



Forest PTA Footnotes ...

October 2011

PTA Presidents Corner

Thank you to all who attended the September PTA meeting! I am so happy to see that we have parents willing to become more involved with our school. At this meeting we voted to donate \$5.00 per student to each class toward a class field trip in lieu of an all-school field trip this year.

Also, thanks to all who participated in our kick-off fundraiser, the Entertainment Book sale. If you still have orders to turn in, please do so right away! Thanks to Judy Wasen for organizing the sale with wonderful prizes. The funds raised will help with classroom field trips, school assemblies and cultural arts day!

October is a busy month! Events to come include Special Person's Day, Reflections, and Halloween Parade and Parties. Please continue reading through this newsletter for more information on all of these great activities!

We are always still seeking volunteers to assist with all of these great activities. Please contact me if you are interested!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 18th in the Forest Media Center. Please consider joining us to see what it's all about!

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Calendar of Events

October

- 3 Ohio Achievement Reading Test - Grade 3
- 6 Market Day pick up
- 7 Kindergarten field trip to Hillcrest Farms
- 12 Grades 1 & 3 - Special Person's Day
- 13 Grades K & 2 - Special Person's Day
- 14 NEOEA Day – No School
- 14 Homecoming Parade and Football Game
- 18 PTA meeting @ 7:00pm
- 19 School Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 21 School Picture – Retakes
- 25 Author Day
- 31 Halloween Party and Parade

November

- 8 PTA meeting @ 7:00pm
- 8 No school – staff development day
- 9 Report cards come home
- 10-18th Book Fair
- 10 Conferences
- 15 Conferences

Submissions for the November newsletter are due October 18th. Please E-Mail them to:

balsonr@neorsd.org



From Mr. Monnin's Desk

We are off and running, and it's hard to believe that September has come to a close. Our staff and students have been working hard in the classroom, focused on learning. Over the past few weeks, we've been hard at work collecting data about all of our students, learning how to help everyone to reach their potential. Those that are in need of extra help, or need help learning in a different way, will get it. Those who need to be pushed a bit harder to help them reach their potential, will be challenged. It's our goal to help each and every student, wherever they are in their own learning.

On October the 3rd, our 3rd grade students will be taking the Ohio Reading Achievement Assessment for the first time. This test is given in the fall and also again in the spring. All students will take both tests, and it will give us yet another measure to see how much growth has been gained over the school year. Please plan to do the following to help us prepare:

1. Make sure your son or daughter gets a great night sleep the night of October 2nd. Nothing beats a well rested child.
2. Make sure that your child eats a good breakfast, as they always should. Offer to make them something special this morning. (I like eggs and bacon myself!)
3. Offer encouragement to your son or daughter, letting them know that they will do great. Just let them know to take their time and try their best.
4. The purpose of the test is for them to show what they know.
5. Thanks for your support!

I Made a Difference Program

We are in our third year of our student recognition program. The goal is to recognize students for making positive choices, modeling good citizenship, and doing the right thing. Every week, students will be recognized by staff, and will receive a certificate stating, "I Made a Difference," with the reasons why

they did so. They will receive a pencil marking their recognition, along with a leaf to be posted on our Forest Family tree on display near the gym. Students need to be praised for good choices, and this is one way to drive this point home. Make sure to check out our tree when you are in the building! It will have fall colors this year!

Our September Award Recipients are:

Devan McCarty	Lila Schneider	Jack Dailey	Nola Kelly
Derek Nitzche	Stevie Woosley	Amani Abed	Adam Spencer
Yazan Abedrabbo	Penelope Dickerson	Noor Hasan	Amber Jessop
Sophia Roebuck	Adrianna Schultz	Christopher Shea	Eric Wasen

Valuing School Time

Parents, please do your best to keep your children in school for the entire school day. Avoid taking them out early if at all possible. If you need to schedule a doctor's appt., try for after school. We realize this isn't always possible, but please try. Every minute in the classroom is valuable, and when a child misses a portion of a lesson in math, or science, it makes a big difference.

If you must take your child out early, please make sure to send in a written note the morning of. Please don't call later in the day. We don't want to interrupt classes in session. To notify one student, we interrupt the entire class. Written notes in the morning cause no interruption. Thanks for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me to discuss it.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brent Monnin

Principal

Health and Wellness at Forest

This year at Forest, we are starting an initiative around health and nutrition. We know the value of health and wellness, and are looking to build a plan to promote and encourage healthy choices among our students, staff and families.

We've created a mission statement to drive our decision making as we move forward:

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.

We've also begun moving forward on some of the ideas at this time, with more to come in the near future. Here is a list of what you can expect over the next couple of months:

- We are registering Forest for the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Get Active, Get Fit School Challenge hosted by Radio Disney. By charting our physical activity over the course of 2 months, Forest students can win prizes and even a possible Dance Party hosted by Radio Disney!
- We are seeking out possible health and wellness grants to help fund our initiatives.
- We will be in touch with the rec center about marketing and promoting athletics.
- A monthly newsletter insert around health and wellness will begin coming home to share good tips and ideas.
- We will add a section to the Forest Footnotes about wellness.
- A healthy recipe will be included in Forest Footnotes, beginning with November issue.
- We will be creating a survey to collect some baseline data on healthy habits and fitness at home. Look for this over the next month or so.

