



Fordland R-III School District

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Home of the Eagles

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District Report Card

Anyone interested in the District Report Card for 2008-09 school year can review this in the superintendent's office Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or visit our web site

www.fordland.k12.mo.us



Board Candidate Filing:

Persons desiring to be a candidate for these offices are required to file their intentions at the Superintendent's Office during office hours listed below beginning on December 15, 2009 and until 5:00 p.m. on January 19, 2010.

School Superintendent's Office hours:

Regular office hours Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

School Superintendent's Office hours during Christmas holiday:

December 23 Open 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

December 24-January 1 Closed

January 18 Closed

January 19 Open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*There may be days filing will not occur because weather is too dangerous for office personnel to travel.

Interested candidates must appear in person to file in the Office of the Superintendent at Fordland Middle School.

According to Senate Bill 380, all individuals elected to a local board of education must successfully complete 16 hours of approved orientation and training within one (1) year of the election date.



Elementary News:

Winter is here and along with it comes occasional early school closings. Please help us get your child/children home safe by making sure the information card you filled out at the beginning of school is correct. If there are changes, please call the school or come by to update information. Also, keep us informed as soon as possible when there are changes in telephone numbers, home mailing addresses, work numbers, etc.

Reminder to Parents: Due to supervision and safety reasons students are not to arrive at school before 8:00 a.m. Teachers are busy running off papers and preparing for the day and may not be in their classrooms. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If your child is going to be absent please call the secretary to let her know.

DUKE University Talent Identification Program (TIP) 4th and 5th Grade Talent Search

The following fourth and fifth grade students from Fordland Elementary School have qualified for enrollment in the DUKE University Talent Identification Program (TIP) 4th and 5th Grade Talent Search. Students need to have scored an advanced on the MAP testing to meet the qualification standards. Benefits of the students for the program are: Recognition for to commemorate their successes. Online enrichment with a focus on writing, math, and science. Students enjoy articles written just for them in publications such as the Navigator newsletter. Students can submit a story in the annual Duke TIP 4th and 5th Grade Talent Search Writing Contest.

They are: 4th Grade-Brenden Brooke, Skyler Grandel, and Joshua Krysiak.

5th Grade-Kelsey Barton, Annalea Collins, Ethan Grandel, Michael Hart, Dylan King, Jarred Johnson, Kaelynn Thompson, Thomas Verduin, and Abigail Hampton.



School Health News

In January the Jordan Valley Dental Mobile will be stationed at Fordland School. Students who qualify will receive on site treatment. Detailed information will be sent home sometime in January. If you are interested in free dental care for your student, please review the information and submit your student to be scheduled. If you have any questions you can contact your school nurse at 767-2307.



Book Fair

The Fordland Middle School and High School Book Fair will be February 1-5. The book fair will be in the Middle School Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It will be in the High School on Thursday and Friday. The book fair will also be open for the Homecoming game on February 5th.

2008-09 Yearbooks

Some 08-09 yearbooks are left. If you would like to purchase, contact the HS office at 767-4555 or contact Pam Wester at pwester@fordland.k12.mo.us

They are \$25.00 and are on a first come first serve basis.

Fordland FFA Booster Club

Fordland FFA Booster Club meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the High School Library, when available. A membership drive is currently underway, as well as planning of fundraisers for the FFA program. Please come and support our students in FFA, by joining the Boosters or volunteering at fundraisers. If you need further information please contact Les Knapp at 844-7467 or Sonya Cass at 425-9020.

FACS Department

This year the Family and Consumer Science Department have a great group of students. Throughout first semester we have been learning about many aspects of Family and Consumer Sciences and recently the students have been taking all of that knowledge to apply it to some end of the semester projects.

The Housing and Resource management class is currently constructing model sized homes with popsicle sticks and proper framing techniques used in real like housing construction.

The students in the Foods class are creating a Holiday Desserts business in which they have to make, price, market, and sell a product. All of the profits will be used to help a needy family this Christmas.

