

FOREST FORUM 10/1/09

Teaching and Learning Highlights from the Forest...

Forest Road is Getting Even Greener!

Updates...

You will be happy to know that Forest Road has recently assembled a new and enthusiastic Green Team who is ready to help improve our school environment! As you may know, we have been recycling paper, aluminum and plastic. We are currently looking into hiring a recycling company called Royal Recycling. They will be providing our classrooms with special collection bins and they will be giving us weekly readings telling us how many trees we have saved and how many pounds of waste we recycled! We are looking forward to working closely with Royal Recycling.

Mrs. Horowitz and team are currently assembling a compost for our cafeteria. Now all of our food "scraps" will not be added to trash, but will be composted to make rich, fertile soil!

Ms. Dash is working on special arts and crafts projects that will help us think of new and unique ways to reuse our "garbage!"

Ms. Kelly is hoping to make our school a "bottled water free zone." Did you know that the average American spends over \$400 a year just on bottled water? Did you know that 1,500 bottles of water are thrown out in the trash EVERY SECOND!?! Get yourself a reusable bottle and fill it up with Brita water from home. You'll save big bucks...and the environment!

"Pre-cycle is Here!"

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Now that you're good at **RECYCLING**-try **PRE-CYCLING!** Pre-cycle means to think about where the item will end up *before you buy it*. That way you have less to recycle and you can save money. We know you parents will like that!

We learned about the prefix "re" and we plan to use it in this article! Here goes! Remind your parents to recycle but remember not to yell! Let's reeducate the adults in our lives in a kind way. Make something into something new that you can use again. Here's an idea, reuse things like the bottom of orange juice and milk cartons as gift boxes.

Reduce your contribution to the earth's garbage dumps by buying less stuff you don't really need.

Rethink how you spend your money.

Recognize that this problem is our responsibility and we must respond!

Realize that one can make a difference!

5th Grade Happenings

Our Fifth Graders are learning about Context Clues. This is an important strategy for readers to own when presented with unfamiliar vocabulary words in their literature. You can help by using sophisticated vocabulary with your children and providing them with a strong context within the sentence so they can identify the word meaning. This even works with nonsense words, try this one at home...

"Please go get the *bushakalanas*, it is time to walk the dog".

Bushakalanas means leash in this sentence and the context helpers are *dog* and *walk*.

PTA Updates

The 9/30 Class Parent and General PTA Meeting was a success. We had a large turnout and encourage families to continue attending meetings! Your children benefit from your involvement.

Strategic Planning Meetings

10/6 9:00 AM Forest Road

10/6 3:15 & 7:30 PM Shaw Ave.

10/17 (SAT) 9 AM Clear Stream Ave.

BABYSITTING provided for the evening and Saturday meetings so that parents can participate.

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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 re-

fer 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.



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

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.

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

“To catch the reader’s attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”

procedures 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



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sure to place the caption of the image near the image.