

FOXTALES



Welcome Back!

We are excited to welcome about 395 students in our front doors on Monday. Thank you to all of our families and staff who attended our Welcome Back event last Wednesday. It was so great to hear about how our students and families spent their summer break as well as meet so many new families. We are looking forward to a fabulous school year! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or the main office.



Important August-October Dates:

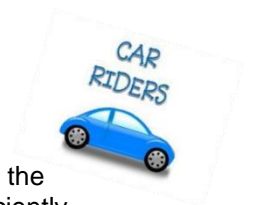
Monday, August 26th: First day of School for 1st-5th grade students
 Monday, August 26th: Kindergarten Orientation 9:30am in Cafeteria
 Tuesday, August 27th: First day of School for Kindergarten students
 Monday, September 2nd: NO School- Labor Day
 Tuesday, September 10th: NO School (State Election Day)
 Wednesday, September 11th: Patriot Day- Wear red, white, and blue
 Tuesday, September 17th: PTA meeting 6:30pm (Forwood cafeteria)
 Thursday, September 26th: Open House KN-5th grade 6-7pm

Looking ahead...

Monday, September 30th - Friday, October 4th: PTA Fall Book Fair
 Tuesday, October 1st: PTA Tie Dye Event (Time TBD)
 Thursday, October 3rd: No School (Rosh Hashanah)
 Thursday, October 10th: Picture Day
 Thursday, October 10th: Forwood Fall Festival 5-6:30pm
 Friday, October 18th: MTSS Spirit Assembly (wear Forwood gear or blue/white)
 Wednesday, October 23rd: Pink Day for Breast Cancer Awareness month
 Thursday, October 24th- Friday, October 25th: NO School- Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Thursday, October 31st: Forwood's Fall-oween Parade 1pm
 TBD: Fall Special Olympics Event

Arrival and Dismissal Procedure Reminders: Car Riders

We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding with our car line during the start of the school year. Our procedures are in place to keep students safe and keep our car line moving efficiently. We will begin our arrival for car riders around 8:35am and our car line at dismissal begins about 3:23pm. Please read the car line procedures and share with any family members who may be picking up your child(ren).



Procedures

- Continue down Westminster Drive around the back of the school. Follow the circle and pull forward to the end of the building.
- For safety and time, parents/guardians must stay in their car.
- Please make sure your car rider tag number is posted for staff members to see in line (for dismissal only). More tags will be sent home the first week of school. Students must exit or enter their vehicle from the passenger side.

Just a friendly reminder, please drive slowly down Westminster drive, through our parking lots, and through our neighborhood streets. Being a neighborhood school, we have many students and families walking to and from school.

*Please be mindful there are some students who do require accommodations with pickup and drop off.

Attendance Matters

It's a fact that students who attend school regularly learn more and are more successful than students who do not. Parents who make regular school attendance a priority also are helping their children learn to accept responsibility. That's an important lesson for a successful life. Attendance patterns are formed early in life. Children who develop good attendance habits in the early grades will be more likely to continue them throughout their school careers and into adulthood. When students are absent from school, they are missing out on lessons from a carefully planned sequence of instruction. They miss out on active learning experiences, class participation and opportunities to ask questions, resulting in the likelihood of falling behind.

Any absence from school requires a note from a parent or guardian when students return to school.

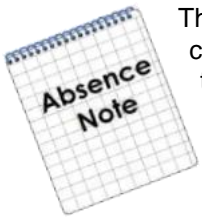
The law requires that a child attend school all days and hours school is in session unless the student has an excused absence. Excused absences include:

- Illness of the child
- Contagious disease within the home or of the pupil
- Death in the immediate family or of a close friend
- Legal business regarding the student
- Observance of a religious holiday
- Remedial health treatment
- Surgery and/or hospitalization (*need hospital/doctor note)



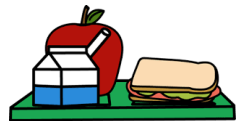
Absence Note/Early Dismissal Online

The district has an online system to submit an absence notes or early dismissal requests for your child(ren). It is easy and simple. Go to Forwood's webpage at <https://forwood.brandywineschools.org/> then click on "Menu", then "Families". Next, click on the first item "Absence Request Form." This will take you to a form to complete that is sent to our Attendance Secretary Sharonda Spencer and Principal Diana Golden. On this form you will note if you are submitting an absence note or requesting an early dismissal.



School Nutrition: Free Breakfast and Lunch for all Forwood Students

We are excited to announce that Forwood is now a CEP school which means all of our students can receive breakfast and lunch for free. All nutrition information can also be found on the district website here: <https://brandywineschoolmeals.com/> If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Nutrition Department & they will be happy to help.



Crosswalk Safety and Procedures

There is no priority greater than the safety of our students, families and staff members. With this in mind, please read and follow the expectations:

- Follow the direction of the staff member on crosswalk duty (usually Mrs. Ward). She will motion for you to stop by holding up an open hand and will step into the crosswalk when busses approach and when students are present. Please stop your car.
- Please do not idle in the crosswalk or inch forward, please allow space for visibility.
- Stay in line, wait your turn, and do not cross into the oncoming traffic lane! Busses, vans, and parents of students who require extra assistance are moving and crossing the exit lane. Do not block these vehicles!
- Only students who require extra assistance from staff members should be dropped off in the inner/outer circle. All other students should remain in their vehicles to enter the back doors.

Friendly Forwood Foxes leading and learning together!