From the Principal

Dear Forest View Community –

It is June – welcome to the last month of the school year! In a traditional June we would be hosting assemblies and special guests, preparing for our big fifth grade celebration, sending classes outside to work in the sunshine, and celebrating successes on standardized assessments. But, as we all know by now, we have left ‘traditional’ and ‘usual’ in the dust – and we are forging ahead into a first ever digital/distance end of year for Forest View.

Now that the finish line to this truly unique, complex, and challenging year is in sight I have to thank all of you parents, caregivers, guardians, and especially students for the amazing support and work you have done since we closed the school building in Mid March. We could not have done this work without the partnership and support from our amazing Forest View families and community. Thank you for being flexible and great teaching and learning partners with your teachers and the school staff – we have made the best of the circumstances that 2020 has given us!

Earlier this week Dr. Saltzman, our superintendent, shared an important message related to the tragic events occurring throughout our country, and the important role we all play to ensure equity and safety for everyone in our schools and community. I want to emphasize this message and share the commitment and dedication that Forest View has in teaching and supporting all children the importance of demonstrating kindness, compassion, empathy, love, understanding, and respect through our words and actions every day. This is the culture we strive to create every day and we are anchored to these important values. As a staff, we are always working towards improving our ability to understand, listen, learn, and continuously grow to support each child and family in the Forest View community so they feel heard, cared for, and understood. We embrace the diversity in our community, and we also do our best to empower our students to do the same as leaders in our school community who instill kindness, compassion and love, so that they can go into their bigger community to spread these same important values. The Forest View staff is always here to support you, so please let us know if there is anything we can do to support you and your family during these challenging times.

I would like to recognize and thank several staff members for their contributions to our school success over the years as they prepare for a much-deserved retirement. Maryann Hansen, who teaches fourth grade, is retiring after many successful years in Everett Public Schools. Pam VanHorne, who teaches highly capable and our violin program, is retiring after several years teaching in Everett including the last five years at Forest View. Chris Reynolds, our occupational therapist, is retiring after many years of providing services and therapy for Forest View and other district students. We wish these amazing educators well as they head off into their next adventure!

The final two weeks in June will be a very busy time for Forest View students and staff. Here are some of the most important dates to watch for:

- I-Ready diagnostic assessment window closes on June 15 – complete Reading and Math by June 15th

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June 1 - 15
IReady Diagnostic Window K-5 Reading & Math

June 11
Fifth Grade Celebration Zooms

June 18
Last day for pickup and Chromebook, library book drop offs (Noon – 5pm – come whenever)
• Fifth Grade Celebration Zooms on June 11th at 11am – watch for more information from teachers
• iReady Dance Party Celebration – Tuesday June 16th (K-2 1pm, 3-5 1:30pm)
• Final student belonging pickup and library book, chromebook/hotspot drop off June 18th from 12:00 – 5:00 (details below)
  □ Also when you can pick up grade level i-Ready incentive prizes
• Last day of school – Friday June 19th

Some quick added info for families who checked out a Chromebook or Hotspot device. You may choose to keep these devices until August 3rd when there will be a district wide collection of devices. You can keep your checked out devices for students to have access to i-Ready and other learning resources, digital books, Accelerated Reader, etc... All devices must be turned in on August 3rd. You don’t need to let me know if you are hanging onto your Chromebook until then. If you would like to turn it in, please wipe it down gently and bring it by the school on June 18th during our drop off / pick up time – be sure to bring the power cord!

Many parents have asked about yearbooks – unfortunately due to the Coronavirus closures of many businesses around the country our yearbook delivery was greatly delayed. They are now due to be delivered over the summer. We will work with PTA to arrange a distribution time when school is back in session; and make sure that each student that ordered a yearbook receives it as soon as possible.

On June 18th we are opening up a big window of time for all families to swing by school and drop off or pickup any school materials, personal belongings, prizes, or technology. We will serve you from the front sidewalk, please remain in your car and wear personal protective equipment as you have it available.

This summer the school district will continue the yearly tradition of hosting a summer reading challenge. Because school and public libraries will remain closed or limited, we are changing the format. Details will be shared with families directly from the school district – but include weekly themes and optional family activities, reading available materials, and optional use of AR. There is no required reading, and we will not be using AR to document participation.

Finally, I wanted to say thank you for all of your encouragement and support these past four years as it has been my privilege to be the principal of Forest View elementary. This is a truly special school and I will remember time here fondly – and keep tabs on how all the Forest View Falcons are doing! Your new principal, Monique Beane, is looking forward to joining the school in July. I have known Monique for many years – she was a wonderful principal at Garfield Elementary and most recently helped in opening Tambark Creek Elementary. I can’t imagine a better fit for Forest View to support the work of teaching and learning and supporting each and every one of our students!

Thank you very much for your outstanding support throughout the 2019-20 school year, especially with the challenges of distance learning for final three months of the school year. Thank you! Have a great final two weeks to end to the school year and a wonderful summer!

