Forest Hill Falcon

Forest Hill Jr. & Sr. PS

Week of November 11, 2019

Hello Forest Hill Families:

On Monday, November 11th, students and staff at Forest Hill Jr. and Sr. Public School and schools across the city will mark Remembrance Day with classroom activities and school assemblies. For Remembrance Day, teachers make connections between global events and students' lives by promoting peace within our school community. On this solemn occasion, staff, students, parents, and the wider community all join together in a call for peace.

On Tuesday, Progress Report Cards (Grade 1-8) and Initial Observation Reports (Kindergarten) will be sent home. The Elementary Progress Report Card is designed to show a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the Fall of the school year, as well as a student's general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations in all subjects. It is important that we use this as an opportunity to reflect, with our children, on their strengths, needs and next steps. Please engage in productive, meaningful dialogue with your child's teacher(s) in order to ensure optimal levels of support both at home and at school.

Mr. Sonenberg, Ms. Stewart and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming SAC

Meeting on Tuesday at 6:30pm. Prior to this meeting, we look forward to meeting our Class Parent Reps at 5:45pm for a brief meeting, followed by an informal discussion about our school budget at about 6:15pm for anyone interested.

It is going to feel like Winter this week! The forecast indicates that we are in for some temperatures below freezing. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather (coats, mitts, hats, neck warmers). It is important that each student has outdoor shoes and indoor shoes in order to maintain a clean learning environment inside our classrooms. Of course, recesses will proceed as usual unless temperatures drop below -28 Degrees Celsius, including wind chill. In these cases of extreme cold, students will remain indoors for recess times. If temperatures fall within the -20 to -28 Degree range, recesses will be shortened in order to keep the children safe. Please prepare your child for outdoor play this week as we are not at risk of experiencing this type of extreme cold... Yet! (Thankfully) Please help us reinforce the expectation that snow must stay on the ground. Students may build with it, but they may not throw it or kick it.

Since we are expecting snow this week, please monitor @TDSB and @TDSB_ForestHill on Twitter and local news channels for potential bus cancellations.

Bullying Prevention Week

November 17th -23rd is Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week at Forest Hill. Using the definition from the Education Act, we will further develop a common understanding of what bullying looks like and feels like.

"Bullying" means aggressive and typically repeated behaviour by a pupil where,

(a) the behaviour is intended by the pupil to have the effect of, or the pupil ought to know that the behaviour would be likely to have the effect of,

(i) causing harm, fear or distress to another individual, including physical, psychological, social or academic harm, harm to the individual's reputation or harm to the individual's property, or

(ii) creating a negative environment at a school for another individual, and

(b) the behaviour occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance between the pupil and the individual based on factors such as size, strength, age, intelligence, peer group power, economic status, social status, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, family circumstances, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, disability or the receipt of special education.

Please take this opportunity to have meaningful conversations at home about bullying. A positive school climate is our shared responsibility.

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Important Items for This Week

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Monday, Nov. 11th - Day 3 Remembrance Day

Tuesday, Nov. 12th - Day 4 School Support Team (SST)- am Progress Reports Go Home Class Parent Rep Meeting at 5:45pm SAC Meeting at 6:30pm

Wednesday, Nov. 13th - Day 5

Thursday, Nov. 14th - Day 1 Parent-Teacher Interviews (evening) Used Book Sale

Friday, Nov. 15th PA Day Parent- Teacher Interviews (am) Used Book Sale

https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/foresthillps/Calendar

Upcoming Dates

November 26- Ward Forum at 6:30pm (FHCI) November 29- Author Visit December 5- Movie Night at 6pm December 6- PA Day December 10- School Support Team (SST) Dec. 23- Jan. 3- Winter Break