



Forest Ridge Newsletter

March 2019

Forest Ridge Elementary



Mark your Calendar!

- March 4th -8th Safety Week
- Thursday, March 7th 2nd & 3rd Grade Music Concert
7:00 PM in the Forest Ridge Gym
- Thursday, March 7th K Field Trip - Milwaukee County Zoo
- Thursday, March 7th Taste of Oak Creek 5-8 p.m.
- March 8-25 Summer School Registration
- March 11-15 4K and 5K Registration
- March 11-15 Pennies for Patients Event
- Monday March 11 BOE Meeting at DO 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 12th PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 13th 4th Grade Field trip WI Capitol Building
- Wednesday, March 13th Media Club
- Friday, March 15th Shamrock Shuffle Dance 6-8 p.m.
- Monday, March 18th Culvers night
- Thursday March 21st Art Exhibit at OCHS 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Monday March 25 BOE Committee Meeting at MV 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 28 Popcorn Day
- Thursday, March 28th 4th Quarter Begins

Ala Carte Tuesday Treats

- 3/5 M & M Cookie
- 3/12 Ice Cream Cup
- 3/19 Homemade Chocolate Chip Cookie
- 3//26 Sidekick Slushie Cup



Principal's Message

Dear Forest Ridge Families,
It is hard to believe the third quarter of the school year ends on March 27th. These remaining months of school will be busy ones. Thank you to everyone who attended parent-teacher conferences and Family Movie Night.

Our students in grades 3-5 will be participating in the Forward Exam during the state testing window. The testing window for Forest Ridge is March 18-May 3. Our plan is to start all testing in April. The Forward Exam tests students in grades 3-5 in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. In addition, students in grade 4 will be tested in science and social studies. One subject will be administered daily during the identified time frame and it is very important that students be in school during this time. Students should be in their classrooms at 7:50 a.m. so testing can begin shortly after the 8:00 a.m. bell. I will send home a letter indicating specific dates and times for each grade level.

The Forward Exam measures the knowledge and skills students should have acquired by the time they reach each grade level. Please encourage your son or daughter to take the tests seriously and do the best they can. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation during this testing time period.

I hope to see you at the many March events-2nd/3rd grade music concerts, Culver's Day, Taste of Oak Creek, March PTO Meeting, Forest Ridge School Dance and the District Art Exhibit.

Ed Mittag
Forest Ridge Principal
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Notes from Mrs. Munson

Pennies for Patients (aka Pasta for Pennies)

From March 11th – March 15th Forest Ridge will be participating in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Pennies for Patients program. During this campaign we will be raising money and earning incentives while we try to help children affected by blood cancers. We will be having an all-school assembly on Thursday, March 7th to explain the fundraiser to students. There will be more information about this fundraiser in that week's Friday folder with specific details about this year's campaign. Also look for individual coin collection boxes that will go home with each student the Friday before the campaign. Let's try to make a difference in the lives of children who are bravely battling cancer!

5th Grade ACP conferences (previously referred to as "CAP Conference")

For Fifth Grade parents: ACP (Academic Career Planning) conferences will begin on Wednesday, May 1st this year and will take place during the school day for the entire month of May. Conferences are 30 minutes and slots are available from 8:15am-2:15pm. You should have received a letter giving you specific details about this conference. Every 5th grade student started preparing for this conference starting in January. They will be ready to share with you their thoughts about the transition to middle school, their future goals, their learning style, and much more! The students are looking forward to sharing their digital ACP portfolios with their families. Please call to schedule a conference as soon as possible, as spots fill up fast! You may schedule with the office staff by phone (414) 574-4050 or email me directly at a.munson@ocfsd.org. Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you all in May!

Thank you!

Amanda Munson, M.S.
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Forest Ridge Movie Night

PTO Information

Hello and welcome to spring!

First off, we would like to thank everyone that participated in the Sorce Martial Arts after school program. The kids had a great time, learned some valuable life lessons and brought in over \$1000.00 for our school. It was amazing!

Also thanks to everyone that sent hugs and kisses to their friends for Valentines day! It was a huge success and a special thanks to Mrs. Becker for assembling and delivering 646 bags! We hope everyone was excited to get some sweets!! We had another great turnout for our movie night, so glad everyone braved the cold to come have a fun night out!! Thanks to Mr. Pula and Mrs. Loreck for putting together such a great event to give back to all the families that support and help our school. As always its the support of our students and their families that make these fun things possible. So thanks again to everyone!!