All of the classes have also been learning character education and the 9th grade class wrote and performed skits about patience at the Character Education Assembly in October.

The child development class has been visiting the Fordland preschool in the mornings to get first hand experience in a child care facility and

they are certainly learning a lot and having a great time in the process!

We have had a great time this fall and expect the spring to be just as fun!

FCCLA

FCCLA is a student organization with an emphasis in Family and Consumer Sciences sponsored by Mrs. Rothrock. There are 18 members this year who have been very busy! At the beginning of the year, FCCLA members chose the Multiple Sclerosis society as their philanthropy so to kick off the year the students had a party on September 18, 2009 and then volunteered at 4: 00 a.m. at the MS 150 Bike on September 19th. FCCLA members have also been selling cinnamon rolls to the students on the first Friday of every month with all the proceeds being donated by Team Fordland FCCLA at the MS walk this spring. FCCLA members attended the Regional FCCLA meeting at Silver Dollar City in October along with other schools in the Springfield area. And four FCCLA members also represented Fordland High School at the ACCESS FCCLA Leadership Conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort.

Coming up next semester look for more cinnamon rolls sales and student participation in the Regional STAR Events Contests in February.



Fordland R-III Schools Access to Student Names and Addresses Administrative Rules and Procedures Legal Public Notice

The Fordland R-III School District in conformance with the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) declares the following as "directory information." As provided in the act, this information concerning students may be made public:

1. Student's name, grade level
2. Pictures
3. Participation in officially recognized activities
4. Weight and height of members of athletic teams
5. Honors and award received

This public notice is required by law before such information can be placed in yearbooks, student directories or other student publications. If any parent or legal guardian of a student does not want any of this information released without his or her consent, he or she may contact the principal of the school that the student attends before September 1 of each year.

7th Annual Iron Mountain Run

Fordland Schools hosted their 7th annual Iron Mountain Run cross-country invitational on Tuesday, October 20th. A record thirteen southwest Missouri class 1 & 2 teams and 192 runners participated in this year's events.

Fordland medalists:

Boys Varsity – Justin Golay 18:08 (2nd place of 98), Nate Dyer 20:33 (25th place)

Boys Jr. High – Jacob Wilson 9:42 (1st place of 21)



Summit Conference

Fordland competed at the Summit Conference Championship on Monday, October 26th.

Justin Golay won his third straight conference championship, leading in a time of 18:24. Golay beat the next finisher by a full 1 minute and 20 seconds and lead the Eagle boys to a second place conference team finish. Nate Dyer also made the all-conference team with a 6th place finish in 19:59. Other team members were Jordan Barton, Luke Fletcher, and Scott Kahler. Shannon Sooy (8th) and Mystica Martinez (9th) made the girls' all-conference team, while Rachel Byers missed by one spot.

Class 1 District

Fordland boys and girls competed at the Class 1 District 4 cross-country meet on Saturday, October 31st.

On the boys side, Junior Justin Golay repeated as District champion with a time of 17:51 (beating his two closest competitors by 19 and 64 seconds). Junior Nate Dyer also easily qualified for state competition with a 10th place finish in 19:43. Fordland finished in 4th place overall behind Van Buren, Koshkonong, and Summersville.

On the girls side, Junior Shannon Sooy finished one spot away from qualifying with a 16th place finish in 26:45.

State Cross-Country

State Cross-Country Championships (Nov. 7th) @ Oak Hills Golf Course (Jefferson City) (Hot conditions over a very hilly course; Times were slower than last year.)

Fordland Boys Individual:

Justin Golay (Jr) – 18:20 (9th place out of 164); 3rd year @ state

Nate Dyer (Jr) – 20:02 (73rd place out of 164); 1st year @ state

Note of interest:

Justin is the first Fordland athlete to earn back-to-back all-state honors since 1989 and the youngest Fordland runner to achieve this feat. Justin also made the 1st team all-southwest Missouri class 1 team for the second consecutive year.