-Darren Larama, Principal

PTA Support
Our PTA needs your support! They are calling on parents and community members to step up to the plate and join the PTA board. Without more volunteer assistance on the board and on sub committees our PTA will not be able to continue with the amazing level of support and enrichment at Forest View that has been a trademark of it since it opened with the school so many years ago. Please visit the PTA website for more information on contacting a current board member and determine where YOU are best suited to serve!  http://forestview.my-pta.org

iReady Diagnostic Results
We will share diagnostic results with families in two ways – a simple sheet with Reading and Math results will be included in your report card envelope and mailed home, and diagnostic results will be uploaded into the Home Access Center available online. Thank you for supporting your children on the iReady diagnostic!
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Forest View PTA is bringing back our 3rd annual...

SCHOOL SUPPLY KIT SALES!

Last year 200 of you took advantage of our partnership with 1st Day School Supplies and pre-purchased your school supplies. We’re happy to bring this program back for a third year! Beginning today you can pre-order your child’s teacher-approved school supplies for next year through a reputable company - 1st Day School Supplies. Our Forest View teachers have created the school supply lists and approved them through 1st Day School Supplies, so you will get exactly what your child’s teacher has requested. No need to spend time searching stores for the correct items! Each kit is priced similarly to what you would pay for the same supplies at big box stores, all supplies are name brand, and your child’s kit will come beautifully packaged in a big box with his/her name labeled on it! As always, 10% of the cost of each kit will be donated back to our PTA to support our 5th graders in their graduation celebrations. NEW THIS YEAR – ALL kits will be shipped directly to your home!!!

Teacher approved supply kits are now available to purchase online at:

www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com

Follow these simple steps:

1. When you click on the site it will ask for the school zip code – put in 98208.
2. Click on Forest View Elementary – Supply Kits.
3. Add each child’s 2020-2021 school supply kit to your shopping cart (some grade levels have boy/girl specific kits – so choose carefully!).
4. Pay for the kit(s). There is no tax, and shipping is free! You will receive a confirmation email.
5. School supply kits will ship directly to your home in August!

Please order as soon as you can - the order deadline for supply kits is Wednesday, July 1st! Please note that this is an optional program and you will still receive a school supply list in June if you’d rather shop for items on your own. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Christy Jennings at jenningschristy@gmail.com
COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage

Stay informed by visiting the COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage [www.everettsd.org/COVID-19](http://www.everettsd.org/COVID-19). Here, you will find messaging to families, information on family tech support, learning engagement, Class of 2020 support, helpful resources, FAQ's and more related to school building closure.

What will the 2020-21 school year look like?

Thank you for understanding the complexity of decisions for the fall. Right now, we are focused on finishing the school year well, and are following the guidance of OSPI and the state for developing plans for the fall. Realistically, with the current unknowns, we won't be able to finalize a plan until early August.

Essential item pick-up

We understand your student may still have personal items at their school which are essential to continue their learning from home, such as calculators, books or medications. Schools will be conducting personal item pick-up days in late-May for families to collect your student's essential items, which will be pre-bagged and labeled by staff. You will receive more specific information on pick-up times from your school next week, but the dates are: elementary schools, May 26 and 27; middle and high schools, May 28 and 29.

There will be a second parent pick-up event at our schools on select dates between June 12-19 for families to collect any remaining student items and to return library books, textbooks, musical instruments, etc. More information about the June pick-up events will be shared with parents in the coming weeks.

When does school end this year?

June 5 is not an early release day but will follow the current modified structure.

Learning Improvement Fridays (LIF) are suspended through June 19 to follow the current modified structure.

June 19 is the new last day of school. June 12 is the last day for seniors.

Stuff the Bus is coming!

With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 11th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. Last year the Foundation delivered over 1,900 backpacks to students and hope to deliver the same number this year. Look for collection bins at local businesses during the month of August and look for big yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way Aug. 14-16. For questions, please contact Kirsten Hansen at khansen@everettsd.org.
Kindergarten Registration (Class of 2033)

If your child will be five years old by August 31, 2020, it’s time to register for kindergarten! Online registration is available at www.everettsd.org. Register now to access information about your school’s kindergarten program and receive a parent resource and children’s book “Kindergarten, Here I Come!” Registration also reserves your child’s spot in Everett Ready, our transition-into-kindergarten program scheduled for August 17-21, at our elementary schools. Contact EarlyLearning@everettsd.org with any questions.

To find out which school your kindergartener will attend, click on Path Finder on the district’s transportation webpage or call the transportation office at 425-385-4144.

Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls next fall. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child’s school. We’ll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall. More information can be found on the district’s immunizations webpage.

Summer school

Everett Public Schools offers a variety of summer learning opportunities. Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.

Summer Reading Program

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. Please watch your school’s website for details about this summer’s reading program.

School supply lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year’s school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on your school’s website under Our School around the last week of school.

Summer meals

Did you know that all children ages 1-18 can participate in the summer meal program? Summer meals will start on June 22nd at select locations and times. Find more details on the Food and Nutrition Department website.
The 2020 capital projects bond

Now, more than ever, schools are the heart of our community. Investing in our schools continues our focus on not only academics, but the well-being of every student in our district. Schools are a community resource and they need to be invested in.

Due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 24, 2020 the school board approved Resolution 1228 postponing the April 28 bond proposition until a future time to be determined by the board.

On May 5, the school board approved Resolution 1230 to place the unchanged $317.4 million bond proposition on the August 4, 2020 special election ballot.

The 2020 bond focuses on STEM, Safety, Equity and Space.

To find out more details on all of the bond 2020 projects, visit www.everettsd.org/bond2020.

Please remember to vote on August 4, 2020