



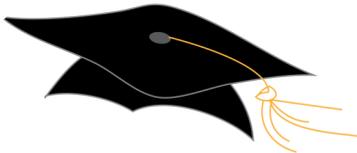
Forest Area School District

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2022

**EAST FOREST
GRADUATION:**
JUNE 7
AT 6:30 PM

**WEST FOREST
GRADUATION:**
JUNE 8
AT 6:30 PM



CURRICULUM

The High School Math and World Language departments have begun the implementation of new and updated materials and resources during the 21-22 school year. These new materials include both updated content and online resources aligned to state standards.



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A Note from Superintendent Hetrick

Spring this year not only brought warm temperatures, but also a feeling of hope! Many of the existing COVID restrictions were lifted about the same time and it feels like we are able to welcome spring with a lot of our usual activities. It is great to hear students, teachers and families looking forward to attending the Spring Carnival, the Title I night, Spring concerts, Art Shows and other school events. I have missed seeing people and watching our students display their pride in their accomplishments.

As we think about recovery from COVID, we are also thinking about how to help our students achieve academic success. Our teachers know that students need to spend some additional time reviewing material and practicing skills that were learned during COVID simply because the education of our students was somewhat disrupted. We have responded to this need by offering two sessions of after school STEM programming and some in-school tutoring this year. Over the summer, there will be a four week session of summer day camp for elementary students and several shorter opportunities for high school students. In all of these opportunities, we are focusing on problem solving, critical thinking and building basic skills so that students can move on to be successful in all of their academic endeavors.

We are also helping to provide support for students with the help of our social worker, our two school counselors and our collaboration with outside agencies. The pathway to these supports begins with our Student Assistance Program which is a group of specially trained school staff who support students through academic challenges, social concerns and a host of other difficulties that can be barriers to successful learning. Parents and family members can refer students to the Student Assistance Program (SAP) by contacting the school counselor or the principal.

As always we are interested in hearing from parents about your ideas for things that will help your student to be successful in their education. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact your school principal. Enjoy the spring weather and join us for all of the spring activities at the schools!

PATHWAYS TO GRADUATION

Graduation pathways are a collection of assessments, requirements, and projects that a student must complete successfully in order to receive a diploma. Beginning with the Class of 2023, students must meet new requirements set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. PDE offers students 5 Pathways to Graduation that include options ranging from meeting set Keystone scores to community service projects. You can learn more about these pathways by contacting Ms. Pasinski at: bpasinski@forestareaschools.org



Prepare to EXCEL!

Improving Our Buildings

UPCOMING BUILDING PROJECTS

The Forest Area School Board has voted to move forward with building improvement projects in both the East and West Forest buildings. Improvements in the plan were selected based on the top priority of keeping students and staff safe, warm, and dry.

EAST FOREST

At East Forest, bi-polar ionization will be added to all of the uni-vents to improve air quality. In the technology education area, the dust collector will be replaced and moved outside of the building. All of the student restrooms will be renovated to include modern fixtures, flooring and wall treatments. In addition, the abatement of the old asbestos floor tiles will be completed and tiles replaced. Finally, the electrical system in the gym will be repaired.



WEST FOREST

At West Forest, the HVAC upgrades that were begun in 2019 will be completed with the addition of new uni-vents in the classrooms, including bi-polar ionization to improve air quality and ventilation in the building. Ventilation issues in the kitchen will be addressed and should help in the cafeteria area as well. There will be building envelope improvements, roof repairs and window replacements for older windows and repairs to newer windows. The elevator will be refurbished. The high school bathrooms will be upgraded, the dust collector in the shop will be replaced and moved outside.

MUSIC IN THE AIR

Forest Area students in grades 3 through 6 are learning to play “NUVO” instruments. These instruments are being used to expose children to a smaller version of a band instrument. The instruments are lightweight, durable and easily sanitized for student safety. The instruments are being incorporated into the students' general music classes and will help to foster the life long skills of music.

The colorful plastic and silicone pre-band instruments are surprisingly affordable. They are designed to take students through a series of carefully planned steps toward traditional musical instruments, allowing for greater success throughout the learning process. The children are using Nuvo's Windstar Program, a fun curriculum designed for group classes of young students. Children are first introduced to notation, and gradually learn to read traditional sheet music. The program includes web-based practice tracks, videos, rhythm exercises, etc. along with real books so students can more easily transition to a real band experience. You can learn more at www.nuvo-windstars.com.

Students are excited to be able to pick up an instrument and play beginning level tunes. Music teachers are grateful that the district was able to invest in this program, and eager to watch the program grow through the next few years. We hope to share our progress at a concert this spring. Stay tuned...

HERE WE COME A-CAROLING

East and West Forest students celebrated the holidays by caroling through their communities



Building Our Communities

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



The East Forest National Honor Society hosted a school-wide food drive in November of 2021. Donations were accepted at East Forest and the Northwest Savings Bank and then delivered to the Methodist Church in Marienville for distribution to those in the community through the North Clarion-Marienville Food Pantry.



Almost all male US Citizen and immigrants, who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service. Register online at sss.gov

Service * Character * Scholarship * Citizenship

Jeffrey Bayle is a Junior Probationary Member of the West Forest National Honor Society. Each National Honor Society member has to complete an individual service project. Jeffrey's project is working with elementary students at the end of the school day. He gets to help students with assignments and participate in enrichment activities with students.



Elementary Day Camp & Junior High Summer Institute details coming soon!



VETERANS DAY PROGRAMS

On November 11th, 2021, East and West Forest Schools took time to honor Forest County Veterans on the 103rd anniversary of the conclusion of the First World War. Students made decorations and cards to recognize the service of those who fought for our nation.



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