



24 - 25 School Year Forrestdale Parent Newsletter



Principal's Message

Teacher Appreciation Week - As this week marks Teacher Appreciation Week I want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible dedication, passion, and hard work of our teachers. Every day, our teachers go above and beyond to inspire, educate, and support your children. They create engaging learning environments, nurture individual growth, and make a profound difference in the lives of our students. We encourage you to join us in celebrating their commitment. Whether it's a simple thank you note, a thoughtful drawing, or a small gesture of appreciation, your recognition means the world to them. Our Administrative Team, PTO and SGA have planned daily treats and surprises for our staff as well.

Nurse Appreciation Day - As National School Nurse Day approaches tomorrow, May 7th, I want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate our dedicated school nurse, Nurse Masina. She plays a vital role in the health and well-being of our students, providing compassionate care, expert medical support, and a reassuring presence. From managing health concerns to promoting wellness, Nurse Masina's contributions are invaluable to our school community.

Music in the Parks - On May 2nd, students participated in Music in the Parks. The Forrestdale Senior Choir and Jazz Ensemble came in 2nd place with a rating of Excellent. The Forrestdale Concert Band came in 1st Place with a rating of Excellent, and received the Best Overall Middle School Band Award. In addition to the ensemble awards, Evan Schirripa was recognized with a Jazz Soloist Award. To cap off the awards ceremony, the entire music department was presented with the festival's top honor: the coveted Esprit de Corps Award. Congratulations to all!

Fondly, Mrs. Gibbons

Important Dates

5/5 - 5/9

Gr 4-8 NJSLA ELA & Math Testing

**Please be certain your child(ren) is/are fully rested, eat a great breakfast, and arrive on time the entire week.*

5/7 - 5/9

SEPAG & SGA Plant Sale during lunch & recess
Flyer [here](#)

5/9

Gr 8 Four School Dance

5/20

Evening of Fine Arts
6:30PM Concert and 7PM Art Show

Grade 8 News

- Please remember to order your Forrestdale Yearbook: [YEARBOOK ORDER LINK](#). The code is 10370025-THIS IS THE LAST DAY
- Please review the [Grade 8 Parent Slideshow](#) that was sent before break with all important details for the upcoming trips and end of year festivities. This includes Nurse notes for the overnight trip, so please be sure to read carefully!
- The 4-School Dance is being held this Friday at Knollwood. Students may not walk / bike to or from the event. The permission slip, [here](#), is due ASAP.
- RFH HS would like you to save the date, June 11th, for their [Meet the Coaches Night](#).

Community News

- The RFH Bell Tower will be lit up green for the month of May, in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. To learn about the Monmouth County Chapter of the Mental Health Association, click [here](#).
- Please review the Basketball Camp and REF fliers in the Backpacks!