

The Hive



Newsletter of the Forestville Central School District

Message from the President of the Board of Education

Greetings Forestville Families!

The 2023 -2024 School year is off to a great start. As always, we kicked off the school year with our annual bell ringing that so many look forward to each year.

The summer months were busy with activities, our construction project, summer meals, the summer enrichment program, and driver's education. Thank you to everyone that works hard all summer to ensure our children are productive and well fed and our facilities are ready and safe for the school year.

Our school community has been busy with sporting events, an open house at both schools, a fall music concert, Homecoming, class trips, and a variety of fundraising events for classes. Thank you so much to our community for the support you give our school and students at each of these events. We really do have a special place here in Forestville!

The last two school board meetings were packed full with the hiring of new staff, review of emergency response plans, review of all handbooks, presentation of our district's successful financial audit by R.A. Mercer & Co., and we held our biannual workshop/retreat. Our workshop is where we take time to reflect on our district goals, progress made, lessons learned, potential changes, and moving forward. We also have considered future construction projects, which will involve community input. Please be looking forward to future discussions. Also, remember you can access all of this Board information (meeting minutes, documents, plans, handbooks, policies) and more on our updated website - www.forestville.com

Below please find our district mission statement and our district goals:

District Mission - We exist to equip every student with tools to experience their greatest potential and lead them to become lifelong learners.

District Goals

- Continue to improve our facilities that provide a clean, safe, and inviting environment that instills school pride.
- Continue providing consistent communications that promote positive relationships.
- Continue to cultivate a culture that inspires and supports excellence in teaching and learning.

WE are looking forward to a successful school year and seeing you all at future events!



Fall 2023

Message from the District Superintendent, Dr. O'Connor

Dear Forestville School District Community,

As we embark on a new school year in the Forestville School District, I want to extend a warm welcome to the Forestville School Community. Our dedicated educators and staff have been diligently preparing for this year, and we're committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment where our students can thrive academically and personally. I look forward to partnering with everyone throughout this academic journey, and together, we'll ensure a successful and fulfilling school year for our students.

I am delighted to share some exciting updates with you. Firstly, I want to express my gratitude for the fantastic turnout and support we received during our recent open houses at both the elementary and middle/high school levels. Your participation is a testament to our strong sense of community, and it was nice to see parents, teachers, and students come together to make these events such a success.

In addition to our successful open houses, I am pleased to inform you that we have revamped our District website to make it much more user-friendly. We want to ensure that accessing important information about our school district is easy and convenient for all of you. Furthermore, our online district calendar is now being updated regularly to reflect our upcoming events, making it simpler for you to stay informed. Our website can be accessed at www.forestville.com

Our social media presence has also seen significant growth, allowing us to connect with you in more dynamic ways. You can follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming elementary and middle/high school concerts in December. These events promise to be wonderful showcases of our students' talents, and we look forward to sharing these special moments with you.

In our ongoing commitment to enhancing our school facilities, I'm pleased to share some exciting updates from our most recent capital project. Notably, our elementary school has a brand-new roof, and significant portions of the middle/high school roof have also been replaced. Furthermore, we've completed comprehensive renovations to the second and third-floor bathrooms in the middle/high school, creating more comfortable and modern spaces for our students. While these improvements represent significant strides toward providing a better learning environment, there is more work that needs to be done. Planning for future projects is a meticulous process, and to ensure that we can complete upcoming work in 2026, we must begin the planning process now. This includes addressing essential tasks such as window replacements, brick pointing, and improvements to our parking lots, among other items. We're eager to engage with our community, and we plan to host a public meeting on Thursday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m. in the Jeff Geblein Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. to discuss various possibilities of these upcoming projects. Stay tuned for more details, as we work together to enhance our school facilities for the benefit of our students and the entire Forestville community.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with the Forestville School District. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Sincerely,

John O'Connor
Superintendent of Schools



Welcome New Staff to Forestville Central School District



Shauna McMahon
Elementary Principal



Krista Lennertz
5th Grade



Cassandra Essek
4th Grade



Rachael Clark
AIS



Zachary Bills
Pre-K to 12th Music



Susan Walterich
Librarian/Media Specialist



Nicole Nopper
COTA



Heather Jackson
Guidance Secretary



Cori Coia
Special Education Aide



Mindy Gillette
Special Education Aide



Haley Broyles
HS Science



Peter Hanzly
HS Social Studies



Heidi Zimar
Floater Monitor Aide



Linda Hebner
Floater Monitor Aide

Cafeteria News



Roasted Beef Tenderloin with Mashed potatoes and gravy and green beans are on the menu in the cafeteria as a part of the 30% initiative, where FCSD spends 30% of our food costs on NYS-grown and raised products and serves them to our students for breakfast and lunch. We support many local businesses like Meadows Farms, Degoliers Maple of Forestville, and Eden Valley Growers through Produce Peddlers who provide fresh lettuce. Meatballs, hot dogs, burgers, and mozzarella cheese are purchased from Slate Foods. These are just a few of our local suppliers. Pictured are our seniors, Autumn Whitcomb and Jackson Rebmann from our NYS Thursdays.

