

## FOXTALES



### Important October Dates:

Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>- Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>: PTA Fall Book Fair  
 Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>: Picture Day  
 Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>: Forwood Fall Festival 5-7pm  
 Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>: MTSS Assembly (Wear Forwood spirit wear or blue/white)  
 Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>: Spirit Day: Pink Day for Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
 Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>: NO School- Parent/Teacher Conferences  
 Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>: Forwood's Halloween Parade 1:00pm

Looking ahead to **November**...

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>: End of 1<sup>st</sup> marking period  
 Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> MP Incentive- Magician Joe Romano Magic of Reading  
 Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>: NO School- Election Day  
 Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>: NO School- Professional Responsibilities Day/Report Card Marking  
 Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>: NO School- Veteran's Day  
 Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>: PTA Meeting 6:30pm (Middle School Principals visit)  
 Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>: Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day  
 Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> MP Report Cards go home  
 Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>: Picture retakes  
 Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>: NO School (Offices Open)  
 Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>- Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>: Schools and Offices CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break

### Attendance Matters

**It's a fact that students who attend school regularly learn more and are more successful than students who do not.** We need your help to make sure your child is in school, on time, every day (unless they are sick ☺). For the 2024-2025 school year, the Brandywine School District is adopting the **4 Or Less = Success** school attendance campaign to promote good student attendance. Good attendance means coming to school on time and staying all day, every day, which is key to every child's success. Attendance letters are automatically sent to families after students accumulate 5, 10, 15, and/or 20 unexcused absences. After 10 unexcused absences, a family may be required to have a conference with the principal. Our district visiting teacher will become involved after 15 unexcused absences.



### **Absence Note/Early Dismissal Online**



Submitting an absence note or early dismissal request can be done right on the computer or your phone. It is easy and simple. Go to Forwood's webpage at <https://forwood.brandywineschools.org/> then click on "Popular Links". Then, 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.

### **Fall Festival- Mark your calendars!**

Join us for an evening of fall fun at our annual festival on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm! A flyer was sent home to families to preregister for our Fall Festival. Wristbands can be purchased which allows students to participate in many fun activities including: Carnival Games, a Craft, DJ music and more! No admission price for parents or children under 4!! After the pre-order deadline of October 7<sup>th</sup>, wristbands can be bought at the Fall Festival event.



If you are willing to bake something (or buy something) and donate it to our bake sale table, it would be greatly appreciated! Items should be individually wrapped or bagged. Please send your items to school or drop them off during the day on October 10<sup>th</sup> so they are ready to be sold at 5pm when the event starts. We appreciate your help!

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. We believe in a strong partnership between families and our school. Together, we can work as a team to address your child's unique and individual needs while ensuring success for him/her. If you have not signed up for a conference, please reach out to your child's teacher.

### **Forwood's Halloween Parade**

We invite all families to join us for Forwood's Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm. Come cheer on our students as they parade around our main circle in their costumes. The Mount Pleasant High School Marching Band will join us to provide music and entertainment. There will be alternative enjoyable activities for students not participating in the parade. Early Dismissal: If you are planning to take your child home early from the parade, please send a message to your child's teacher by the morning of Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## GO Guardian

As a guardian, you have direct access to your child's online activity. Guardians may block additional websites and pause internet access on school issued chromebook after school hours. Access is provided by guardian email address which must match your guardian contact record in eSchoolPLUS. Guardians may validate and update their email address by logging into Home Access Center. You can learn more by going to the parent portal at the following link: <https://help.goguardian.com/hc/en-us/articles/360028919111-Guardians-Getting-Started-with-GoGuardian-Parent>

## Disability History and Awareness Month and Post Contest

October is Disability History and Awareness Month (DHAM) and the annual Poster Contest. More information on Disability History and Awareness Month and the poster contest can be found at <https://gacec.delaware.gov/poster-contest/>. Disability History and Awareness Month is about inclusion, acceptance and celebrating the contributions of persons with disabilities. The deadline for poster entries is November 29<sup>th</sup>. Help us to share that message and let the talent of our Delaware students shine.

## Nurses Notes by Sheila Pickering

Welcome back! Nurse Angela and I are very excited to be back working with your children again! September has been a very busy month! Kindergarten vision and hearing screenings have been completed.



**Your child's health and safety are our #1 goal.** We need your help to do so. If your child is sick, keep him/her home. It is better for your child to recuperate at home and to return when feeling 100% better instead of returning too soon and then having to be out again. Please see the Nemours link ***Too Sick for School*** and questions please let us know.

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/too-sick.html>

Help us celebrate October-Food Allergy Awareness Month with **The Teal Pumpkin Project!**

<https://youtu.be/QPSZzYHymeM>

Here are some other resources for you and your family

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/index.htm>

[https://www.cdc.gov/asthma/controlling\\_asthma\\_factsheet.html](https://www.cdc.gov/asthma/controlling_asthma_factsheet.html)

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/npao/epilepsy.htm>