

Dear Forrest School Community Members

As we are approaching the end of our second month back to school, we are planning for Halloween activities for the end of October. As you are aware there are many adjustments taking place to Halloween activities in response to guidelines and restrictions mandated by Public Health and School Divisions.

This year at Forrest we will be celebrating Halloween fun in classrooms with classroom teachers organizing low risk activities throughout the day. The following are highlights to the changes we will be observing with respect to Halloween this school year.

-Halloween Activities will take place Friday October 30, 2020. The Kindergarten class will have Halloween activities on Thursday October 29, 2020.

-Individual classroom teachers will plan Halloween themed activities within their school day. Any updates will follow from homeroom teachers.

**-There will be no potluck or homemade treats/foods for sharing. Halloween treats must be in pre packaged form and distributed under the direction of staff members.**

**- Forrest Elementary School Students and Staff will not be participating in Halloween costuming this year.** Typically costuming requires direct parental involvement, most notably in early years and this is not an option available to us this year. Due to the constraints on building access, there will be no opportunity for parents and community members to gather this year, this means we will not be hosting our costume parade.

#### Reminder re: Physical Education & Recess

As stated in the RRSB Return to School Guidelines document - "Activities that involve movement should be held outside, including those for physical health and education." While we do have opportunity to be inside the gym for physically distanced activities, the directive from RRSB is to be outside as much as possible.

The weather is definitely getting chillier and the wind has been relentless, students need to be prepared to be outside for Phys Ed. and Morning, Lunch and Afternoon Recesses.

#### Forrest Hot Lunch Program

The Forrest/Elton Hot Lunch program has been suspended for the 2020-2021 school year.

All pre-paid hot lunch cards are to be returned to the Forrest Elementary office for refunds to be processed.

As we continuously respond to the evolving situation of school re openings we will be faced with many changes along the way. There are many activities we do as a school community that will require restructuring due to our limitations to gather as a school community. We will continue to do our best to observe celebrations and events with modifications required going forward.

Sincerely,

Chad Stiles, Principal Forrest Elementary School