



THE VALLEY VOICE

Winter is a magical season at Forest Valley. The cold and snowy weather continues to bring plenty of opportunity to explore, discover and learn in and about the world around us. Our curriculum driven programs, for student in kindergarten through Grade 8, provide the opportunity for learners to engage in authentic learning through inquiry. Following your visit to Forest Valley, we hope that you are inspired to keep learning and exploring outside.

Forest Valley OEC is the proud recipients of 4 awards won at The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair for our maple products! Each spring, TDSB students tap our sugar maple trees, collect sap and learn about the process of boiling it down to make maple syrup. Last spring, we saved some of the maple syrup and used it to make the products we entered. This accomplishment wouldn't have been possible without the help and support of many TDSB students and staff.

Forest Valley OEC Magnet Contest

Last year over 500 entries were submitted to our Magnet Contest and it was very difficult to choose a single winner. **Maximillian, a grade 2 student from Elkhorn PS was our winner** and his design was printed on 2,500 magnets, most of which have already been distributed to recognize the hundreds of volunteers who visit with classes annually.



TDSB students are invited to submit an original hand drawn picture which represents their experience at Forest Valley. One winning design will be chosen. Entries will be on display at Forest Valley OEC during our Annual Maple Syrup Open House. And selected submissions will be highlighted in our Valley Voice Newsletter.

You're Invited!

**Forest Valley's Annual
Maple Syrup Open House
will be held on**

Saturday April 1st, 2017

10:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.

**We'll have lots to see, do and
taste as we celebrate Forest
Valley OEC's 50th anniversary
and Canada's 150th birthday!**

Our focus is on our students and their family and friends. We do not publically advertise this event.



Forest Valley OEC is situated on Traditional Territories including the Wendat Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations and the Metis Nation.

You can view a map showing all of the treaties in Ontario at:

www.ontario.ca/aboriginal/treaties



Toronto Outdoor Education Schools (TOES)

Outdoor Education offers students curriculum based "beyond the classroom" learning experiences. The aim of these adventures is to connect students to the built and natural world around them. In the Toronto District School Board, Outdoor Education is an integral part of each student's school journey. It brings learning to life and inspires a sense of wonder.

Learn more at:

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/toes/Home.aspx>

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Highway of Heroes Living Tribute

Forest Valley OEC is very proud to be part of the [Highway of Heroes Living Tribute](#). With the help of [Home Hardware](#) who has generously donated a limited number of rare and unique Canada 150 tulip bulbs, groups can pledge support to fundraising for the Highway of Heroes Living Tribute.

The Canada 150 tulip, the official tulip of Canada’s 150th anniversary, has a white bloom with red flames that bears a striking resemblance to our maple leaf flag.

The Highway of Heroes Living Tribute will see 117,000 trees planted along the 401, from Trenton to Toronto. One tree is being planted for each Canadian soldier that has fallen since Confederation.

Be sure to visit our Annual Maple Syrup Open House on April 1st, so that you can, hopefully, see our magnificent tulips in bloom, and have an opportunity to support to this honourable cause.



Can you find the hidden winter words listed below?

F	I	R	E	S	I	D	E	C	S	S
A	C	O	L	D	N	O	W	H	N	L
B	Y	F	L	E	E	C	E	I	O	I
B	L	U	S	T	E	R	Y	L	W	P
C	A	H	N	C	O	I	S	L	S	P
E	N	P	O	D	L	S	T	Y	H	E
D	A	O	W	F	L	P	C	F	O	R
O	R	L	F	R	O	Z	E	N	E	Y
H	O	C	K	E	Y	E	E	M	S	L
R	O	B	S	H	O	V	E	L	Y	A

cold, blustery, chilly, crisp, icy, snow, frozen, slippery, fireside, fleece, hockey, shovel,

Warm Up with Richard’s Easy Oatmeal Cookies!

- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup vegetable shortening
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 cups oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large bowl, beat brown sugar, shortening and granulated sugar until creamy. Add egg, water and vanilla and mix well. Combine oats, flour, salt and baking soda, mix well and add to other ingredients.

Drop dough by rounded teaspoonful onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 11-13 minutes or until edges are golden brown. let cool and store in sealed container.

How did you follow up your visit with us? We want to know!

Please share your post-trip follow up activities with us so we can highlight the great things classes do after their outdoor education experience. This could include art, stories, poems, recounts...etc. We may use your submission in a future Valley Voice, on display at Forest Valley or as a resource for visiting teachers.

Submissions can be sent:

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