



A Word from Mr. Wall

Dear Forest View Families,

I hope this message finds you well. As we're occasionally feeling the first hints of fall chill in the air, it feels like we're settling back into a rhythm here at school. A year and a half for most of our students to be out of the building is a very long time, and I think everyone is enjoying being back together, connecting and supporting each other.

There are many wonderful things going on in our classrooms and in the lives of the students and families we serve. For example, as part of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15th to October 15th) our 5th graders are learning about different Hispanic countries and making travel brochures to help foster a global awareness. A 4th grade classroom has taken it upon themselves to plan and promote our "Socktober" event (see the flyer below) to help families in need. And I continue to be blown away by the growth our littlest readers are making already at unlocking the power and beauty of reading. It is truly a privilege to work with a school community as dedicated and effective as this one.

Conferences

I know that some families are having conferences over Zoom and others are having them in person. However you connect with your child's teacher, I know that staff are looking forward to sharing your student's goals for the year with you and partnering together.

For in-person conferences, there are a few additional details that are important to know:

- Safety
 - Masks are required for anyone over 2 years old
 - Social distancing between other families and staff will be enforced as much as possible.
 - Please stay home if you or your children are ill with any COVID like symptoms or directed to isolate/quarantine by the school
- Attendance
 - Because of the need to social distance, we are asking that you limit the number of family members attending a conference if possible.
 - To help with distancing and to allow a focus on your student, please consider finding childcare for younger than school age children if possible.

SHIELD Testing

On the 23rd of September, we did our first round of SHIELD Testing. As a reminder, the SHIELD Testing program is a program through the State of Illinois that allows students to give saliva samples for COVID-19 screening purposes. The students did wonderfully, and we found no positive cases.

Parents hoping to enroll their children into the program should be on the lookout for a future communication from the district outlining that process.

Socktober

As mentioned above, Mrs. Kudla's 4th grade classroom is facilitating a "Socktober" event. Please click below to see how you can get involved in making the world a better place.

- [Flyer](#)

Halloween

It's coming up, and we hope to have some fun activities for kids to enjoy. There will be a few changes from our past practice. On October 29th, you may send your child to school in a costume. It must follow these criteria:

- Worn over regular clothes
- No face paint
- No fake blood, guns, knives, swords, or dangerous props

Keep in mind that we have 5-year-olds at school, so please model being conscientious for your students in selecting costumes that are appropriate for all ages.

- The Plan
 - At 9am, we will have an all-school parade
 - We will walk out the front of the school and down the block. Please plan on lining up on Deborah Lane if you would like to see the kids.
 - In the case of rain, the parade will not be held
 - Following the Parade, we will have small classroom parties facilitated by the PTO and parent volunteers.
 - Students will do craft/games in their room
- No food due to COVID-19 spacing considerations
- All volunteers will need to follow the State vaccination protocols for schools
 - Anyone entering school to work with students (including volunteers) needs to bring either their vaccination card or evidence of a negative COVID test taken within the last 7 days prior to coming to school
- Following the parties, students will remove their costumes and complete the rest of the day at school.

Family Night

If that wasn't enough, we're also having a Family Curriculum Night on Thursday October 28th. More details will follow soon.

Trick or Treat/Book Event

Rolling Meadows High School has invited our families to participate in an upcoming event open to all students Pre-K through 6th grade.

- [Flyer](#)

PTO: Virtual Book Fair

The Forest View virtual Scholastic Book Fair begins today! From now until October 14, all purchases will benefit our school.

- [Click here to purchase](#)

All orders ship home, and book orders over \$25 ship for free! Please contact karinkipp@gmail.com with any questions.

All the best,

Mr. Wall, Principal

Ms. Woemmel, Assistant Principal

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