Celebrating Successes at Forestville Elementary School

Dear Forestville Elementary School Families and Community,

I hope this message finds you well. As the new school year is well underway, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude and share some of the wonderful things happening here at Forestville Elementary.

Our recent Open House was a tremendous success! It was heartwarming to see so many families and students come together to celebrate the start of a new school year. The enthusiasm and support from our community are a vital part of our school's success, and it truly makes a difference.

Our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program is thriving. Students are learning 'Hornet Bucks' for demonstrating positive behavior and being responsible learners. It's fantastic to witness the students' growth as they engage with the program. It not only fosters a more positive and inclusive school environment but also prepares our students for future Success.

I want to extend our sincere appreciation to our local fire department for their fire safety presentation during Fire Safety Week. The valuable knowledge they shared is essential in ensuring the safety of our students. Their dedication to educating our young Hornets about fire safety is commendable.

We're committed to making Forestville Elementary School a central piece of our community. With your continued support, we aim to create a nurturing environment that empowers our students to excel both academically and personally.

Thank you for being an essential part of our Forestville Elementary family. We're excited about the upcoming year and the many opportunities it holds for our students and our community.

Warm regards,

Shauna McMahan
Principal, Forestville Elementary



Pre-K Off to a Great Start

Pre-K has been learning a lot about our school, our teachers, rules, and routines. We have made many friends in our classroom too. We wanted to take a moment to thank the Forestville Firefighters who came to visit to talk to us about the importance of Fire safety. We learned about the different Fire vehicles and what their role is during a fire. We even learned to Stop, Drop, and Roll! Thank you Forestville Firefighters!





Lunch with the Principal

Mrs. McMahon had the pleasure of eating lunch with four of our elementary students! Students have been earning Hornet Bucks and Malikai, Sophia and Kaylen chose to spend their Hornet Bucks on lunch with the principal. Malikai chose to bring his friend Kamden to lunch with him to share the fun. Each of the students was able to bring leftovers home to enjoy! We ate pizza from Domino's, along with dessert and orange pop! Our amazing elementary cafeteria staff shared some cookies with us as well. Staff members stopped in to say hello and share how proud they were of the students for earning Hornet Bucks. It was a great day to be a Hornet!



PBIS

Forestville Elementary Students and Staff kicked off their School-wide Positive Behavior System on Monday this week! Students are earning Hornet Bucks for positive behavior, and they can shop every Thursday at the PBIS Cart!



Mr. Worosz's Summer Reading Challenge 2023: "Imagine Your Story"

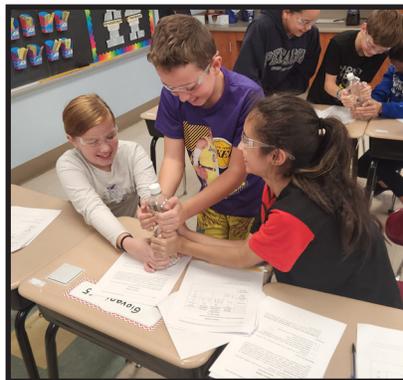
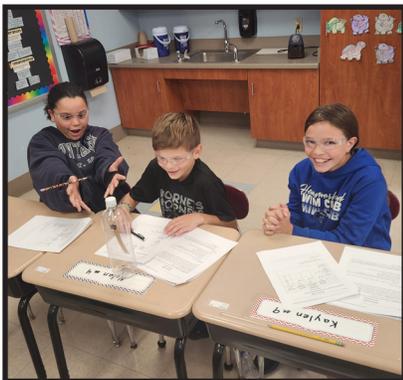
Mr. Worosz challenged his incoming 2nd Graders to read over the summer months and complete a checklist of "What to Read" and "How to Read" before the start of the new school year. Students could choose from a list of "what to read" topics such as a recipe, a mystery, the closed captioning of a favorite TV Show, a menu, a joke book, etc.

Then, they chose from a list of "how to read" variations such as:

-to a grandparent, -to a pet, - at the beach, - in a tent, - with a flashlight at night, - using different voices for each character, etc.

