back and Ms. Cyr or an Eco Owl will answer them.

Thank you,

Aamena
Grade 4 Student
Eco Owl

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS IN DECEMBER...

CHARACTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS FOR DECEMBER 2016:

During the month of December, we focused on the character trait “kindness and caring”. Congratulations to the following students who were positive role models inside and outside the classroom:

FDK—Alisha, Joseph, Laasya , Josh, Keyaan, Varnikaa, Yusra, Eashaan, Sabah, Saharsh, Michael, Rishiraj, Srinika, Jessy, Anya

GRADE 1- Yaskika, Ebraheem, Vikrant, Druti, Kevin, Deana, Arjun, Kshitij, Heetvi, Sofiya, Ananya

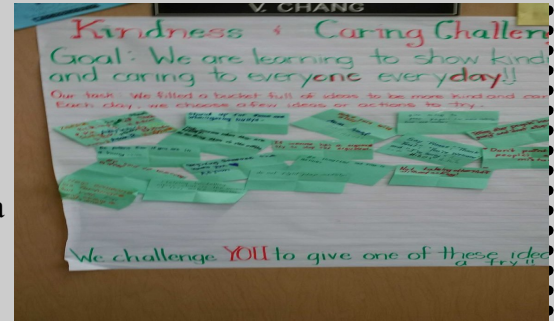
GRADE 2—Sanam, Kiran , Krisha, Ayat, Haseeb, Aurmaan, Rafaela, Yashitha, Cross, Akshita

GRADE 3—Anny, Ayan, Maheen, Mobina, Fadil, Elias, Ibrahim, Kaushik

GRADE 4—Yasmin, Varsha, Sahar, Yusef, Mehrsa

GRADE 5—Zayan and Esther, Mazin, Tyra Lee, Mohammad, Larry, Wassim

GRADE 6—Fatma, Daniel , Khazim, Aqduş, Wesley, Shreya, Jamal, Giselle



FOREST MANOR P.S IS HOSTING TRUSTEE KEN LISTER'S WARD 17 FORUM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH @ 7-9PM

Guest Speaker Manon Gardner, Executive Superintendent Teaching
Is the International Baccalaureate Program Right for Your Child?

- Yes, I will be attending **TRUSTEE KEN LISTER'S WARD 17 meeting.**
- Yes, I will need child-minding. I will bring _____ number of school-aged children.

Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Toronto Public Health
Dental and Oral Health Services

Toronto, ON.
Tel:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

School Year

Toronto Public Health (T.P.H.) provides dental programs to children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

To identify children with oral health problems, a screening program is offered to students in accordance with the Ontario Ministry of Health requirements for mandatory health programs. The screening is an assessment by a dental hygienist using sterilized instruments. The dental hygienist will assess the need for topical fluoride, scaling, sealant and any other obvious dental needs.

As a follow up to the screening, only parents whose children are identified as requiring dental services will be notified. A note to that effect will be sent home with your child/ren for your information and action. You may also receive a phone call from T.P.H. dental staff to assist you in accessing care.

Please be advised that this screening assessment does not replace the dental examination done by a licensed dentist.

If you do not wish your child/ren to be screened, please inform the school.

For additional information, please contact us at the phone number listed above or visit us at http://www.toronto.ca/health/dental/children_youth.htm.

Dr. Hazel Stewart
Director
Dental and Oral Health Services