



Forest Ridge Newsletter

December 2017

Forest Ridge Elementary



Mark your Calendar!

Monday, December 4th Fifth Grade Music Concert and Band 7:00 PM in Forest Ridge Gym

Tuesday, December 5th Jammin with Books 1st grade

Tuesday, December 5th Potbelly PTO fundraiser 4-9 PM.

Wednesday, December 6th Red Robin's PTO fundraiser

Thursday, December 7th Smencil Sale during recess

Monday, December 11th School Board Mtg at DF 6 PM

Tuesday, December 12th PTO meeting 6:00 PM

Friday, December 15th Junior Art Docent Field Trip

Monday, December 18th BOE Committee Mtg at Deerfield 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 20th Ambassador Bell Ringing at Woodman's 8:45AM to 11:00AM

Thursday, December 21st Popcorn Day

Thursday, December 21st Culture Event 2nd grade 2:00 PM

Friday, December 22nd Holiday Spirit Day wear holiday colors

December 23rd - January 2nd Winter Break

Wednesday, January 3rd First day back from break

Ala Carte Tuesday Treats

December 5th Cookie

December 12th Sidekick Slushie Cup

December 19th Cookie

Each treat costs 75 cents.

Permission slips must be signed for the treats.

Principal's Message

Dear Forest Ridge Parents and Guardians,

As I write this message, our students are outside for recess in 50 degree weather. Is it really December? We all know that this will change soon.

I know how busy and hectic this time before the holidays and winter break can be. Despite this, I hope all of you are able to find time to enjoy this special season of the year with your family and friends. We have several activities to look forward to in December including the 5th grade band and music concerts, 1st grade parent reading event, 2nd grade Cultures Event, Ambassador Bell Ringing and our December PTO meeting.

Please visit our school district and Forest Ridge websites for more information on district events and additional PTO information. You can also check our photos of classroom and school events on my twitter account.

Thank you for all your support you give your child, our staff and Forest Ridge. I hope to see you at our December events.

On behalf of all the staff at Forest Ridge Elementary School, we wish you and your family a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday season.

Ed Mittag
Forest Ridge Principal
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News & Announcements

Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to the **75** students with perfect attendance for the first quarter! The student's names are posted outside the office. Each student received a Wendy's certificate.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the 4th and 5th graders that competed in the Forest Ridge Spelling Bee on Thursday, November 30th. The ten finalists were Matt, Samara, Felix, Vinny, Jay, Jukobi, Andrew, Jadyn, Fabian, and Savannah. Jukobi was the Forest Ridge champion and Jay was the runner-up. These two students will move onto the district spelling bee in January at West Middle School. Samara will be an alternate for the event.

School Attendance /Absences Policy

When your child is sick or will be late to school, it is required that a phone call be made before 8:30 am to our school office at 574-4050. Please provide the student's first name, last name and teacher's name. Unconfirmed absences will be followed up by a phone call from the school secretary.

Winter Weather Reminders

Any school delays, closing and cancellations due to winter weather conditions will be posted on the school website OCFSD.org as soon as the decisions are made. Milwaukee channels WTMJ4, Fox 6, WISN 12 and CBS 58 will be contacted, so information should be available on those television stations as well.

Winter Weather Clothing

Winter is upon us, please make sure your child/children have coats, hats, mittens, boots, snow pants etc. Consider writing their name on the items so if lost the items can be returned. Once the snow is on the ground students need to have snow pants and boots to play on the snow. This enables students to stay dry enough while playing in the snow and transition back to class comfortably. If you are struggling to get these items, please let Mrs. Munson, our school counselor know and she will do what she can to help out.



Art of Writing Young Authors Conference

Congratulations to the following 4th and 5th grade students, Jadyn, Ella, Vinny and Samara, who were selected to attend the 30th annual Art of Writing conference at the Milwaukee Art Museum. The students will create their own personal connections with the art piece they select.. They will spend the day in collaboration with other students and exceptional writing teachers. Ms. Biedenbender will represent the Forest Ridge staff at this conference.

PTO Information

Thank you, Forest Ridge families for all your support with our Cherrydale Farms fundraiser. We were able to raise almost \$4,000 for field trips, students, and staff. Thank you to Mrs. Doers for chairing this fundraiser.

