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# Warm weather expected this week Remember to send a water bottle with your student each day!



#### We did it! We rocked Week 1 of the 2024-2025 School Year!

We had an amazing first week of school last week where we investigated how to interact with our classroom communities, learned school expectations & routines, as well as starting a year of amazing learning! The newest members of our learning community (kindergarteners) joined us on Thursday. Even amidst two unexpected gas pipe events, school started as though we've been doing it together for years. That's what happens when you have a community of people all committed to making Forrestal the best it can be! Thank you to everyone for such a strong start.

Now about those gas pipe events...this sneaky little pipe is a private line that was unmarked. On Friday, all construction was halted until the pipe can be mapped/located to avoid future incidents. Our team handled each incident with emergency preparedness and action. I found it helpful to remind myself that the reason this is happening is that we're getting a brand new school...so, even though construction adds a layer of difficulty now, our lives will be so much better in just two short school years! Because I want to continually improve our responsiveness to your needs, please fill out this <u>SURVEY</u> so I know how we can better respond in the future. Thank you.

Lastly, remember the current Forrestal has lead in the pipes making our water undrinkable (add that to the list of why we are getting a new building). We provide water bottles to students who do not bring water, but please send a water bottle with your child daily. Warm weather is forecasted and not all rooms have air conditioning. On days where heat impacts our comfort, we move to a cooling plan (listed below) for classrooms to go to air-conditioned spaces.

## Forrestal Cooling Plan Week of August 26, 2024

Cafeteria	Library	PD Room	Rooms with Air (all of 1st Grade Wing)
8:30-9:00 Kinder	9:15-9:55 3rd	Open for all classrooms to go cool off after recess time for 10-15 minutes – or for use as needed per teacher discretion  Please keep your class close together while sitting on the floor if multiple classes are together.	Teachers with window units should open their classrooms to other classrooms without window units as a buddy room whenever possible.
9:00-9:30 2nd/3rd	10:35-11:15 2nd		
9:30-10:00 2nd/3rd	12:30-1:10 Kinder		
10:00-10:30 Kinder			
1:05-1:35 2nd/3rd			

<sup>\*1</sup>st grade rooms have window units

As a reminder, all family members are expected to follow the Parent <u>Code of Conduct</u>. We are committed to maintaining a safe climate of respect and trust at Forrestal, and in each conversation and will not tolerate any person or action that disrupts the peaceful and orderly conduct of our school.

The first two weeks of school allow our students and staff to focus on creating a positive, safe and collaborative environment. Students will be focused on learning both school and classroom expectations and routines. Our goal is to set students up for success environmentally before we begin our **strong** academic expectations on September 4th, 2024 for each and every student.

School begins daily at 8:00am - Tardies are disruptive and should be avoided to support the teacher Door 7 opens at 7:30am early arrival/breakfast 2:45pm dismissal on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday/ 1:45pm dismissal each Wednesday

#### Arrival

Students arriving via car or walking enter Door 7 located Wisconsin Avenue. Door 7 opens at 7:30am If you plan to utilize school bus transportation, your pick-up/drop-off location and time will be provided to you before the start of school.

#### Dismissal

It is important to pick-up your student on time (dismissal starts M,T,Th,F @ 2:35/W @ 1:35). If you plan to come to the school for your student, please see the locations on the map below. If you have more than one student, you can arrange with the teachers to be at the door of the youngest student.

Kindergarten: Door 7 (Wisconsin Avenue) First Grade: Door 6 (Wisconsin Avenue)

Second/Third Grade: Door 9 (on the side of the building facing New Mexico Drive)

Please follow all signage posted in the neighborhood. Due to construction, safety is paramount for arrival and dismissal.

Breakfast and lunch are free to all students. Snacks will be 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.

<sup>\*</sup>several classrooms have window units and will be buddies to other classrooms so that additional time in air conditioning is provided

<sup>\*3</sup> kinder rooms have air conditioning and will be buddies to the 3 other kinder rooms for additional time provided

<sup>\*2/3</sup>rd special education has a window unit and will be a buddy room to the k-1 special education classroom for the day

<sup>\*</sup>specials classes may use the PD room as needed

Communications: Your teacher has access to a new communication tool called ParentSquare that allows the teacher to post and chat/text with parents/guardians.

Having accurate information is critical to a successful school year. Please make sure you download the D187 app on your phone from your app store. Select Forrestal, and change settings to allow push notifications. "Like" us on Facebook. Emails are sent directly once a week during the school year, so keep an eye out for important information.

Apple Link & Android Link

#### Calling all Third Graders

Join the Chorus! The Falcon Chorus meets every Tuesday and Thursday after school throughout the year. It is open to all third graders. We perform a variety of music styles and perform in school concerts. Students learn to sing in parts and work on correct singing technique. If you have any questions about chorus participation, please see the permission slip link below for details.

Permission Slip (Spanish)
Permission Slip (English)

Forrestal Music Website



### **Important Information**

- Welcome Checklist
- Map of Arrival/Dismissal
- Kindergarten Letter
- Supply List
- Registration Link
- 2024/2025 D187 Calendar of Events

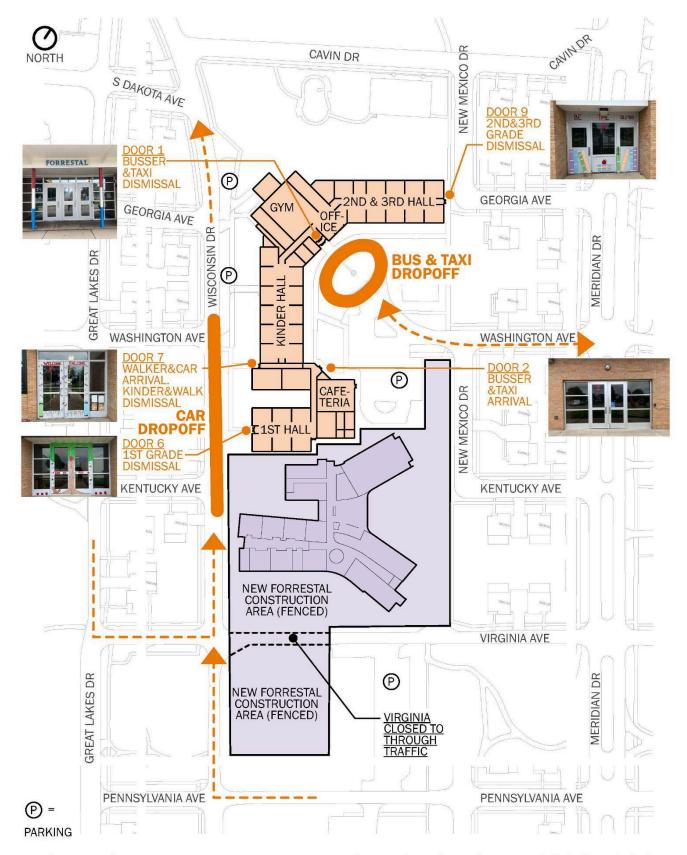
Forrestal office staff are available from 8am-3pm at the school office.

Principal Kranz can be reached via email ckranz@d187.org or direct 847-775-7607.

#### **Construction Corner**

Expect a Wisconsin Avenue road closure between 8:05am-2:30 due to construction needs to a sanitation line. This should not impact arrival/dismissal, but will impact families who live near Wisconsin Ave in Forrestal Village.

Check out our new Construction Dashboard to explore real-time insights, achievements, and progress in one click.



FORRESTAL ELEMENTARY Arrival & Dismissal 2024 - 2025





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