



Forrestal Family Newsletter

Week of October 2, 2023



Dear Forrestal Families,

Forrestal has been busy practicing being safe at school! This past week we conducted several drills.

Forrestal had a bus evacuation drill on Thursday, September 21st! We learned about the importance of sitting down when the driver is driving and what to do in case of an emergency.

Another way we keep safe at school is by always having every class take a walkie to the playground to make sure our students are safe! Here's Ms. Guzman and Mr. Salinas' helpers getting the walkie talkie! What an important job for a student!



Come celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us on October 13th at 9am.



D187 is continuing to seek input to support the development of a plan for future use of district buildings. Attached is an invitation asking families to participate in a focus group and reply to a survey.

[LINK to info and survey](#)

Progress notes will be going home with students on Friday!

If at any point you have concerns about what is happening with your student, please reach out to your teacher! You can find a full list of staff on our website:

<https://forrestal.d187.org/o/fes/staff>. Forrestal teachers are always looking for collaborative relationships with families.

You can request a plant-based meal for your child. [The form is available in English and Spanish.](#)

Breakfast and lunch are free to all students. Snacks are arranged by the classroom teacher. **Please send a filled water bottle with your child each and every day as water fountains are not available at Forrestal.**

Need help? Click [HERE](#) to provide immediate feedback or share concerns to Mrs. Kranz at Forrestal. Help us improve!

Forrestal considers all **students arriving after 8am to be tardy** and we will be enforcing a [tardy policy](#) this school year. If you are in need of help with transportation, please contact our office so we may assist you. Regular attendance is vital for a successful school year!

Checklist for locker items:

- ☐ Extra clothes: Send a set of clothes for the locker for that unexpected accident
- ☐ Water bottle: Send daily
- ☐ Gym shoes: Important on gym days but since we strive for recess daily, it is best to have your child wear shoes that support running



[Forrestal school wide expectations](#)

School begins daily at 8:00am - Tardies are disruptive

Door 7 opens at 7:30am early arrival/breakfast

2:45pm dismissal on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

1:45pm dismissal each Wednesday

Any changes to dismissal must be done by calling the office before 2:00pm (1:00 on Wednesday) on the day of change.

Upcoming Events	Mondays and Thursdays	Chorus rehearsals. Pick up is at 3:45 by the front office for those getting a ride home. If your child is in the NCCP program, they will return to the program after rehearsal.
	Wednesday, September 27	Early Dismissal Day starting at 1:35
	Thursday, September 28	No NCCP After School Program Parent Advisory Meeting @ 3:00pm in PD Room (all parents are welcome but please rsvp to

		ckranz@d187.org)
	Friday, Sept 29	Progress Notes sent home
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FORRESTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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**CALLING
FORRESTAL
PARENTS**

**PARENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

PAC

MEETING DATES
3:00-3:45PM

SEP. 28, 2023
NOV. 16, 2023
FEB. 15, 2024
APR. 18, 2024

LOCATION:
FES PD Room
2833 Washington Ave
Great Lakes, IL

WHAT IS PAC?
Parent Advisory Committees (PACs) are made up of parents, teachers, and other district staff members who work together to support their children's education.

PACs meet regularly to discuss how to improve the school and make sure that all children are receiving a good education.

PACS PROVIDE PARENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Develop leadership skills
- Build their knowledge
- Support two-way communications between families and schools
- Collaborate with the school principal on programming at the school; focusing on school issues
- Make sure their voices are heard

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