



# Forest Ridge Newsletter

**October 2017**

**Forest Ridge Elementary**



## Mark your Calendar!

**Monday, October 2nd No School**

**Tuesday, October 3rd Switch Day - follow Monday schedule**

**Friday, October 6th Kindergarten Field trip to Swan's Pumpkin Farm**

**Friday, October 6th Fall Fest 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, October 10th 1st grade Field trip to Schlitz Audubon (Ms. Barlow & Ms. Brehm)**

**Tuesday, October 10th PTO meeting 6:00 pm**

**Thursday, October 12th Oak Creek Fire Department Visit K-3**

**Tuesday, October 17th 3rd grade Field Trip to Old World WI**

**Wednesday, October 18th and 25th Conferences 3:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

### Book Fair

**Wednesday, October 18th 7:45 am to 8:30 pm**

**Thursday, October 19th 7:45 am to 3:30 pm**

**Friday, October 20th 11:00 am to 12:45 pm**

**Monday, October 23th 11:00 am to 12:45 pm**

**Tuesday, October 24th 7:45 am to 2:00 pm**

**Wednesday, October 25th 10:00 am to 8:30 pm**

**Friday, October 20th Spirit Day - Packer Day**

**Friday, October 20th 1st grade field trip to Schlitz Audubon (Ms. Stieber)**

**Monday, October 23rd 4K students- No School**

**Monday, October 23rd PTO Culver's Day 10:00 am to 10:00 pm**

**Thursday, October 26th Popcorn Day**

**Friday, October 27th No School**

## Principal's Message

Dear Forest Ridge Parents and Guardians,

It has been a great first month of school and we hope that you and your child have settled into a nice routine. Our students have done an outstanding job following our expectations in all areas of the building.

I want to begin by thanking everyone for making our first all-school event a big success. The Moving and Grooving Rock-a-Thon brought in donations for our PTO and got our entire school and families together for a nice walk around the school on a very hot day. Thank you to the Forest Ridge PTO, all the volunteers and Mrs. Lofy for organizing this event.

Our next PTO meeting is Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Topics will include determining where funds should be designated to and planning upcoming events. Don't forget about the Fall Festival on Friday, October 6th and the Forest Ridge Day at Culvers on Monday, October 23rd. I hope to see you at these upcoming events.

Parent/teacher conferences will be held on October 18th & 25th. This is a change from past years when we had conferences in November. If you haven't signed up with your child's teacher, please contact them this week. Our goal is to have 100% of our parents and families attend conferences in October. Our students will experience more success as we continue to build upon the home-school partnership.

Thank you for all the support you give our school. If you have a question, concern or a problem please contact your child's teacher or myself.

Ed Mittag - Principal  
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# News & Announcements

## Notes from Mrs. Munson:

### Ambassadors

During my Guidance lessons this month, I will discuss with all the students exactly what the role of a School Counselor is and how I am here to help. Look for a worksheet to go home with the students describing some of the many things I can help with here at Forest Ridge. We will also be starting the Act Now! Anti-Bullying curriculum developed by Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Look for more information about this curriculum in Friday Folders.

### PACK Prize Store

You might have heard your child(ren) come home talking about PACK Tickets. These are the tickets handed out to students when they display our PBIS expectations (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe). Starting at the end of September, students got the chance to visit the PACK Prize store. The store is open every Thursday between lunch and recess, and the students can spend their tickets on a variety of great prizes!

### Ambassadors

The 2017-2018 Forest Ridge Ambassadors have been selected. Students who were interested in this opportunity filled out applications. There were a very high number of applications, so it was very competitive this year. Students who submitted thoughtful, self-reflective applications, and also had Counselor, Principal, and Teacher recommendations, were chosen to represent Forest Ridge and lead throughout the year as an Ambassador.

The Ambassadors will have many important responsibilities throughout this school year. Some of these responsibilities include helping with Red Ribbon Week, food drives, and other fundraisers and events. Ambassadors will assist our teachers and younger students by being helpers and Homework Heroes. They could serve as Hall Monitors or recess Peer Mediators. They will help to promote and implement PBIS by being Leaders of the PACK (Peaceful And Caring Kids). Lastly, all Ambassadors will get the chance to volunteer with Salvation Army by ringing bells at Woodman's.

The most important responsibility of being an Ambassador, however, is to be a good role model for all students at Forest Ridge! They will help our school by always setting good examples of how to be respectful, responsible, and safe.

Please congratulate our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Ambassadors for being selected as leaders of Forest Ridge!

Aiya A.	Julia F.	Samara L.	Hailey P.
Finley B.	Sema H.	Chloe L.	Elly P.
Preston B.	Nikia K.	Ella L.	Isabella R.
Ariel C.	Nathan K.	Jackson L.	Ryan R.
Landon D.	Vinny K.	Elliott M.	Autumn S.
Carly D.	Riley K.	Jailyn O.	Jay W.

