

July 3rd – School Office closed

July 4th – 7 th – The School Office will be open for limited hours

(9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.) Office staff may not be readily available to answer the phone as they will be working in other areas of the building. If you need to contact the school, please leave a message on the voicemail or email the office at forhill@scdsb.on.ca The school is closed to visitors during these days as custodians will be completing a series of summer maintenance jobs.

Sept. 5 th – First Day of School (SK - grade 8)

Sept. 7 th - First Day of School for new JK's

School Jerseys: A friendly reminder to please return any school jerseys you still have at home. We are missing quite a few from athletic teams this year!

Early Reading with Martha Kovack

Thank you to all the staff and parents who attended the workshops with Martha Kovack on Monday! A big thank you to Trish Barker for arranging this opportunity, and the school council for their financial support! You can see the presentation if you [click this link](#). There are some great ideas about how to make literacy fun over the summer!

Martha also offered a Promo Code: **SRNAKALUK23** for everyone to use at this link: <https://www.soundreaders.ca/shop> to receive **100% off the first two sets of Crazy Cards (Crazy Shorts for Starters, and Crazy Shorts with Blends – second row down, 1st two digital sets)** (to download, print, laminate, cut, and play).

Elementary SCDSB schools to implement new Safe Arrival system in September 2023

In September, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is implementing a new Safe Arrival system at elementary schools. This system will support us in continuing to improve our home-to-school communication process and streamline absence reporting. To report a student absence, call 1-888-885-8065. Callers will be prompted to identify the school before leaving a message. Parents should include the student's name, teachers' name, dates, and reason for the absence. When schools do not hear from a parent/guardian, and a student is absent, the school will call home to find out the reason for the absence. If you have questions about the new system, please contact the school office.

Are You Moving?

Just a reminder to advise the office if you have any plans on moving over the summer and will NOT BE RETURNING to Forest Hill P.S. in September.

Class Placements for September

On the first day of school in September, staff will be on the yard in grade groupings, by division. Primary grades, from grade 1 to 3, will be on the primary yard tarmac near the kindergarten rooms. Junior grades, from grade 4 to 6, will be inside the track, and Intermediate grades 7 and 8 will be on the baseball diamond. English classes will be indicated with a letter E after them (for example 1E), French Immersion by an FI (for example 2FI)

Grade numbers will be posted on the respective yards: students should gather near that number, where a teacher will be waiting with their class list. After the bell rings, the teacher will read off their class list and will bring their class into the classroom as a group. In case of rain, primary students will be brought into the library, junior students will be brought into the gym, and intermediate students will be brought into the intermediate hallway. Class lists will be read out loud in those locations. Our administrators, Mrs. Francis or Mr. Wilson, teacher librarian, planning time teachers and Special Education Resource Teachers and Education Assistants will all have master lists for any student who may need assistance. Parents are reminded that they are to drop their children off on the boundary of the yard and are not to be on the yard after 8:55.

At the end of the first day, your child will bring home a letter with contact information for their teacher. Having worked through this process at previous schools, we are confident that it will go well here. A reminder that all placements are tentative until turnaround day at the end of September. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding with regard to this procedure.

Families of Kindergarten students will be contacted by email the last week of August about placement.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks have been delivered! If a student who ordered a yearbook was absent the last week of school, they can see Mrs. Morrow in September for their copy. No extra yearbooks are available for sale this year.

School Council

The first Parent Council Meeting of the 2023/24 year is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 2nd. All meetings of Council are open, and all parents/guardians are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings, as members, or on an informal basis. To become a member, simply complete and submit the form that will be sent to all parents next September.

Goodbye to Staff Members

We wish the following staff members well as they move onto opportunities at other schools next year: Scott Ballon, Morgan Dennis, Tracy Kane, Melissa Moore, Crystal Moreau, Nora Niddery, and Vanessa Stones.

We wish Evan Tuckett, our amazing tutor in the classroom, much success in teacher's college next year.

Finally, we wish a very happy retirement to Lisa Browning and Jill Woods! We will miss you!

Summer Activities: Another SCDSB school has put together a site with ideas for summer activities to do with students. There are some great fun and educational activities that we wanted to share! [Summer Activities](#)