



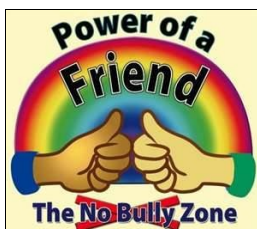
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ACCEPTING SCHOOLS ACT

On June 5, 2012, the Accepting Schools Act passed final reading in the Ontario Legislature. The Act, Bill 13 requires all school boards to take preventative measures against bullying, issue tougher consequences for bullying, and support students who want to promote understanding and respect for all.

This legislation will strengthen the policies and procedures that are in place in our Board to support our schools and classrooms across TDSB. Boards are expected to make changes to some of their policies and procedures for September 1, 2012 and Bill 13 will be fully implemented by February 1, 2013. Currently, Principals are expected to report bullying incidents, notify parents and provide supports for students who need them. When the legislation is fully in place there will be a new definition of bullying, increased supports for students and parents, school climate surveys and reporting by professionals such as psychologists and social workers.

If you have particular questions, please contact the school so that we may address your concerns. We are committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for all students.



WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE STUDENT SUCCESS



In order to ensure the best possible education for your child, it is necessary for them to attend school regularly. A student’s academic progress depends on regular class attendance. Research also indicates that attendance patterns and attitudes are developed at an early age. Students are expected to fully participate in learning opportunities and complete all homework assignments and tests when they are absent.

We would like to encourage families to plan extended vacations when school is not in session. Extended absences can result in gaps in student learning. Students in Grades 3 and 6 may have particular difficulty during the provincial assessments (EQAO) when they have been absent during the school year and have missed a large portion of the curriculum taught. Regular student attendance and punctuality is important in order for students to be successful at school.

You can help ensure your child’s success by:

- * being involved in your child’s education;
- * knowing the school’s schedule;
- * communicating regularly with classroom teachers (use your child’s planner or send notes to the teacher);
- * making an appointment to discuss your child’s academic progress or other confidential matters;
- * calling the school if your child is going to be absent;
- * ensuring that your child gets a good night’s sleep and healthy meals so that they have the energy they need for learning.

Let’s work together to ensure student success!

TERRY FOX RUN



Once again this year, Forest Manor students and staff participated in the Terry Fox Run. Students and staff contributed money to a class jar to try to "FILL TO THE TOP FOR TERRY." We raised \$1469.35 dollars for cancer research, which is a truly impressive amount! Any staff or students who brought in a donation signed a large poster of Terry in the front foyer of the school. We had many signatures on this poster, reflecting a truly generous spirit at

Forest Manor.

Here are the top fundraising classes who have earned special Terry Fox buttons:

Kindergarten - Ms. Gavarkovs

Gr. 1- Ms. Cyr

Gr. 2- Ms. McConnell

Gr. 3- Mr. Caluya

Gr. 4 - Ms. McPherson

Gr. 5 - Ms. Davidson

Gr. 6 - Mrs. Lauretti-Martin

Congratulations to all the boys and girls for their spirit and participation.

INTRAMURALS AT THE MANOR

The Forest Manor Intramural Basketball League has begun for Grade 5 and Grade 6 students. The teams practice and play at lunch times and all the boys and girls are enjoying the opportunity for skill development and friendly competition. The games all have been very close matches to date and it looks like there are many serious contenders for the championship title.



CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

By Isha and Zainab in Grade 6

During the past few weeks the cross country team has practiced and competed in two meets. We even made it to the city championships! The team has really represented our school well. The following students were part of the team: Zainab, Isha, Maheerah, Siona, Aseel, Wedjane, Tiffany, Anhr, Rafi, Mohammad, Kourosh, Amron, Hasan, Hussain, Marzuk, John, Boum Chang, Joel, Hassan, Ahmed, and Ohm. We would like to thank our coaches, Mrs. Ready and Ms. McPherson. We would also like to thank our principal, Mr. Freckelton, for driving us and cheering us on at the city championships! The grade 6 girls team placed second at the conference and the grade 6 boys team placed third. Also, congratulations to Mohammad who placed fifth of all the grade 4 boys and to Anhr, who placed fourth of all the grade 6 boys. Way to go team!



**ONTARIO
SCIENCE
CENTRE**

GRADE 6 TRIPS TO THE ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE

By Amin in Grade 6

On September 28th, the Grade 6 classes went to the Ontario Science Centre (OSC). With our special partnership, we were able to go twice for our Space Science unit! When we got there, we went with a scientist into a studio to do a special interactive program with Clickers. We learned many interesting facts. Did you know that Neil Armstrong was the first person on the moon and that the International Space Station would never have been built without a Canadian-designed robotic arm that was used by astronauts in building the structure?



During our second trip on October 2nd, we were invited to the media release of the new exhibit "Beyond Planet Earth". The event started with a speech from the OSC CEO, introducing the exhibit. Then a real astronaut named Jeremy Handsome, who is training in Russia, appeared to us via video link and I got to ask him a question! I asked him what zero gravity training he did. He said he got in a plane and when the plane reached the top of the atmosphere, it dived and for 29 seconds, he was weightless. After that, everyone was allowed to see the exhibit, and it was amazing! The exhibit had everything from a life-sized version of the Mars Rover named "Curiosity" to digital exploration of the surface of Mars.