Keith Kelly Alumni Scholarships

The Fordland Alumni Association is offering two Keith Kelly Alumni Scholarships worth \$1,000.00 each to this year's graduating seniors. Applications will be taken starting March 1st and will close April 1st. We would like to thank the Alumni Association for offering our students this opportunity.



Elementary Counselor Wins Award

Toni Walton was awarded Missouri Multi-Level Counselor of the Year by Missouri School Counselor Association. She was honored at a luncheon held on November 9, 2009."

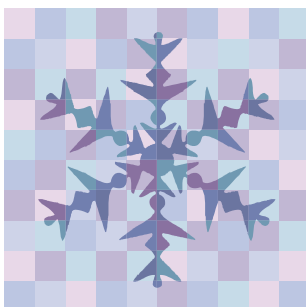


School Closings – Bad Weather

Welcome to the Ozarks, as temperatures can change thirty to forty degrees temperature within a matter of hours. Additionally, constant changes in precipitation and forecasts are imminent. We are hoping Mother Nature is merciful on the Ozarks and are able to dodge the inclement weather!

However, there will be days that we will have school when the temperatures or weather is marginal. I always try to error on the side of safety and caution when calling school off, but on these marginal days it is always up to the parent to make the final decision to send your child to school or not. Your decision is always the best for your child, though if your student does miss on these days, they are not excused from the schoolwork missed. The work will of course need to be made up according to the make-up policy. The only real request I ask of our parents is to make sure your student is well dressed for the bad weather or have some type of shelter for them to wait for the bus. We are always surprised by how many children arrive at school during bad weather in short sleeve shirts and even shorts, so please check on what your student is wearing to school. Hopefully, winter will be mild, so our beautiful spring days will be protected.

I will try to call school off, as early as possible when bad weather occurs. If possible, school will be closed and reported to the ten o'clock news enabling everyone to make plans. When this transpires, it is the best case scenario. Usually, bad weather occurs between midnight and 6:00 a.m. If this occurs, I will do my best to make a decision to call school off by 6:00 a.m. and notify all stakeholders through "schoolreach" (district calling system), major radio, and television stations.



Parent Portal

The R-III Schools teachers, students and teachers have come to rely on the Parent Portal student information system. This communication tool allows for continual communication with parents in grades one (1) through twelve (12). Parents now have the opportunity to view their student's grades, assignments, attendance, food service accounts, and disciplinary actions over the Internet.

Parents who have not signed up yet, or who have lost their information from last year, only need to sign up at the building in which their child is in attendance. Each child and each parent/guardian will be given separate identification in order to log onto the site, in order to provide more protection with confidentiality of the student information.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity as Fordland Schools strives to keep communication open between parents and instructors to better meet the educational needs of your child.



School Reach

The Fordland R-III School District has had some great positive feedback about the School Reach automated calling system. This provides easy 1 step calling to inform parents, teachers, and community members of early dismissals, game cancellations, special testing days, and there are many other opportunities where this resource will prove valuable. If you have not received a School Reach phone call, or your number has changed, please inform your child's building secretary.



Quote

"One person seeking glory doesn't accomplish much. Success is a result of people pulling together to meet common goals." John Maxwell

