



Forest Ridge Newsletter

May/June 2019

Forest Ridge Elementary



Mark your Calendar!

Monday, May 6th -Friday May 10th
Staff Appreciation Week

Monday, May 6th-Cousins Event-Ryan Road 5-8 p.m.

Monday, May 13th BOE Meeting at District Office 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14th-PTO Meeting 6:00 pm

Tuesday, May 14th 5th grade field trip - Museum of
Science and Industry in Chicago

Tuesday, May 14th 1st grade field trip - First Stage
Theater

Monday, May 20th-BOE Meeting at Shepard Hills
6 p.m.

Thursday, May 23rd Popcorn Day

Thursday, May 23rd 5th grade field trip- Civil War Day

Friday, May 24th-Spirit Day-Red, White and Blue

Saturday, May 25th Art in the Park 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day No School

Tuesday, May 28th 3rd grade field trip to the Discovery
World

Wednesday, May 29th 4th grade field trip to the
Discovery World

Wednesday, May 29th 2nd grade field trip to the
Milwaukee County Zoo

Thursday May 30th, June 1 Kindergarten Field
Trip-Green Meadows

Wednesday, June 5th Field Day

Friday, June 7th-Last Day of School

Principal's Message

Dear Forest Ridge Families,

It is hard to believe that May has arrived. We are in the midst of one of our busiest times of the school year with so many activities and events. Please check the school calendar for updated information about activities. After 26 years in education and 3 years at Forest Ridge, I have announced my retirement and now enjoying each day of school even a little bit more.

It has certainly been my privilege to have spent my entire career in the Oak Creek-Franklin School District. Working here and serving students and families of this great community became my life's work. I have enjoyed every day, every celebration and even the challenges.

I will miss the students, as their energy, enthusiasm and their various personalities have enriched my life. It has been a pleasure partnering with you and all the other parents, teachers, and students that have made my tenure in Oak Creek such a pleasure. I truly believe that we have a group of talented and passionate teachers and staff that together make up this school. Thank you to all the PTO boards,volunteers, staff, parents, and students who have been so diligent and great to work with. It has definitely been a team effort.

I appreciate the many memories I have made together with the students and teachers over the years. You have a great school and a great community. I will miss you all!!

Sincerely,

Ed Mittag, Principal
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Avoid the Summer Slide - READ!

Students leave school in June full of strategies for reading and making amazing progress. Sometimes with the change in schedule and less reading over the summer we notice a marked decrease in student reading levels when they return to school in the September.

Help your child maintain his/her reading development and continue to grow by reading over the summer.

There are many free library programs that provide incentives for student readers, encouraging them to read over the summer.

PTO Information

Hello and welcome back to school.

We hope everyone enjoyed some time off to relax and recoup. We made it...down to the last 6 weeks of the year! It's going to just fly by.

Thanks to everyone that donated to our district wide food drive, it was another huge success. Forest Ridge raised 1,450 items alone! It's always great to help out especially in our own communities. Congratulations to Miss Brehm's 1st grade class for raising the most items per class at 151 items! They received a pizza party. Way to go kids! Thank you Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Lythjohan for organizing it. And thanks to our ambassadors for all the collecting and counting that they did everyday.

Also thank you to everyone that participated in our BOGO spring book fair. There were lots of great books taken home! Thank you Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Lofy and Mrs. Grom as always, for making it run so smoothly. And to all the volunteers that worked it, it wouldn't work without you either. We all really appreciate you. We hope everyone enjoyed the ice cream social as well. Special shout out to Mr. Lofy, Mr. Becker and Mr. Pula for their "scooping" capabilities!

Coming up...our Brewers game is this Friday, May 3rd at 7:10. Tickets will be sent home with students this week so be on the lookout.

We will also have our last smencils sale of the year on Friday May 3rd as well. NEW this month...SMICKERS! Smelly stickers also selling for \$1.00 over lunch recess!

Teacher appreciation week is May 6th-10th. There will be a "theme" everyday, more information coming home in Friday folders this week, so make sure to show our staff at Forest Ridge how much we appreciate what they do for our kids.

We will be having TWO food nights this month since we didn't have one in April, the first of which is Cousins subs on Monday May 6th 5-8 pm. Present the flyer that will come home Friday and they will give 15% back to Forest Ridge. New this year we will do Mod Pizza AND Orange Leaf on Thursday May 30th. Dinner AND dessert...who could ask for more?! More information to come in May Friday Folders.

Our last popcorn day of the year will take place Thursday May 23rd, so make sure to bring those quarters!!

