



**Forest Road School
September 24, 2009**

Forest Forum

Teaching and Learning Highlights from the Forest...

Thank you so much to all of the parents who attended our Meet the Teacher Night on 9/22/09. We had a terrific turn-out and our "Community Gathering" during the middle of the classroom presentations was a tremendous success. The teachers held informative and creative presentations highlighting the daily routines of the classroom. We welcome your continued participation in your child's program throughout the year. Kindergarten has been

"apple picking in the orchard"! Learning activities this past week have focused upon graphing, comparing/contrasting, descriptive language tasks, and of course, tasting! Mrs. Freisem's class joined their friends and all children shared an engaging learning experience.

We are beginning work on our PBIS objectives and Kick-Off for the new school year. One target area of our positive behavioral approach is cafeteria behavior.

We will once again be running the KINDNESS CAFÉ here at Forest Road. The Kindness Café recognizes those classes who have consistently demonstrated Safe, Respectful, Responsible and Caring behaviors while in the cafeteria by offering a special treat and luncheon experience as a reward. Behaviors we are looking for include turn-taking, following directions, cleaning up after eating and acting in an appropriate manner. Please encourage your children to earn their STARS!

SAFETY FIRST
Thank you for your feedback on the Morning Drop-Off procedures. Jasmine Lane is becoming congested and unsafe. One suggestion I will be discussing with the 5th PCT. is to extend our "No Standing" zone further down Jasmine so that vehicles will not be parked at our drop-off point. If you are escorting your child onto the playground, I encourage you to park on the opposite side of Jasmine or past the No U Turn sign. This will free up multiple spaces for those parents who are just dropping off their kids and lessen the number of vehicles waiting to drop-off. Less waiting means less traffic!

For Your Information...

QUESTions...

Quest is the Valley Stream District Thirty enrichment program for academically advanced students. Once accepted, students who participate will be pulled out of their regular classroom for several periods a week to participate in challenging projects. Screening for the Quest Program is under way. Nominations for the program have been collected from teachers, parents, students and their peers. As part of the screening, students have been working on a creative writing assignment, and a short problem solving activity will be taking place in each class this week. Students who do well on these activities will qualify for phase two of the screening,

and will be taking a reasoning test. Once the screening is completed, parents who nominated their children will be notified, bus permission slips will be handed out (for Shaw and Clear Stream) and the program will begin. If you need further information about the Quest Program, please contact Mrs. Horowitz at rhorowitz@vs30.org.

Strategic Planning Meetings:

- 10/6 9:00 AM Forest Road
- 10/6 3:15 & 7:30 PM Shaw Ave.
- 10/17 (SAT) 9 AM Clearstream Ave
- BABYSITTING provided for the evening and**

PTA DATES

PLEASE JOIN OUR PTA

- Candy & gift wrap sale has been extended until 9/30.
- First PTA Meeting 9/30 at 7:30 PM. Please come out and meet your PTA Board and learn about **STUDY ISLAND** with Ms. Colleen Dash.
- Class Parent Meeting at 6:45 on 9/30.

Inside Story Headline



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This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new pro-

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

cedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter

from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



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Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
Email: xyz@microsoft.com

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Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

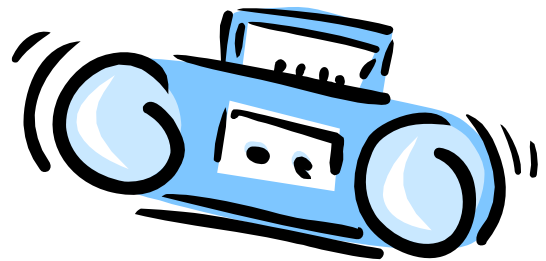
A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.