



Forest PTA Footnotes ...

February 2012

PTA Presidents Corner

Wow! February already...I am not sure about you but I am loving this winter so far! Hopefully we can continue to have these mild temperatures.

Thank you to the attendees of the January meeting. For those who could not make it, plan to attend the February meeting...2/21 at 7 pm in the school library.

Mark you calendars for some great events coming up soon. The final classroom party will be for Valentine's Day on Tuesday, 2/14 at 3 pm. More info to come home from the Head Room Parent. We will be having another Dine to Donate at Ruby Tuesday's on Friday, 2/24 and Saturday, 2/25. Be on the lookout for that flyer to come home with your child!

We are still looking for volunteers for some great events. Cultural Arts Day will be in early May and we need MANY parents to help this event be successful. This event will occur on May 4th.

Thank you for your continued support, and if you haven't been able to volunteer in the past, there is not time like the present. If you have the time, I am sure we could use your help! Let us know!!!

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Calendar of Events

February

- 7 Primary School Family Night @ Pine
- "A Joyful Noise..." - 7:00 PM
- 14 Valentine's Parties @ 2:45pm
- 15 School Board Mtg @ 6:30pm
- 17 No School
- 20 President's Day - No school
- 21 Forest PTA @ 7:00pm in Forest library
- 23-25 '*Ruby Tuesday*' Fundraiser

March

- 13 Red Cross Blood Drive from 3:00 - 8:00pm
- 23 End of 3rd 9 weeks
- 26-30 Spring Break

April

- 2 School Resumes

Submissions for the March newsletter are due February 17th. Please E-Mail them to:

balsonn@neorsd.org



From Mr. Monnin's Desk

Greetings and hello from Forest! Our second semester has begun. Did I say second semester? Where did the first semester go? WOW. Time flies when you are working hard and having fun. Our staff and students are working harder than ever in their classrooms. As we continue to help our students reach their potential, we ask for your continued support at home. We truly are a team and together we can help our students achieve the most growth.

Continue to dress your children for the weather. Our goal is to go outside as much as possible, and warm clothes with boots are needed for the snow. Thanks!

Also, when sending in party snacks or birthday treats, please abide by our policy on what types of items are appropriate and ok for school. You can find this information on page 7 of your child's agenda under "Parties." If you have any questions, let me know.

I wish you a great February. Please call or email if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brent Monnin
Forest Principal

Parent / Teacher Conferences

At the time you are reading this, we are holding our second round of conferences. Please make plans to attend at the time your classroom teacher has scheduled for you. Your involvement in your child's education

is crucial. Your communication with the teacher is equally as important. Thanks in advance for blocking out time and attending conferences.

Primary School Family Night - A Joyful Noise...

On Tuesday, February 7th, we are hosting a great evening of food and fun at Pine Intermediate School. Dr. Lori Wilfong, a reading specialist, and Jim Kleefeld, a magician, will be presenting two wonderful programs around the joy of reading, and you are sure to love it. We will be providing dinner also for you and your family. Plan to come! Send back the RSVP when it arrives home with your child! We are truly looking forward to a great evening for all ages!

Homework

The topic of homework means different things to different people. As your principal, I want to share a few thoughts. Homework that comes home is designed to reinforce skills that are being taught in the classroom. They are not meant to be too lengthy or overly difficult. Our rule of thumb is around 10-15 minutes per grade. (10-15 for K and 1, 20-25 for 2nd grade, and 30-35 for 3rd grade) This time should include reading each night. If any homework comes home that you are not sure about, feel free to contact your classroom teacher to ask questions. The homework that comes home should be able to be done independently by your child. It's quite ok to assist with homework, but do your best to guide your child, not answering their questions for them. Guide them with questions of your own. If you have any comments or questions for me, feel free to contact me. Thank you! Your support in the area of homework is greatly appreciated.