Last but not least our annual field day will take place Wednesday June 5th from 9-2 weather permitting or Thursday June 6th if we get rained out! We are looking for volunteers for the day and hope you can join us for all the fun! A sign up genius is out but you can email us as well. Please let us know if you have questions.

Our last PTO meeting of the year is Tuesday May 14th at 6pm in the media center. Elections for next years board will be taking place along with discussion about field day and next years activities! If you have interest in joining the board and would like your name on the ballot feel free to reach out to us via email and we will get you added! Hope everyone can make it!!

Again thank you all for the great support throughout the year. Our events are awesome because of our families that participate and we truly appreciate every one of you for that. Have a safe and happy summer...and we will see you next year.

Forest Ridge PTO

Links:

[PTO Facebook](#)

[Forest Ridge PTO Website](#)

Forest Ridge Field Day

On Wednesday, June 5th we will have our 3rd annual Field Day event at Forest Ridge. Students should wear comfortable clothes and shoes that day since we will be doing a lot of moving! We will also be in need of parent volunteers. Parents, please watch for more information to come home regarding volunteering for this event.



End of the Year checklist

Moving?

If you plan to move this summer, please send a note to the office indicating your change of address and the date that you will be moving, as soon as possible. This is information that we need in planning the classes for the fall.

End of the Year Medication Pick up

As the end of the school year approaches, we'd like to take this time to remind you to pick up your child's medication by June 7th, 2019. Per school policy we are required to discard/destroy all remaining medication whether non prescription or prescription which has not been taken home. The school cannot store any medication for the following year. **Summer school students:** current year students in grades 4th-6th contact the office to keep your medication in the office. **All medication not picked up by June 11, 2019 will be disposed of.**

As a reminder for next year:

1. All nonprescription medication must be in the original unopened bottle/package, with the child's name clearly marked on the container. All prescription medication must be in the original pharmacy container with correct current information on the label. If half tablets are to be given, the parent will be responsible for sending the medication in that form. If liquid medication is to be dispensed, please provide a medicine cup to measure and administer.

2. All medication, prescription or nonprescription, must be accompanied by a "Medication Request/Consent Form". Medications will only be administered at school the specified times noted on the form. Any changes in dose, time or medication will require a new form and a new container with corrected pharmacy label.

Library books

All library books are now due in the Media Center. If your child/children cannot find their books, please send the cost of the book to Mrs. Lofy. Letters have been sent to families regarding lost books. In the event the book is found later on, return it and you will be reimbursed.

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found before the end of the school year for lost items. Items left at the end of the school year will be donated to a charity.

Lunch Accounts

Please make use your lunch account is up to date. Money left in your account will carry over to next school year. If you have questions contact Food Service at 414-768-6120

Class Assignments

Class assignments for the 2019-2020 school year will be made after online registration in August.

Report Cards

Report cards will be available to view on Infinite Campus -Friday June 14, 2019

Tuesday Treat

May 7th	Chocolate Chip Cookie
May 14th	Sidekick Slushie
May 21st	Chocolate Chip Cookie
May 28th	Ice Cream Cup

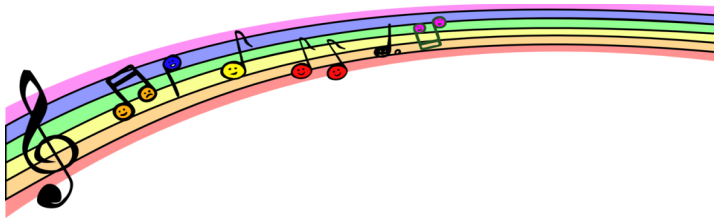
Mr. Mittag and Mrs. DeLay Retirement

We at Forest Ridge, staff, students, and parents hope you have a wonderful retirement! You will be missed, but never forgotten. Both of you have done so much for all of us and the school. Best wishes for a very happy retirement!



Give a Shout Out!

Would you like to share your positive thoughts and give thanks for a job well done? Join us in celebrating the faculty and staff members at OCFSD and the measures they take to make sure our students are engaged, challenged and inspired every day! Check out the shout outs we have received on the [Shout Out page](#) on the district website.



2018 - 2019 Forest Ridge Concert Schedule

Thursday May 2, 2019

4K Spring Concert 5:00 p.m.

Kindergarten and First Grade Combined Concert

6:00 p.m. in Forest Ridge Gym
and

Fifth Grade Concert and Band

7:00 p.m. in Forest Ridge Gym



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****For attendance, please call the office or email the attendance secretary prior to 8:30 a.m.****

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