



Forest PTA Footnotes ...

January 2012

PTA Presidents Corner

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2012! I hope that you all enjoyed the winter break and are ready to get back into the swing of things.

PTA has some great events planned for 2012. Please stay tuned for information about a school dance, science and music programs and many other great activities. Please remember though, to have the funds to pay for these and other great events we need your support! Please consider helping us by purchasing Market Day monthly, attending our Dine to Donate events or supporting one of our other fundraisers.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, January 17th in the Forest Library at 7 pm. Join us to hear what is happening at the school and in PTA.

Thanks,
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Calendar of Events

January

- 2 School resumes
- 16 Martin Luther King Day - no school
- 17 Forest PTA meeting- 7:00 PM- Media Center
- 19 End of 2nd nine weeks
- 20 Teacher in-service Day - no school
- 25 Report Cards go home
- 26 Parent / Teacher Conferences Begin
- 31 Parent / Teacher Conferences

February

- 17 Teacher in-service Day - no students
- 20 President's Day - no school
- 21 Forest PTA meeting - 7:00 PM

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

balsonn@neorsd.org



From Mr. Monnin's Desk

Don't Forget, school resumes on Monday, January 2nd.

On behalf of the Forest students and staff, we sure hope you have a great holiday break! This is a time when we are all to be truly grateful for the goodness around us, and not to take anything or anyone for granted. I hope this holiday season energizes your spirit as we step into 2012!

On December 9th, we held a school assembly at the end of the day. Our guests were the Dazzling Mills Family. The team included father, daughter, and son-in-law. They were outstanding! They shared their juggling talents, along with their unicycle skills for our students and staff. Their overall message was to "never give up." They shared with the students how they failed many times while learning to do these tricks, and they very easily could have quit a long time ago. They decided to keep trying and now they are national champions at their craft! Through their show, they also shared that it's extremely important to live by the Golden Rule. "Treat others the way you would like to be treated." Our students at Forest have heard about the Golden Rule since their first days at Forest! It's been one of our expectations all along! Ask you son or daughter about the show, and what the message was. It'll be hard to forget the Dazzling Mills Family!

January is bound to be a cold month. Please make sure to send your child with a warm coat, a hat, and gloves to wear. We plan to go outside if the weather permits for recess. If the outside temperature or wind chill falls below 10 degrees, we stay in for recess. This is our benchmark.

As 2012 rolls in, we will be busy as we continue to grow and learn. It's hard to believe that the first semester is winding down. The year is almost half over! Our students have done an outstanding job working hard to improve in their reading and their math skills. Your support and consistency at home truly helps to make your child's learning continue to grow and develop. Together, we can continue to make positive steps.

A few additional items for you:

- January 17 - PTA meeting in Library at 7:00pm. Make plans to come!
- January 19 - End of the 2nd nine weeks and first semester
- January 25 - Report cards come home
- January 26 - Parent / Teacher Conferences begin

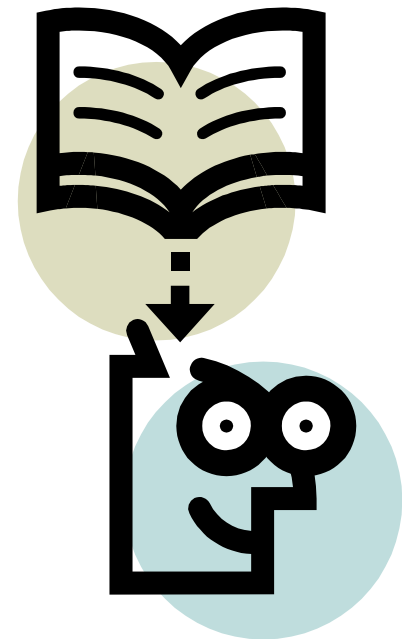
I wish you a super January. Please call or email if you have any questions.

Brent Monnin

Mr. Brent Monnin
Forest Principal

Tips to Help Students Become Better Readers at Home:

1. Allow students to read passages, and questions to themselves before having them read it out loud. This gives them a chance to figure out any words they are unfamiliar with and will also increase their confidence in reading orally.
2. When asking questions out loud, ask them two different ways. This gives them the necessary time to think through the question and develop their answer.
3. After asking a question, give your child at least 5-7 seconds to think. Again, this gives them the necessary time to think through the question and develop their answer.



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

This year, we at Forest have worked to create a Health and Wellness Team to promote and encourage healthy habits and choices for our students, staff, and families.

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.

Family Sports.

Does your child like to watch sports on TV or play video games? Suggest these games instead:

1. Set up a bowling alley in your basement or outside. Try to knock down 10 water bottles with a ball.
2. Head to the driving range, or play a round of miniature golf. You can also make your own indoor or backyard course. Help your youngster make "holes" by laying empty boxes and cans on their sides. Using a broom as a golf club, gently sweep a small ball toward the holes.
3. Have a race. How many ways can your child think of to cross a yard or a room? Brainstorm ideas, such as hopping, skipping, walking backward, or jumping like a frog. Then, take turns picking one of those ways to race.

For your recipe box:

Banana Man

You'll need:

1 banana
peanut butter
dried fruit (raisins, cherries,
mango)
pretzel sticks

Peel the banana.

Use peanut butter to "glue" dried fruit on the banana for the eyes, nose, and mouth. Put the pretzel sticks in the sides for arms. Enjoy!!

Forest Family Fun

Forest PTA is still working on 2 more fun events for our families. At this time, the Family Fun Committee is in need of 1 or 2 more volunteers to help coordinate the events, both before and during the events. If you are interested in planning a roller skating party or a dance, please contact me. Thanks

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Sunshine News

Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Bauer and her family on the recent passing of her sister-in-law.

If you know of anyone needing a little sunshine (birth, death, or surgery), please let me (Anne Kennedy) know at kaj2kennedy@juno.com Thank you!