Currently, our top Box Top collecting classes are Ms. Franson and Ms. Murray's 4/5 grade class, Mrs. Rupert's 2nd grade class, and Ms. Biedenbender's 5th grade class. Keep up the collecting, our school has over \$900 from Box Tops already this year.

A great way to connect with the PTO is to follow us on Facebook and to attend PTO meetings. Our next meeting will be held December 12th at 6pm in the media center. Childcare is available at no charge.

Family food nights are a great way to connect with other families. Our upcoming nights include Potbellies in Oak Creek on December 5th and Red Robin in Greenfield near Southridge on December 6th.

Please continue to support our ongoing fundraisers including, Amazon Smile, Coke Rewards, and Kwik Trip Milk Caps. You can send in your Coke caps and Coke boxes, and our students would be happy to enter all the codes!

Holiday Smencils will be sold on December 7th and our school's Popcorn Day is scheduled for December 21st.

If you would like more information about volunteering, please contact us at forestridgewolfpackpto@gmail.com. Thank you again for your participation and support.

Mrs. Maughan - PTO President

Links:

[PTO Facebook](#)

[Forest Ridge PTO Website](#)

Notes from Mrs. Munson:

Ambassadors

On the morning of December 20th, the Forest Ridge Ambassadors have the opportunity to ring bells for Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign at Woodman's. The Red Kettle Campaign began in 1981 to help feed the hungry and poor. It continues to be a tremendous program and helps bring the spirit of the holidays to people who are elderly, ill, and disadvantaged all over the world. Despite the cold weather, the Ambassadors will sing songs, ring bells, and put smiles on shoppers' faces by wishing them 'Happy Holidays!' Thank you to the Ambassadors who will remind the community to help people at this time of year who otherwise may be forgotten.

So far this school year, Ambassadors have helped to make Forest Ridge a more peaceful and productive place. All Ambassadors have the opportunity to have at least one of the following jobs: Hallway Monitors, Homework Heroes, PACK Store Helpers, or Peer Mediators. Thanks for all your hard work, Ambassadors!

Act Now!

All students had the opportunity this school year to go through the Children's Hospital e-learning Anti-Bullying program called Act Now! If your child has not shared what they have learned this school year, please ask them about it. There is also a parent link for this website which was sent out in a flyer at the beginning of the year. If you haven't gotten the chance to explore the program and would like the opportunity, please go to the following website: www.ParentsActNow.com

Mrs. Munson M.S.
School Counselor



**Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season from
the staff at Forest Ridge Elementary!**

Jump Rope For Heart

All students at Forest Ridge will be given an opportunity to participate in Jump Rope For Heart this year. Jump Rope for Heart is a great program that teaches kids the importance of developing heart-healthy habits. We also can raise funds for cardiovascular research and education to help save lives in the community and across the country. There will be a kickoff assembly on Monday, January 8th, and the event will take place the week of February 5th in physical education classes. Keep an eye out for more information during the month of January.

Mrs. Miller - Gym Teacher



Media Club

Student Media Club has officially started for the year. The club consists of 4th and 5th graders who meet every other Wednesday to create monthly update videos about the events and happenings of our school. Students are responsible to write the script, film and edit the clips that are combined into a video for the whole school the view. Look out for our first video, scheduled to be released on December 15th!

Ms. Feuling - 3rd Grade Teacher



Lost and Found

If your child is missing a hat or any other item, please have them check the lost and found cart located in the cafeteria. The lost and found is already starting to overflow. Labeling your child's items such as a hat, gloves and coat can help us identify student's items. All unclaimed items will be donated to a charity during winter break if not claimed before December 22nd.

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.



2017-2018

Forest Ridge Concert Schedule

Monday, December 4, 2017

Fifth Grade Concert and Band
7:00 p.m. in Forest Ridge Gym

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Second and Third Grade Combined Concert
2:00 p.m. in Forest Ridge Gym
and
Fourth Grade Concert
7:00 p.m. in Forest Ridge Gym

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Fifth Grade Concert and Band
2:00 p.m. in Forest Ridge Gym
and
Kindergarten Concert
6:00 p.m. in Forest Ridge Gym
and
First Grade Concert
7:00 p.m. in Forest Ridge Gym



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Lunch Menus: ocfsd.org/breakfastlunch

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

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