We are at the beginning stages of this initiative, and are very excited about it's potential. We all know and believe that healthy choices and healthy lifestyles make a huge difference in how our children learn. The more healthy our children are, the more learning is able to take place.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact the Principal, Brent Monnin, at 440-779-3526.

Grandparents/Special Person's Day Volunteer and Donation Form
*******Please return to school by Friday, September 30, 2011*******

Wednesday, October 12, 2011 - grades 1 and 3
Thursday, October 13, 2011 - grades K and 2

Needed: Volunteers and donations for both days!

Donations: *CIRCLE* what you are able to provide:

Cookies	Bakery	Small Plates	Napkins
Styrofoam Cups	Diabetic Snacks	Tea Bags	Coffee

*Items may be dropped off Monday or Tuesday, October 10 and 11, or brought in the morning of October 12. A box in the school office will be marked: Special Person Day

Volunteers: *CIRCLE* choice(s):

October 12	AM 10:00 -11:30 1 st Graders	PM 1:15 - 2:45 3 rd Graders
October 13	AM 9:30 - 11:00 AM Kindergarten	PM 1:15 - 2:45 PM Kindergarten/2 nd Graders

*Volunteers will be assisting with serving the guests and helping with display tables (i.e., Campbells labels, box tops, Giant Eagle, PTA Membership, etc.)

Child's Name _____ Grade/Teacher _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent's email address:

Thank you in advance for your help with this special event. If you have questions, please call or email us!

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Nicole Dailey Jones: 440-716-8961 nicole.dailey.jones@gmail.com

LOCAL AUTHOR TRICIA SPRINGSTUBB TO VISIT FOREST OCTOBER 25



The PTA is pleased to be continuing the Author Program this year with a visit from children's book author Tricia Springstubb on October 25. Tricia is a Cleveland

Heights resident and the author of *WHAT HAPPENED ON FOX STREET* and its new sequel, *MO WREN, LOST AND FOUND*.

"What Happened of Fox Street"

It's a summer of mysterious presents, a beautiful fox, a wild little sister and a best friend (maybe).

It's the summer life changes forever for Mo Wren and her family.

"Mo Wren, Lost and Found"

Moving away from Fox Street is awful enough. But moving to a place with a curse on it? It's going to

take a mysterious Laundromat, a boy who tells whoppers, a freak blizzard, and piles of courage for Mo

to find her way home for good.

Tricia will talk to the students about how she became a writer, what goes into making a book (idea to finished product) and will leave time for questions. Besides *FOX STREET* and *MO WREN LOST AND FOUND*, Tricia has a picture book in the works, so the students can see how she works with an illustrator as well.

You can find out all about Tricia Springstubb at her website: triciaspringstubb.com

Please watch for further information to be sent home with your child in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to this fun and educational program!

Judy Wasen

wasbj@sbcglobal.net



Thank you to all who supported and ordered Market Day in September. We raised \$210.74 for our school. An order of any size supports the school and funds events such as Cultural Arts Day, Grandpersons Day, Field Day and the Music and Science programs to name a few.

Remember, Market Day is a great fundraiser because our children do not have to sell anything. You can purchase items that you would normally buy for your families meals and the school makes a profit off of your purchase. All you have to do is fill out the order form when it comes home and then send it back to school with your child. If you are internet friendly, you can order at **WWW.MARKETDAY.COM**. On the day of pick up, all you need to do is come to the school gym between 5:45-6:30pm and pay for your order and head home to enjoy all the delicious items that you ordered. It is that simple!

As always, I look forward to seeing all the friendly faces that have ordered in the past and hope to see many new faces in the future! If you have any questions, Please do not hesitate to give me a call or send me a e-mail.

Market Day Chairperson

Tina Giraldo 440-343-4365 tinagiraldo@gmail.com

Apples for the Students

Forest School earns points from Giant Eagle to purchase items for our school when you register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card at www.gianteagle.com. The Apples for the Students program begins in October, so don't delay. If you registered your card with Forest School in a prior year, there is no need to do anything. If you are currently registered with another school, you are easily able to change your enrollment to Forest School on the web site also. Our school code is **2261**. Ask your friends, neighbors and extended family members to register their cards also.

Thank you,
Kim Spiezio
Apples for the Students Coordinator



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. There are 3 fun ways to win once again. Don't be left out of the excitement.

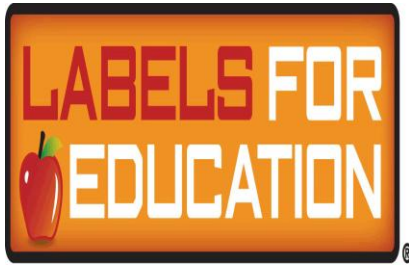
- 1.) Every child that submits at least **25 Box Tops** will receive a **"No Homework Pass"**.
- 2.) The class that submits the most Box Tops will earn an **afternoon break** to relax in the new Reading Room in the comfort of cozy bean bag chairs while Mr. Monnin reads a story to the class. A small snack will also be included!
- 3.) The **GRAND PRIZE!** The 4 students that submit the most Box Tops will enjoy **lunch with Mr. Monnin.**

All Box Tops must be sent to school by Monday, October 24th and must include **YOUR CHILD'S NAME & TEACHER NAME** to be properly accounted for in the contest. Good luck to everyone!