District Calendar for Newsletter Dec. – March 09/10

Jan 1	NO SCHOOL
4 – 9	Boys Basketball @ Seymour Tournament TBA
4 – 9	Girls Basketball @ Sparta Tournament TBA
7	FFA Greenhand Conference @ MSU
11	School Dismissed 12:30 (Elem. @ 12:15)
12	Boys Basketball vs. Mansfield – Home
14	Girls Basketball vs. Norwood – Home
15	Boys Basketball @ Sparta
18	NO SCHOOL – Make up day # 1
20	Conference English Contest
21	Girls Basketball vs. Crane – Home
25	School Dismissed @ 2:00 pm
	Girls Basketball @ Seymour
	Boys Basketball @ Crane Tournament TBA
28	Girls Basketball vs. Hollister – Home
29	Girls Basketball vs. Conway – Home
Feb 1	Girls Basketball vs. Hurley – Home
	Boys Basketball @ Dora
2	Boys Basketball vs. Bradleyville – Home
4	Girls Basketball @ Hartville
5	Boys Basketball vs. Seymour Home
	Homecoming
8	School Dismissed @ 12:30 pm (Elementary @ 12:15)
	Girls Basketball vs. Mt. Grove – Home
9	Girls Basketball @ Clever
	Boys Basketball @ Gainesville
11	Boys Basketball @ Niangua
13	Beta Talent Show
	Conference Band Contest
15	NO SCHOOL – Make up day #2
15 – 20	Girls Basketball @ Seymour Tourn – TBA
17	Conference Business Contest
22	School Dismissed @ 2:00 pm
23	Boys Basketball @ Galena
25	Girls Basketball @ Mansfield
26	Boys Basketball vs. Billings – Home
March 3	Bloodmobile in the High School Gym
5	End of 3 rd Quarter
8	School Dismissed @ 12:30 pm (Elementary @ 12:15)
9	Middle School Volleyball @ Forsyth
10	Conference Science Contest
11	Middle School Volleyball @ Niangua
12	District Music Solo/Small Ensemble Contest
12 – 14	Beta State Convention in Branson
13	Conference Academic Tournament
	District Vocal & Instrumental Music Contest
15	Middle School Volleyball @ Conway
18	NO SCHOOL – Make up day #5
	Middle School Volleyball vs. Sparta - Home
19	NO SCHOOL – Make up day #9
22	NO SCHOOL – Make up day #8
	Baseball @ Galena
23	Middle School Volleyball vs. Niangua - Home
	Softball @ Billings
25	Middle School Volleyball vs. Laquey - Home
	Baseball vs. Hollister – Home
25 – 27	1 st Annual Iron Mt. Softball Tournament @ Fordland – TBA
26	Middle School Baseball @ Kirbyville
	Middle School Volleyball @ Kirbyville
	Baseball vs. Gainesville – Home

District Calendar cont.

- 29 Baseball vs. Sparta
Middle School Volleyball vs. Chadwick – Home
- 30 Softball vs. Hartville - Home
Baseball vs. Hartville – Home
Conference Math Contest
Middle School Volleyball vs. Conway - Home

March 29- April 23 MAP testing will be held within this time period. Specific date will be announced later.

Closing

As the Holiday Season is upon us, it is a pleasant time to reflect upon the blessings which have been provided to us. One of the greatest blessings for Americans is to live in a free country where we have free public education and the ability to improve ourselves through that edification. In my profession, I have the privilege to observe children developing at all levels – from Pre-School to Post-Graduate. Our students would not be able to reach their fullest potential without the constant guidance, nurturing, and loving hands of those whom interact with them on a daily basis. From a child’s first step onto a bus until that last school bell sounds, it is our goal to impact children in a positive manner.

Fortunately for the Fordland R-III School District, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has given the Annual Performance Report (APR) for our district in regards to student performance. This report demonstrated that the R-III District met all fourteen (14) of the performance areas, along with two additional bonus points. This outstanding performance illustrates the hard work and commitment to education by all stakeholders of the educational community, as this unsurpassed score of 16/14 is the absolute best achievement Fordland Schools has ever received. I wanted to take this special opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishment of our outstanding district, as well as thank all students, parents, school employees and school officials for their additional efforts in obtaining this extraordinary honor. (Please note: Fordland Schools in 2002, would have only been provisionally accredited with a C average)

In ending, I would like to wish you and your family the warmest wishes over the Holidays. Please take the time along with Fordland Schools to replace the letters of DESE, APR, MAP, etc., with those of PEACE, LOVE, and JOY. May you and your loved ones add to those warm memories, timeless melodies, sights and sounds that help to construct the wonder of this Holiday Season.