The following students completed the Summer Reading Challenge and received an award certificate and a Reading Medal. Mrs. McMahon helped to present the awards during the first week of school.

Group picture: Olivia Barthel, Emmett Kielar, honorable mention, Sawyer Croft. Additional picture: Gianna Cleary.



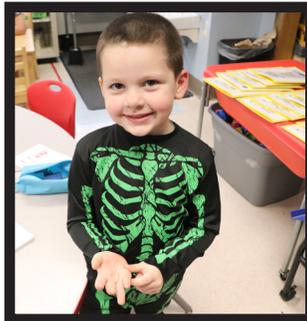
Cloud in Bottle

Mr. Jackson's fifth grade class completed the NYS science investigation on weather and climate. Students were to identify the water cycle process that leads to the formation of clouds and how air temperature affects cloud visibility.



Happy Halloween!

Kids of all ages got into the Halloween spirit.



Embrace the Full School Experience: Getting Involved and Advancing Academically

Dear Forestville Central School District Community,

As we step into the vibrant colors of autumn, I want to take a moment to reflect on the exciting opportunities that await our students this Fall. At Forestville Central School District, we firmly believe that education extends beyond the classroom, and we encourage all our students to embrace the full school experience.



This year, we're thrilled to see our students actively participating in a wide range of extracurricular activities. From sports teams to clubs like the Science Club, Technology Club, Key Club, and even our unofficial drama club, our students are discovering their passions and talents beyond their textbooks.

Our school is a hub of creativity and talent, and we're proud to showcase this through our school concerts and musical productions. These events not only allow our students to express themselves but also foster a sense of community among our school family.

I have been advocating for greater student involvement in extracurricular activities, as they play a vital role in personal growth and character development. We encourage parents to join us in promoting these opportunities for their children.

In the interest of academics, we are committed to offering a range of accelerated and advanced coursework options. This year marks a significant expansion in the number of courses available to our students. Forestville has always been dedicated to providing advanced classes, but the choices now exceed those of just a couple of years ago.

Students have the chance to take advantage of Jamestown Community College (JCC) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses, earning college credit while still in high school. This opens doors to exciting future possibilities and helps them excel in their academic journeys.

For more details about the exciting courses we're offering, please don't hesitate to reach out to our dedicated school counselor, Ms. Hazelton, or myself. We're here to guide our students toward their goals and dreams.

As we celebrate the beauty of Fall, let us also celebrate the potential and promise within each of our students. Together, we can empower them to engage fully in their educational experience, inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the success of our students.

Warm regards,

Dan Grande
Principal, Forestville Central School District

Principles of Engineering and Technology First Quarter Projects

During the first quarter, Mr. Dempsey's and Mr. Pratt's students worked on their 3D Printed projects. The students were asked to develop a product to design and 3D print. Jack Spengler is designing, drawing, and 3D printing a set of spurs for his Crocs. He is making a clip for the back of his Croc strap and different spur designs. Sam Bock is designing a steel toe insert for his work shoes and golf tees. While the DDP 1 class is designing mouse trap covers for Mrs. Wutz. Ricky Vento, Jayden Core, and Fred Santiago designed, drew on CAD, and 3D printed their mouse traps.

Josh Press and Anderson Cross are making an American flag drop box. Mrs. Marvin and Mrs. Becker gave money from the key club to purchase the materials for the project.



Monarch Release

Mrs. Miller's 7th-grade science class released two more tagged Monarch butterflies. Forestville's 7th grade science classes have been observing the Monarch life cycle from caterpillar to chrysalis, and now adult butterfly. You can learn more about the Monarch Fall Migration and the Project Monarch Watch Tagging Program at monarchwatch.org.

Spirit Week and Homecoming Pep Rally



Spike Out Cancer Volleyball Game





Undefeated Season

The Silver Creek/ Forestville modified football team defeated the Olean Huskies in their final game of the season 40-12 to finish the season undefeated with a 7-0 record. The team is coached by Ron Duliba, Dave McInhinney, and Ralph Jackson.

Forestville Trap Team

The Forestville Trap Team wrapped up an exciting season. The team competes in the New York State High School Clay Target League. Their competitions are held at the Hanover Fish & Game Club. Any student age 12 with hunter education can participate regardless if they have a firearm. If anyone has questions they can reach out on Facebook. Look for and like the Forestville Central Trap Team on Facebook.



Monday Night Girls Basketball

First and second grade girls came in on Monday nights during the fall to learn some basketball skills with Mr. Jackson.





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Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

December 7, 2023
5:30 p.m.

January 11, 2024
6:00 p.m.

February 8, 2024
6:00 p.m.