Red Cross Blood Drive

On March 13th, we will be hosting our 3rd Annual Pint Sized Heroes Blood Drive at Forest School. It will run from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM in our gym. We are looking for lots of family members to come out and share the gift of life. I'll be there donating. Will you join me? You can go on our school website for a link to the Red Cross registration page. Please consider joining us!

Kindergarten Registration

AGE: 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2012

District Information Night--

Wednesday, March 7, 2012 7:00 pm to 8:00 PM @ Pine School

Call for Appointments/Questions

Starting 3/8/12 between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM ~ 779-3563
to make an appointment to register your child for kindergarten.

Registration Dates for Kindergartens by Appointment:

Tuesday	March 13 from 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	March 14 from 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Thursday	March 15 from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

North Olmsted Administrative Center is located at 27425 Butternut Ridge Rd.

Items you need to bring to registration appointment in addition to a completed registration packet are:

- 1) Birth certificate or baptismal record or passport (translated into English)
- 2) Immunization records (translated into English)
- 3) Child's social security card is requested but not required
- 4) Lease agreement, purchase agreement, or current mortgage payment receipt
- 5) Three proofs of residency (current gas bill, light bill, telephone bill, water bill, change of residency notification from the post office, or voter registration)
- 6) Picture ID of adult with legal custody or guardianship who is registering the child.
- 7) Guardianship or custody papers, if applicable
- 8) Copy of child's IEP; current Multifactorial Evaluation "if applicable"

Children do not need to be present for registration.

Health and Wellness

Team

Mission Statement

The Forest School community will promote health and wellness through better nutrition, regular physical activity, education, and general well being at school and at home.

Health and Wellness Corner

You will find helpful ideas in this section that encourage all of us to be more active and eat healthier. If you ever want to submit an idea to share in this section, send an email to Mr. Monnin at brent.monnin@nocseagles.org.

Nutrition Education Grant

Received!

During the month of March, our students and staff will have opportunities during lunch to taste test a variety of fruits and vegetables that they may not normally have around. This is due to a grant that Forest received over the past month. Mr. Becker, one of our first grade parents, and an active member of the Health and Wellness committee, wrote the grant, and we submitted it on December 14th. Thank you Mrs. Becker! More news will come as we move closer to March!

Fitness Club moving forward

With leadership from Mrs. Horning and Mr. Guerry, our fitness club has been in motion for 2 months, and our students are truly benefiting from the exercise, developing some healthy habits to take home with them. We do have some date changes for the program, as it will be scaling back to twice a month. A memo will be coming home spelling out the date changes.

For your recipe box:

Blueberry Oatmeal Squares

Note: You can use raisins instead of blueberries to make cinnamon-raisin oatmeal squares.

Prep and cook time: 25 minutes

What you need:

- 1 1/2 cups quick oats
- 1/2 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1 egg
- 1 cup skim milk
- 3 tablespoons apple sauce
- 1/4 cup brown sugar

Equipment and supplies:

- Large mixing bowl
- 8x8-inch baking pan
- Measuring cups and spoons

What to do:

- Preheat oven to 350° F.
- Coat baking pan with cooking spray.
- Place all of the ingredients into a large bowl and mix until just combined.
- Pour into prepared pan and bake for 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
- Allow to cool for 5 minutes and cut into squares.
- How much does this recipe make?_9 squares



The Forest Music program is off to a great start for the new year and the kids have been working very hard! The first grade students will be performing their spring program on March 22, 2012 at 7:00pm in the Forest Gym. We will be reviewing some of their favorite songs as well as adding some new ones. Come join us for the event!

As always, if you have any questions or would like to volunteer please let me know!

Thanks,
Megan Stilla
megan.stilla@nocseagles.org

Hi Everyone, I hope you all had an amazing holiday! I just want to extend a great big THANK YOU to all of those who helped out on the day of the Holiday Shop. The kids had an amazing time! There were a lot of happy faces leaving the gym that day. Also I want to extend a great big THANK YOU to all who donated tissue paper, gift wrap, tape, ext... that also made it so much easier to make the day a great success. With all of us coming together the day was amazing for the kids and staff. So without all of you it would of never happened.