Forest School earned over \$1,200 last year. Our goal is \$1,500 this year. Please log on to www.BTFE.com and register to receive information about Box Tops promotions throughout the year that will benefit Forest School. Tell your neighbors, friends, grandparents, aunts/uncles to help us out by saving their Box Tops also. Every little bit helps and it all adds up to **CASH** for Forest School!

Thank you!

Kim Spiezio
Box Tops for Education Coordinator



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PLUS until the end of October, all Giant Eagle Advantage Card[®] holders who sign up for the program will earn 200 Labels for Education[®] bonus points for their school just by signing up!

Thank you,
Kim Spiezi

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALE A BIG SUCCESS!!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this fundraiser a success! The sale is winding down and as of this writing we sold a total of 163 books!! Our profit from this sale will give us more than enough to fund the classroom field trips for this school year!

We began our sale with a very fun and exciting visit from the Cavaliers "Scream Team" and "Sir CC". I think everyone had a great time and maybe learned some new dance moves! We will end our sale by distributing some great prizes to our sellers.

Congratulations to our top sellers:

#1 Top Seller: **Christopher Cujba** in Mrs. Roll's afternoon class sold **11 books!!**

#2 Top Seller: **Logan Massey** in Mrs. Horning's class sold **10 books!!**

#3 Top Seller: **Nikki Woosley** in Mrs. Troyer's class sold **7 books!!**

Runner-up: **Lila Schneider** in Mrs. Roll's morning class sold **6 books!!**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

Thank You!!

We just wanted to say **Thank You** to everyone who signed up their Target Card w/ "Take Charge of Education". We earned \$210.13 from your purchases over the past year. We used that money to purchase the bean bag chairs for the Reading Room.

It's not too late for you to sign up for "Take Charge of Education". We have included all the information, along w/ some on the GFS Fun Funds program, that you need to get started.

DID YOU KNOW? . . .

YOU CAN RAISE MONEY FOR FOREST WHILE YOU SHOP!!

TARGET "TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION"

Did you know that forest is already part of target's "take charge of education" program? If you're not already signed up, please consider doing so. All you have to do is use your target® visa®, target® credit card or target® check card when doing your shopping at target. Forest will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form of a cash donation from target through the take charge of education® program. We recently received a check for over \$200!!!

It's easy - just visit target.com/tcoe, or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school. Our id number is 83078.

**** if you don't want a target credit card, the target check card works like a debit card; the purchases are deducted from your checking account. Apply in-store at customer service. Be sure to have your driver's license and a check with you. There is no annual fee.****

BONUS: Target gives you a 5% **DISCOUNT** on your **TOTAL PURCHASE** every time you use your target credit or check card!!

GFS "FUN FUNDS"

Forest school is also enrolled in the "fun funds" program at GFS marketplace. This completely free program gives up to 10% of your eligible GFS purchases back to forest. Our rebate rate is determined by the total purchase level of all members. Just remember to show your membership card every time you shop at GFS marketplace. That way, you can ensure forest receives credit for your sale.

Our organization number is 2410497 and name is forest primary school.

You can sign up two ways: **IN PERSON**, ask for an application in the store. Take the completed application to the GFS cashier or customer service counter. They will print you a fun funds card on the spot!

ONLINE, go to gfs.com/funfunds/home.page?OrgNumber=2410497

This will bring up an application for you to complete and submit online. You will receive a temporary card by e-mail. Your permanent card will be mailed to you in 2-3 weeks.

BONUS: Members that enroll online will receive two valuable offers: a **\$10 discount** on your first \$50 minimum purchase and a **\$10 donation** to Forest on your second \$50 minimum purchase.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Family members, friends and neighbors can help, too. They don't even have to be local residents. A big thanks to those who are already doing their part to make a great school even better!

Forest PTA Membership Form

\$7.00 for one person OR
\$12 for two related persons



Member Name:	Member Name:
Child's Name:	Teacher:
Child's Name:	Teacher:
Parent's Names (if different than member):	
Address:	
Primary Phone:	<input type="checkbox"/> home <input type="checkbox"/> work <input type="checkbox"/> cell
Other Phone:	<input type="checkbox"/> home <input type="checkbox"/> work <input type="checkbox"/> cell
Email:	

Please make checks payable to **Forest PTA**. Thank you!

For questions, contact Kim Rahm - 777-1002 - kimrahm@gmail.com

- I **DO NOT** want to be included in the PTA Member Directory. Please initial here _____
- I want to help with *Apples for Students*. My Giant Eagle card number is _____
- I want to volunteer my time/talents to the PTA. Please contact me at _____

PTA Membership Drive Contest - Class with the highest participation (in percentage) will receive a special prize. Contest ends September 30th.

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