

Forest Hill Falcon



Forest Hill Jr. & Sr. PS

Week of September 9, 2019

A Great Start to 2019-2020

Our first week was a huge success. Students and Staff were thrilled to be back and there was an exciting buzz throughout the school. There was a lot of talk about expectations, routines and goal-setting. As teachers continue to build classroom communities with their students, they are also learning about the students' interests, along with academic and social strengths and needs in order to develop a program that is differentiated and meets the needs of all learners.

Safety and Security

During the opening weeks, we will continue to have numerous discussions focused on school security and safety. We will review the systems we have in place with staff, students and the community as a whole. The safety of our students is our foremost priority. It is important to note that although we have effective systems in place, we all need to work together in order to ensure they are followed. The school doors are locked throughout the day in order to keep our students safe. When visiting the school, please use the front entrance and use the buzzer to enter. I understand that many people would prefer to use a 'short cut', but this compromises the safety and well-being of everyone in the school. We need to account for every individual in the building, so please use the front door and notify the office immediately if there is a door propped open or unlocked.

Here are a few important reminders:

- Please do not enter the school unless you have been buzzed in
- Always check in with the office when visiting the school (No exceptions)
- Staff, students and guests are asked to report any visitor not wearing a Visitor/ Volunteer badge
- In order to maximize instructional time and enhance safety measures, Parents/ Guardians/ Caregivers are not permitted to visit classrooms without signing in at the Office
- Please continue to discuss community safety and street proofing tips with your child

Food Safety

Forest Hill is a NUT FREE school. We have several children who are severely allergic to peanuts/ nuts. We urge families and students to remember not to send any peanuts/ nuts or peanut/ nut products to school at any time. If your child is allergic to nuts or other allergens, please inform your child's teacher and the office. Your child's teacher may notify you of other allergies in the classroom (i.e., egg, sesame, fish, etc.), so some classes may have some restrictions in addition to peanut/ nut products.

In an effort to maximize instructional time and ensure everyone's safety, class parties and/ or special events with food will only take place on pre-determined days (i.e., Halloween, Valentine's Day, etc.) Birthdays will be recognized during our daily announcements and may also be celebrated with stickers, pencils, "Birthday Book" donations, etc., but NOT with food/ treats. Thank you for your help keeping our children safe and healthy.

Parking Reminders

Safety is always the primary focus for everyone at the school. In order to help keep our students safe during morning entry and afternoon dismissal, please remember to avoid parking, standing or idling in the Bus Loading Zone on Hawarden. Please also note that Dunloe becomes a one-way street after 3:00pm, so please respect traffic laws in our efforts to keep everyone safe and traffic moving.

Please consider the following reminders:

- DO NOT double park (you are putting your child at risk by doing so).
- DO NOT park in the Bus Loading Zone or between pylons (if applicable).
- PLEASE CARPOOL OR WALK WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
- Vehicles must follow direction arrows (i.e., one-way on Dunloe after 3pm)
- Remember that there is always an alternative; walking is a healthier choice for us, our kids and the environment.

Important Items for This Week

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Monday- Day 5

Gr. 7 Boys Football Tryout at 3:30pm

Tuesday- Day 1

Gr. 8 Boys Football Tryout at 3:30pm

Wednesday- Day 2

Final Sr. Boys Football Tryout at 3:30pm

Thursday- Day 3

Sr. Boys Soccer Tryout 3:30pm

Friday- Day 4

Upcoming Dates

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September 18- SAC Meeting at 6:30pm

September 26- Curriculum Night at 6:30pm

October 4- Photo Day

October 11- PA Day