Thank you all again! Kelly Basford



Box Tops News

Back by popular demand! Box Tops Contest! Already in progress. All submissions made since the start of the school year will be included in this contest. Please don't forget to label bags/envelopes of Box Tops with **YOUR CHILD'S NAME & TEACHER NAME** on the outside. Forest School has earned over \$800 towards our annual goal of \$1,500. With a little help from each of you, we can attain our goal.

We are giving away 4 Toys 'R Us gift cards. The student that submits the most Box Tops in each grade level will win a \$10 Toys 'R Us gift card. WOW! What to buy?!?!

All Box Tops must be sent to school by Monday, March 5th and must include **YOUR CHILD'S NAME & TEACHER NAME** to be properly accounted for in the contest. Good luck to everyone!

Just a reminder that Giant Eagle will print a coupon for 50 FREE Box Tops if you purchase 10 items that have the "Box Tops for Education" logo on them. That's \$5.00 for free. The coupon prints out along with your receipt. This promotion expires on January 31st, so shop now and help Forest School.

Thanks!
Kim Spiezio

Dine to Donate Fundraiser

Ruby Tuesday is hosting our February Dine to Donate on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb 23, 24, & 25th**. Forest friends can eat at Ruby Tuesday any of those 3 days at any time and 20% of their purchases will be donated to Forest PTA. You must present a flyer which is at the end of this newsletter.

Come eat and help Forest!!

Reflections

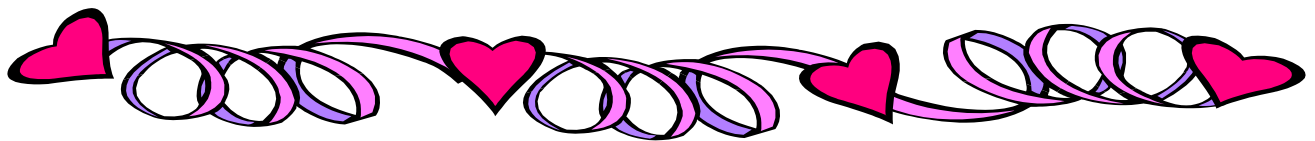
We had eleven students participate in the Ohio PTA Reflections Program. Out of the eleven six pieces of art from Forest Primary went to the State level to be judged. The five students who have the art pieces going are:

- Jack Dailey
- Anthony Kukowski
- Nathan Mortensen
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- Mary Kukowski
- Dania Mohammad



All students who participated are invited to the North Olmsted Council PTA awards ceremony. It is scheduled for, Monday, April 23, 2012, at the North Olmsted Library at 7pm. Please join us. The art pieces will be on display and we will have refreshments.

Thank You, Helena
dhkukowski@wowway.com





Enjoy a meal with us & we'll **GiveBack**

100% of the GiveBack amount is donated directly to your organization.

Ruby Tuesday is extremely proud to be part of your hometown and believes in giving back. As a fellow member of the community, we invite you to participate in...

Ruby Tuesday's Community GiveBack Program.

Grab your family and friends and join us at the 26774 LORAIN RD location on **FEB 23, 24, & 25, 2012**. Please present this flyer to your server, and we will give back **20%** of the purchase to your organization.

HOW IT WORKS

(We apologize but we cannot accommodate coupon usage or other discounts in conjunction with our GiveBack Program.)



To make a reservation, call us at 440-716-9499 or visit us online at rubytuesday.com

Organization's Name: **FOREST ELEMENTARY PTA**

Date of Visit: **FEB 23, 24 & 25, 2012**

For directions to the restaurant or a peek at the menu,
visit rubytuesday.com

Ruby Tuesday

26774 LORAIN RD, N OLMSTED, OH