March is another busy and exciting month here at Forest Ridge. We will start it out with our monthly smencil sale during lunch recess on Friday March 1st. Smencils are \$1.00. Next up is our 3rd annual spring dance on Friday March 15. Watch friday folders for more information! Don't forget to send in your raffle donations to help make it another successful raffle year!

The Kwik Trip milk cap program is being discontinued, so make sure you turn in your milk caps or bag tops by March 15th so we can get the credit for our school.

Our food night this month is Culvers night on Monday March 18th. Come out and let someone else make dinner! We will finish the month up with our popcorn day on Thursday March 28th. So remember those quarters!

As always, keep cutting those box tops (can't wait to see how many hot chocolate parties we end up with for January and February), coke rewards, and Amazon Smile.

It all helps provide fun things for our students and families!! Have a great month...hopefully the warm weather is on it's way!!

Forest Ridge PTO
[PTO Facebook](#)
[Forest Ridge PTO Website](#)



Staff Recognition

The following Forest Ridge staff were recognized recently for their years of service and dedication to the students of Oak Creek-Franklin.

Ms. Pearson	5 years
Mrs. Ruffolo	15 years
Mrs. Seip-Price	10 years
Mrs. Thiry	15 years
Mrs. Hurd	10 years
Mrs. Aalderks	15 years

Kids Heart Challenge

During the week of February 18th, students at Forest Ridge participated in the Kids Heart Challenge in their physical education class. All students had an opportunity to be "Heart Heroes" and be active to work on keeping their own heart healthy. Kids had an opportunity to run through an obstacle relay with tunnels and hoops; see how high and far they could jump on the big mats; work with their team to jump with a long rope; and to see how many jumps they could do on their own in three minutes. Students were also greeted by the mascot "Finn" as they entered through the gym through the "Heartsville rainbow tunnel."

Thank you to all of the families who were able to donate to the American Heart Association. Forest Ridge raised \$2,820.00! Way to go Forest Ridge families! We will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate to use towards PE equipment.

Mrs. Miller
Physical Education Teacher

Attendance & Transportation Reminder

If your child is going to be absent please contact the office at 414-574-4050 by 8:30 am. Please make every effort to make doctor appointments on non school days. Attendance is important.

If you need to change your child's transportation for the day please send a note with your child's name, teacher's name and reason for the change. Phone calls made to the office after 2:00 pm may not be delivered to the teacher resulting in your child being sent home the normal route. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found boxes are overflowing with items that do not have names in or on them. If your child has lost anything recently please have them check the lost and found. Don't forget to put full names on clothing items and lunch boxes brought to school. All items not claimed by spring break will be donated to a charity.



Box Tops Class Winners

Congratulations to the following classes who have won the hot chocolate party for most box tops collected in January and February!

Ms. Pearson's
Ms. Brehm's
Ms. Stieber's
Mrs. Rupert's
Mrs. Simmons
Mrs. Mlinar's
and Mr. Bradley's classes.

Also, congratulations to Mrs. Rupert's 2nd grade class who finished in first place and will receive the Box Tops trophy for the month! Special recognition to Ms. Pearson's kindergarten class and Ms. Brehm's 1st grade class for their 2nd and 3rd place finishes, respectively.

4K & 5K Enrollment for 2019-2020

Enrollment week for the District's 4K and 5K programs will take place March 11 - March 15, 2019, from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm at the District Office (7630 S. 10th Street in Oak Creek). Please note, 5K enrollment is only for students **NOT** currently enrolled in the District.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to begin the enrollment process online beginning February 11, 2019. A link to online enrollment can be found on the [4K & 5K Enrollment page](#) beginning February 11, 2019. To finish the enrollment process, parents and guardians are asked to stop in the District Office during enrollment week to provide proof of residency, the child's birth certificate, and the child's immunization record.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Please join us at Forest Ridge Elementary Tuesday, April 16th at 8:00-9:00 am. All volunteers from Forest Ridge are invited to a continental breakfast in the cafeteria. Those invited include PTO members, library and classroom helpers, field trip chaperones, popcorn day workers and PTO event volunteers etc.

We appreciate our parent volunteers!

Please call 574-4050 to RSVP by Friday, March 29th