Many of us got interviewed and some of us even got our picture taken by the media! If you want to learn more about the exhibit or to see pictures of our class, check out the OSC website at www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/ We are all looking forward to going back as soon as possible!

Comments from the Grade 6 students:

- * "There was a brilliant touch screen game in which we had to make Mars livable." (Anushka)
- * "Did you know that in order to sleep in space, you would have to be strapped in and spinning so your bones don't shrink?" (Selina)
- * "This exhibit can help so many budding astronomers face...SPACE, THE FINAL FRONTIER!" (Brianna and Khushi)

A VISIT WITH MPP MICHAEL COTEAU

By Vrushin and Yumnah in Grade 5

On Friday, October 19th, MPP Michael Coteau was invited to Forest Manor by the Grade 5 classes to talk with us about being an MPP and what inspired him to become an MPP. He told us all about himself: who he is and what he does at the government office. He answered our questions and we learned a lot of new things.



For example, here are two projects he is working on that will make Ontario better and even Canada better:

- 1.) Digitalization of Textbooks: Mr. Coteau is working on finding a way to make all textbooks digital. That means that instead of buying expensive textbooks and carrying heavy textbooks, they would be on the internet for free and people could study from home or do work at the same time using the same digital textbook.
- 2.) Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Law: Mr. Coteau is working on a way to make a law so that when a baby is growing inside a mother, the baby will be better protected if the mother drinks alcohol. This means that he is going to make a law so that all unborn babies will be protected from alcohol abuse and mothers will have to be responsible.

Mr. Coteau is kind-hearted, hardworking and full of wonderful ideas. He answered all of our questions, taught us new things and gave us advice on how to become an MPP in the future. At the end he gave all of us an Ontario Flag or an Ontario Trillium pin to remember his visit. Everyone in Grade 5 enjoyed MPP Coteau's visit to Forest Manor. We hope he comes back again next year.



Comments from the Grade 5 students:

- * "It was great having Michael Coteau here!" (Zohra)
- * "Can you believe how lucky we were? We were visited by our MPP." (Austin)
- * "He made our minds more clear about government." (Hania)
- * "I learned it costs \$100000 to be in an MPP election!" (Kelvin)

DIGITAL LEARNING AT FOREST MANOR

By Kanika and Nevedhaa in Grade 4

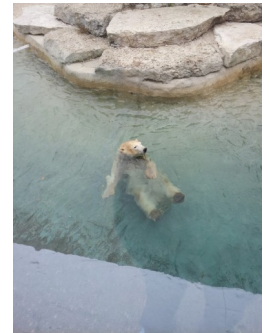
On October 24, 2012 Ms. Shulman's class went to the Apple Store at the Eaton Centre. We went by TTC. We were so well behaved on the train. We brought 10 iPads to the Apple Store with us. Two students shared one iPad.

Once we arrived at the Apple Store, we introduced ourselves to the workshop leaders. The Apple employees taught us how to make slideshows on Keynote for the iPad. We learned how to make animations, edit text, and enhance pictures. We had so much fun learning about Keynote. We are excited to use the iPad app in our classroom to create our Animal Habitat Projects!

OFF TO THE ZOO!

By Akshaya in Grade 2

On Thursday, the Grade 2 classes went to the Toronto Zoo because we are learning about animals. We went on a school bus. First we went to the American Pavillion. There were mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, amphibians and insects. We then went to the African Pavillion. It was my favourite! We saw gorillas that slammed the window at us! I was intimidated! I saw a baby gorilla climb on its mommy. That was really cute. We also saw a baby polar bear who turned one! His name was Hudson. He high-fived me. He is really nice. We saw elephants who tried to escape by sticking out their trunks, and colourful peacocks who chased people. We also saw an abundance of fish and



some crocodiles that did NOT move. We saw lots of turtles and white lions. We saw a tiger who was boringly walking around and an owl who was hiding. The insects were yucky! Finally, we rode the school bus back to school. I was very happy.

FALL

By Qin Yi in Grade 5

Fall is the season when animals prepare,
For winter is very, very near,
Squirrels find nuts,
Bears eat a lot,
As they get ready for hibernation.



Multi-coloured leaves fall to the ground,
They are red, yellow, orange and brown.
Rake them up, Jump right in.
Don't put them in the garbage bin!

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS!

FOREST MANOR P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

WEDNESDAY, December 5th @ 6:30 PM—library

The event will feature a report from the Principal, the School Council Executive elections, a presentation on the “Virtual Library” and other useful websites and PRIZES!!!!!!



Yes, I will be attending School Council meeting.

Child's Name: _____ **Teacher:** _____

Parent Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Yes, I would like to be considered for one of the School Council Executive positions:

CHAIR

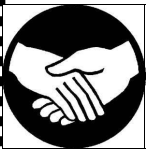
VICE-CHAIR

SECRETARY

TREASURER

***** Please return this form by Tuesday, November 6th so plans can be made for the event.**

ATTENTION STUDENTS!



We are looking for aspiring *authors and poets* to celebrate **ACTS OF EMPATHY. Empathy means the ability to understand and share the in the feelings of others, or the act of doing so.**

Please submit your work describing a time you experienced or demonstrated empathy and how this affected you. Your submission may be read over the PA or posted in the next newsletter!

Your Name: _____ **Grade:** ____ **Teacher:** _____