



Terry Fox Run: A new bar has been set!



Our annual Terry Fox Run was held on Thursday, September 23rd. Our students raised a total of \$1084.70 this year. This smashes our previous fundraising record of \$650 that was set last year! One of our new students, Augustus Doran (pictured), deserves special recognition

as he brought in \$435 of donations! What an amazing job, Augustus! As a token of our appreciation, we awarded Augustus with a Terry Fox Run shirt for his efforts. Ms. Dahl's class was awarded a food prize for being the class that raised the most money. Another one of our new students, Riley Burgess, ran the farthest by completing 20 laps of our 400 plus meter fitness trail. Well done and congratulations, Riley! Thank you to students, staff, and our school community in helping to make this year's run a success and for helping our school make a significant contribution to the Terry Fox Foundation.



New mask mandate and exemptions

As you all know by now, the public Health Authority has recently mandated the use of masks for students from grades K -12. A number of families have asked for mask exemptions for their children. Please understand that if your child has been granted a mask exemption, whether a partial or full exemption, there is an expectation that families will take on more of the responsibility for educating their child/children on the other protective measures, such as frequent hand-washing and physical distancing. It is also an expectation that the student will be diligent in their practice of these measure when not wearing a mask. Keeping children home when sick is another important line of defense, so thank you to all of you have been doing this. Teachers are making efforts to schedule more breaks in the day where students can take their masks off. This can mean taking the kids outside more often, so please ensure that your children are dressed for the outside weather conditions.

Masks on Buses: Mask exemptions are in place to help students when in class or inside the school.

* All children are expected to wear a mask when riding a school bus *

Safe Arrival and Dismissal of students

The safe arrival of children coming to school is of the utmost importance to us. We would like to remind parents and caregivers to please call us (250-397-2962) or e-mail myself or the classroom teacher when your children are not coming to school on any given day. If you know in advance that your child or children will be away, a note in your child's school planner will be sufficient in letting us know. We ask the same of you if your child is going to being picked up during the school day or if you are making alternate arrangements for their travel home. Please make sure you talk to a person if you are changing transportation plans near the end the school day, as we can easily miss seeing an e-mail or voice message when it comes in late.

CPAC News

Our Community Parent Advisory Committee has made a change to both the day and time of their regular monthly meetings. A reminder to all that these meetings are held on the first Monday of each school month at 5:30 PM, in the school gymnasium.

This year's CPAC Executive is:

* President **Vacant**

Vice President.....**Kristan Deneef**

Secretary **Heather Williamson**

Treasurer **Jessica Drennan**

* Please note that the position of CPAC president is still vacant. If you are interested in this position, or would like to find out more about it, please contact our CPAC at forestgrovecpac@gmail.com

I would like to thank Kristy Abrams for her work and leadership over the past year in her role as CPAC president and for her many years on the executive. It has been a pleasure working with you, Kristy!

CPAC Fundraiser to help offset the cost of our Hot Lunch program

Order forms for our Save-On Foods Gift Card fundraiser program were sent home last Friday, October 1st. Please consider purchasing some of these gift cards as the proceeds raised are going directly to our Hot Lunch Program. The deadline for this fundraiser is next Friday, October 15th.

Purdees Chocolate Fundraiser is coming in early November. Order forms will be sent home on Tuesday, Nov 2nd so there will be plenty of time to get your chocolate orders in time for Christmas.

A shout out to our recycling team and a call for help (volunteers needed!)

Last month, our small group of parent recyclers raised \$2780.46! However, this is a very small group of volunteers and they would love to have more help in picking up, dropping off and sorting bottles and cans. Please consider doing what you can, even if it only a little bit. Any help that you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Next CPAC meeting: Monday, November 1st at 5:30 PM, in the school gymnasium.

Please ensure that your children are dressed for the weather.

As fall is upon us and winter not far off, we would like to make parents aware that our students spend time outside, rain or shine, every day at Forest Grove Elementary. We ask that parents ensure their children are prepared for the cold & wet weather conditions that we typically face at this time of year.



Hot Lunch

Our CPAC will be providing our students and staff another Hot Lunch on **Wednesday October 20th**. On the menu: **cheese pizza**.

Fire Safety Week

This week is Fire Prevention Week in B.C. However, due to COVID-19, the Forest Grove Fire Department is unable to come to the school with the fire engine this year. However, our local fire department invites the community to attend the fire hall to view the trucks and gather Fire Safety and Fire Smart information on **Saturday October 9th** from 10AM - 2PM at the Firehall.



Breakfast Program



I would like to thank Mrs. Michelle Hartzmuller for providing breakfast snacks to our students. Every morning, Mrs. Hartzmuller delivers a tray of healthy snacks to each classroom where teachers oversee the distribution of this food. Our breakfast snack program is not designed to replace a healthy home breakfast. It is in place to fill the gaps that inevitably occur when families face challenges of getting themselves and children ready in the morning. The money to support this program comes from a grant that is highly subsidized by our CPAC fundraising.

School Photo Day

School photos will be taken on the morning of Tuesday, October 12th this year. Both individual and class photos will be taken of all students. A group photo of our Strong Start class will also be taken so Strong Start families please mark this date on your calendar. Photo “proofs” will be sent home a few weeks later, and families will be able to order individual and/or class photos at that time.



Forest Grove Elementary Calendar of Events - October 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Orange Shirt Day Celebration at FG Elem
4 Fire Prevention Week CPAC AGM Meeting (5:30 PM)	5 Fire Prevention Week	6 Fire Prevention Week	7 Fire Prevention Week	8 Fire Prevention Week Fire Drill #2 (12:30 PM)
11 Thanksgiving (School closed)	12 School Photos 9:00 AM start	13	14	15 Save-On Foods CPAC Fundraiser deadline
18	19	20 Hot Lunch (cheese pizza)	21	22 Pro D Day (students do not attend)
25	26	27	28	29 * Spirit Day* (Halloween Theme) Crafts/Activities in the afternoon

A few dates of note in Early November

November 1st (Mon).....CPAC meeting (5:30 PM)

November 3rd & 4th (Wed & Thurs)**Early dismissal days** (school dismissal at 1:15 instead of 2:15)