## Red Ribbon Week (Monday, October 23rd – Thursday, October 26th)

Forest Ridge will promote Red Ribbon Week from **Monday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>**

Red Ribbon Week is all about prevention. As a school, we will focus on how to make healthy, safe choices in order to better our lives. We focus on respecting ourselves as well as others. We pledge as a school to be drug-free and bully-free! Red Ribbon Week is sponsored by the National Family Partnership to promote schools making good choices. For more information, visit <http://redribbon.org/about/>

October is also National Bullying Prevention Month, which is a campaign in the United States founded in 2006 by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center. The campaign is held during the month of October and unites communities nationwide to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention. For more information, visit <http://www.stompoutbullying.org/index.php/campaigns/national-bullying-prevention-awareness-month/>

### This year's Spirit Days to Raise awareness for Safe and Healthy Choices:

**Monday, October 23<sup>th</sup>** – "A Healthy Me is Drug Free"...

Everyone should dress in athletic gear to promote making healthy life choices. Kids are also encouraged to try exercising and bringing in extra healthy snacks/lunches all week.

**Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** – "Mix-It-Up Day"... Today we ask students to move out of their comfort zones and connect with someone new over lunch (within their grade level) and at recess. They can also wear mismatched clothing to remind themselves to sit somewhere new or try to make a new friend.

**Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** – "Drug and Bully Free = A Bright Future"... Everyone should dress for success in their best clothes. Let's celebrate how making good choices can turn kids into the best adults they can be!

**Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** – "Red Ribbon Day"... Everyone should wear RED, RED, RED in support of being drug-free and bully-free!

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## Cold Weather Ahead

Please make sure your children come to school dressed for the weather. Hats, gloves, jackets, snow pants and boots should be worn everyday when the weather is cold, wet or snowy. Please consider writing your students name on or in their clothing in case it gets lost.

The cold and flu season is sneaking up on us. Please don't send your child to school if he or she is ill with symptoms of fever or has been vomiting. Reinforce good health habits with your children like covering their mouth when coughing or sneezing and participating in frequent hand washing.

Remember a student cannot have cold medication or inhalers at school without a signed permission form from their doctor. You can send cough drops to school with a signed note. You can not send cold tablets, Advil or Tylenol to school. Please administer necessary cold or pain medications at home before they come to school and plan the next dose when they return home at the end of the school day.

## Importance of Regular Attendance

Attending school on a regular basis is important. For your child to be successful in school they need to attend each day. The doors open at 7:50 am and classes start at 8:05 am. When a child arrives late for school a parent/guardian needs to escort that child to the office and sign them in. Please make every effort not to bring your children in late or pick them up early. Whenever possible, schedule appointments on no-school days or after school hours.

## After School Transportation

Parents, we need to know of changes in after school transportation with a note or phone call to the school office. Thanks for your attention to this important student safety procedure.

## PBIS News

On September 8th, Forest Ridge kicked off the school year with our first whole school PBIS assembly. The students relearned the assembly expectations and reviewed voice levels 0 through 5. The assembly ended with a welcome back video starring the teachers and staff of Forest Ridge.

After the assembly, the students walked through five different stations around the school. The students learned the expectations for the playground, the hallways and stairs, the bathrooms, the bus, and the cafeteria where everyone was treated to a banana to practice the procedures.

Teachers and staff have also been handing out lots of PACK tickets daily. The Pack Prize Store where students can "spend" their tickets opened on September 21st. PACK Tickets can be redeemed for prizes like pajama day passes, ice cream at recess, and even the chance to play basketball with Mr. Mittag. Don't forget to ask your children how many tickets they've received so far and how they've earned them to help reinforce positive behaviors in school and at home.

## **PTO Information**

Hello Forest Ridge Families!

We want to thank you for your support in the 2nd Annual Forest Ridge Rock a Thon. It was a hot day, and fun was had by all. Thanks to the generous contributions from families, friends, businesses and staff, we were able to raise over \$7,100! Thank you to Mrs. Lofy for coordinating this amazing fundraiser for our school.

Our 2nd Annual Fall Festival will be held on Friday, October, 6th. This is a terrific family event, we have over 45 student volunteers from Oak Creek High School to help us run this event.

Keep collecting your Box Tops. Congratulations to Mrs. Rupert's 2nd grade class for being the Top Box Top Collectors in September.

Kwik Trip Milk Moola Caps is a new fundraiser for us this year. There is a collection bin in the cafeteria at school. Only Milk Moola caps will be accepted. We will not accept Kemps, Foremost or Land 'O lake caps. Washed caps can be loose in the container you bring them in, however bag tops must be bound in some fashion and kept separate from the caps. Bag tops must be the entire strip from the top of the bag. Bind with a rubberband or staple and indicate the total in each bundle. If you have any questions about this new fundraiser contact the office.

Please follow Forest Ridge Elementary School PTO on Facebook, it is a great way to stay informed about events at our school.

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held during conferences again this year, October, 18-25th (various hours). We are still looking for volunteers for this event, and volunteers for Popcorn Days. Contact us at: [forestridgewolfpackpto@gmail.com](mailto:forestridgewolfpackpto@gmail.com) to be added to our volunteer list. Thank you for your continued support of Forest Ridge.

Thank you!  
PTO

### **Links:**

[PTO Facebook](#)

[Forest Ridge PTO Website](#)



