

# Forest Hills Friday News

Friends and Family of Forest Hills,

We have had an absolutely beautiful summer! It's been many days of clear blue skies and sunshine, giving us the chance to enjoy God's wonderful outdoors. I've heard many stories from kids and families about their camping excursions, outdoor activities, and trying new things. God has been good!

Yet with the beautiful sunny days have also come scorching heat! Keep in mind that I'm from Canada as you read this, but I'm just not used to multiple days in a row of 90+ degree temperatures. My power bill was huge as I kept the air conditioning on throughout the hot summer months. There's one other part of my home that didn't like the heat. My grass hated it! In order to keep my lawn green, I had to baby it. There were multiple fertilizing efforts, daily watering, and careful tending to spots that struggled to grow. I had to put a lot of effort into keeping my grass green this summer.

Even after all my efforts, I STILL had a few brown spots. Interestingly enough, one of the brown spots was directly around a sprinkler head. This patch of grass has no excuse. The sprinkler is directly in the middle of it. The water pours out, but it still struggled to live. This patch is truly a mystery to me. I tried hard to 'baby it back to life,' but it was to no avail. The rest of the grass ended up working great, but this patch, in the middle of the source of water, would not grow.



Sometimes, I feel like life can get that way. God takes care of each one of us. He tends to all of our needs through His riches in Jesus. He provides us many good gifts so that we can grow and thrive, but sometimes we are the patch of dead grass around the source of all goodness. As God pours His love, mercy, and forgiveness into our lives each day, we are sometimes the stubborn people that close our hearts to His love. We can see the goodness in others all around us, but we are convinced that God isn't taking care of us. In reality, we are the ones that are closed off to God.



Yet there is a hope that we can live in each day. Just like the sprinkler pouring water each and every day into the grass, God, in His love, keeps on pouring out His gifts into our lives. Even when we don't deserve it, God is granting us goodness. Even when we turn our back on Him, He never stops and never fails. What a beautiful picture of the love that God has for us.

I don't think that I'll be able to recover this piece of grass (In fact, I may just mulch it over). Yet in life, we can be certain and be thankful that God won't give up on us. He promises to be by our side when we need Him, when we feel we don't need Him, when we turn our back on Him, when our lives become like the dead patch of grass. God is the gift that just keeps on giving because He loves you beyond what we can ever ask or imagine!

I pray that you've had more success with your grass this summer than I have. I also pray that, as you tend to the yardwork that is constantly looming, that you will remember that God's gifts never end and never give up. In Christ, you have the source of life to get you through each day as you live as His precious child.

Mike Schiemann. <><  
Principal

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September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018



## General Reminders:

- Did you know our staff **prays for each and every student**? During the year we pray for and send a postcard out to all your kids.
- The **Family Envelope** is a very important communication between the school and home. Please remember to return it each week.
- Please help your child remember to return their **library books**
  - K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Library is on Wednesdays
  - Library books need to be returned by Tuesday to the classrooms in order to check out again on Wednesday
- **Running Club Runners** cannot participate until a signed permission form (in office) is received
- **Visitor's Badge** is required for anyone on campus after the bell rings at 8:15am
- **Falcon Wear** order forms Due Fri. 9/14
- Your child will be counted tardy after 8:15a.m. They must check in at the office for a **Tardy Slip**.
- If you did not pick up a **directory** at the Back to School BBQ, stop in at the office for one!

## Technology Updates:

- **Yearbook wants your photos!** Download the "Skipple" App 
- Our **Fred Meyer rewards** account number has changed. Please log on and **change to: VY259**
- Find the **school calendar** at: [http://www.fhls.org/main\\_pages/google\\_cal.htm](http://www.fhls.org/main_pages/google_cal.htm)
- Did you know **FHLS has an app?** Download in the app store or use:



## In your Family Envelope this week:

- **Picture Day Packet** – Picture Day is 9/10. You can also order online using code: **FO748045QO**
- **2019 Auction Logo Contest** – get creative and help the school's largest fundraiser at the same time!
- **Grandparents & Grandfriends Day** RSVP & volunteer info

## Get Involved:

- **Picture Day Volunteer:** [office@fhls.org](mailto:office@fhls.org)
- **Moms in Prayer** invites you to join them 9/10 at Assembly of God church in Forest Grove from 9-10am. Info: [maggienuahandme@gmail.com](mailto:maggienuahandme@gmail.com)
- **First PTA Meeting** of the year is Monday 9/10 6:30-8pm, Day care available w/RSVP
- **Design the 2019 Auction Logo** – See envelope for details
- Volunteers needed to **help with Box Tops**. Email Kim w/the PTA at: [kimhdias@gmail.com](mailto:kimhdias@gmail.com)

**PICTURE DAY IS COMING!** Order today at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)

Picture Day is: **Monday, September 10, 2018**  
Picture Day ID: **FO748045QO**



## Dates at a Glance:

Monday 9/10	Picture Day Running Club Starts PTA Meeting, 6:30-8pm in Library
Monday 9/24	Happy Birthday Mrs. Myers!
Friday 9/28	Grandparents/Grand Friends Day at FHLS
Wed 10/10 – Fri 10/12	NW District Lutheran Educators Conference, No School
Monday 10/15	Picture Retakes
Sunday 10/21	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Happy Birthday Mr. Schiemann!
Monday 10/22	PTA Meeting, 6:30-8pm in Library
Wednesday 10/31	Happy Birthday Mrs. White & Mrs. Souigny Teacher Work Day, No School
Thu 11/01 – Fri 11/02	Parent Teacher Conferences, No School
Saturday 11/03	Golfathon, Top Golf