Happy Holidays,

Brian R. Wilson

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BOXHOLDER



Parents As Teachers & Fordland Preschool News

Winter 2009

Christy Crowe: Parent Educator, Parents as Teachers Prenatal to Kindergarten Program

Laura Hendershot, M.Ed.: Director/Teacher, Fordland "Little Eagles" Preschool

Judy Williams: Preschool Teacher Assistant

Holly Page: Preschool Teacher Assistant



PAT PROGRAM



Parents As Teachers (PAT) is a free and voluntary program available in every school district in Missouri. The PAT program offers the following services to all families with children from prenatal to kindergarten age:

- Personal visits with a certified PAT parent educator
- Group meetings about relevant topics and activities
- Screening of overall development including: language, concepts, motor, social, hearing, vision, and health
- Helps to link families with resources or other services that may be needed

Dear Parents,

You are your child's first and most important teacher and your home is your child's first "school" house! You and your child deserve the support that PAT offers by providing developmental information. PAT can help you lay a strong foundation for your child's future success in school. If you are not enrolled and would like to give me the opportunity to be a part of your child's education, please call 767-2307 and we can get our first appointment scheduled! I look forward to hearing from you!

Christy

Parents As Teachers National Center

<http://www.parentsasteachers.org>



Reminder: If the school decides to dismiss for a snow day I will not be able to make it to your home for our visit! I will call you and get our appointment rescheduled. Please call me if I am unable to reach you.

Group Meetings

We have had two group meetings and they have been a HUGE success this year! Our first group meeting was held on parent/teacher night in the gym where the children made fire trucks. Our local Fordland Fire Department and the LR Fire Department were there to speak to the children about fire safety. The LR Fire department brought the Safehouse and taught the children how to get out of the home during a fire, the children learned through this hands-on experience. Thank you so much for the Fordland Fire Department for paying for the smoke needed for the Safehouse and for helping us with the children, we could not have done it without your help. We greatly appreciate all that you do!

Our second group meeting this year was a Nature Scavenger Hunt at the Fordland City Park. We had a great turnout and hope next year we will have even more children come and experience the fun. The children had a great time listening to the clues and figuring them out. Once they got to a clue they had to collect a variety of nature items including: bark, leaves, rocks, acorns, moss, etc. While following the clues, the children had to use their thinking skills and observe concepts including: colors, shapes, one-to-one number correspondence, under-over, tall-short, the use of objects, etc. The kids had a great time and it was fun for the parents as well!!





Upcoming Joint Group Meetings for PAT and Preschool Families

December 14th
 10-11 am
 Preschool Building
 Having a **Tea Party** for the girls with their mothers!

January 11th
 10-11 am
 Preschool Building

“Messy Play is OKAY”

We will be doing a group meeting for the boys and their fathers in March. We want to do something outdoors in warmer weather!

*Preschool Advisory Committee will have a brief meeting during these group meetings. Please come join us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Notes:

Upcoming Themes:

December themes: Colors; International Holidays

January themes: Gingerbread Baby; Diversity in Cultures; Author Study – Jan Brett (The Hat & The Mitten) Fun with Snow

Important Dates: December 22nd – Preschool Winter Parties – sign up sheet in cubby area at the preschool.

December 23rd – No Preschool

December 24th-January 3rd – Winter Break

January 4th – Back to School

January 11th – No Preschool (Professional Development)

PRESCHOOL SCREENING WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH OR APRIL-NOTICE WILL APPEAR IN THE NEWSPAPER.



The Dolly Parton Imagination Library

This is a free program for families that provides children from birth to three years with a free book each month. More information about the program is available through PAT. If you would like to enroll your child please contact Christy at 767-2307.

I would like to thank the following people for their sponsorship: **Mike Cunningham, State Representative, Marsha Burke of Springfield, and Lorelee Baughman of Fordland.** If you would like to sponsor a child, the cost is \$30 per year. Contact Christy for more information on being a sponsor!

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

<http://www.dollysimginationlibrary.com>

