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Welcome Back!

We are excited to welcome about 385 students through our front doors on Wednesday. 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 Dates:

Monday, August 24th: Welcome Back/Sneak a Peek Event 4:30-6pm
Wednesday, August 26th: First day of School for 1st-5th grade students
Wednesday, August 26th: Kindergarten Orientation 9:30am in Cafeteria
Thursday, August 27th: First day of School for Kindergarten students
Friday, September 4th- Monday, September 7th: NO School- Labor Day
Wednesday, September 9th: PTA meeting 6:30pm (Forwood cafeteria)
Friday, September 11th: Patriot Day- Wear red, white, and blue
Monday, September 14th: PTA Oasis Night Fundraiser 6pm
Tuesday, September 15th: NO School- State Primary/Staff Professional Development
Thursday, September 17th: Open House KN-5th grade 6-7pm
Monday, September 21st: NO School (Yom Kippur)
Friday, September 25th: Gold (or yellow) Day for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Looking ahead…
Thursday, October 8th: Fall Festival
Tuesday, October 20th: Pink Day for Breast Cancer Awareness month
Wednesday, October 21st: PTA Trunk or Treat
Thursday, October 22nd - Friday, October 23rd: NO School- Parent/Teacher
Friday, October 30th: End of 1st Marking Period
Friday, October 30th: Forwood's Halloween Parade 1pm



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).

<u>Procedures</u>

- 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.
- 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 that 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 are also 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.

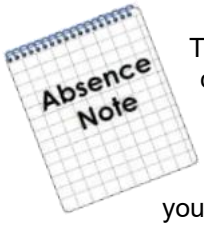
Any absence from school requires a note from a parent or guardian when students return to school.



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:

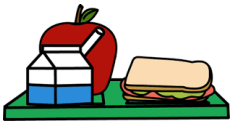
- Illness of the child
- Contagious disease within the home or of the pupil
- Death in the immediate family or of a close friend
- Legal business regarding the student
- Observance of a religious holiday
- Remedial health treatment
- Surgery and/or hospitalization (*need hospital/doctor note)

Absence Note/Early Dismissal Online



The district has an online system to submit 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



Again, this school year, Forwood is 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: www.brandywineschools.org/Nutrition . 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 buses 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! Buses, 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 small inner circle. All other students should remain in their vehicles to enter the back doors.

Friendly Forwood Foxes leading and learning together!