

FOREST FORUM 10/15/09

Teaching and Learning Highlights from the Forest...

A Fine, Fine School by Sharon Creech

The Forest Road School celebrated its **Fall Community Read** this past week with this literary treasure, which happens to be about an overzealous principal who decides school is such a wonderful experience, it should take place every day. (Now, please don't get any ideas about that, I have already received many thumbs down from the children on that topic!) Each teacher in our building was given a copy of the book for their library and our entire school has read the book. We now have poster-size paper up around the school for the adults and children to share their thoughts/reflections about the book in a public forum. This has generated a singular topic for the whole school to discuss, which has been wonderful to observe. You can consider this idea at home by sharing a read-aloud with your family and then discussing it as a group. Book talks are a great way to generate enthusiasm for literacy and build education into your family time. Let us know how it goes!

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week, a national campaign promoting drug-free lifestyles and good choices, will be celebrated at Forest Road during the week of 10/19 through 10/23. Please have your child participate in this program by following the calendar below...

Monday 10/19 - "Team Up Against Drugs" WEAR A SPORTS/TEAM SHIRT!

Tuesday 10/20 - "Turn Your Back On Drugs" WEAR YOUR SHIRT BACKWARDS!

Wednesday 10/21 - "Sock It To Drugs" WEAR CRAZY SOCKS!



Thursday 10/22— "Put Drugs to Rest" WEAR PAJAMAS!

Friday 10/23 — "I Put My Heart Into Making Good Choices"- WEAR RED!

PTA Updates

10/16 Parents Night Out at Forest Road School! Drop off your FR students (\$10 per child) from 7-9:30 and enjoy some adult time!!

10/17 FR Car Wash has been canceled due to inclement weather!

10/28 General PTA Meeting 7 PM

PTA Reflections

Please encourage your children to participate in this National PTA event. The theme "Beauty Is..." can be represented through literature, photography, visual arts, dance, film or music. The deadline for submissions is 11/6. PTA workshops will be run on 10/21 and 10/22 after school and you will be receiving permission slips for your child to attend if you wish. We always have a good showing at Forest Road and I look forward to seeing all of the wonderful submissions!

Building Level Team

Our BLT met on 10/8 and had a very productive discussion. Our topics for the year will include Health & Safety, Curriculum, Building-Wide Initiatives, Grant Writing and parental involvement. Your BLT members are Sabrina Brandon, Colleen Dash, Kim Jones-Sands, Doreen Imbriani, Erin Malone, Carolyn Pean, Desiree Piliouras, Lindsey Reese and Suzanne Walsh (Chairperson). Our parent representatives will bring our discussions back to the PTA meetings and our Teaching Staff will share information within the school. We will also include highlights from our meetings in the Forum to keep our community apprised of our progress. If you have any suggested items for discussions or concerns to share, please let Suzanne Walsh know so that it can be added to our agenda. Our next meeting date is set for November 19th.