



**FOREST PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PARENT BULLETIN  
October 1, 2021**

*"Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other." Walter Elliot*

<b>IMPORTANT DATES: October</b>
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Tuesday, October 5th	FP Welcome Back Bingo Night; 6:00pm- 7:30pm
Monday, October 11th	No School- Columbus Day
Wednesday, October 13th	PTO Meeting; 6:45pm (Cafeteria)
Thursday, October 28th	Asynchronous Learning Day/PD Day
Friday, October 29th	Trunk or Treat; 6:00pm

**Student of the Month and Eagle Awards:** Next Friday, October 8th, we will hold our Student of the Month/Eagle Award assembly for September. We will do these meetings virtually after every month until it is safe for us to all meet in the cafeteria.

Classroom teachers will select a grade-level Student of the Month and a grade-level Eagle Award Recipient each month. Students of the Month are selected based on Academic Excellence, Perseverance and/or Growth. Eagle Awards recipients are selected based on our school-wide behavioral expectations (EAGLE- Effort, Attitude, Giving respect, Lending a Hand and Excellence).

**Bingo Night:** Here is the [flyer](#) for next Tuesday’s Bingo Night. If you will be attending, please [RSVP](#) using the embedded link. At this time, our plan is to be outside. If you would like to [volunteer](#) or [bring a snack](#), please click on the embedded links and let the PTO know.

**Updates to RIDOH Recommendations:**

The RI Department of Health has updated the guidelines for Covid. The updated recommendations are what was used last year in schools. The focus is to keep our schools open and our children healthy and in their classrooms. With this new guidance, we ask that you continue to screen your children at home for symptoms of illness. This is an important step in keeping contagious illnesses out of our schools. Thank you for your continued support in keeping Forest Park families safe and healthy.

**Update: How to Respond When Someone Has COVID-19 Symptoms**

Topic	Previous Recommendation	*New Recommendation
Which symptomatic people need to isolate, go home, and present a negative test in order to return to school?	Individuals with new onset of any one (1) symptom of COVID-19 need to isolate, go home, and get a test.	Option A: People with new onset of any one (1) symptom of COVID-19 need to isolate, go home, and get tested. <b>Option B:</b>

		Use case clinical criteria, such that people with one (1) major symptom or two (2) minor symptoms of COVID-19 need to isolate, go home, and get tested
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*\*this does not preclude school nurse teachers from using their professional judgement to send students home with one symptom so that students can rest and not infect others.*

**Not All Symptoms of COVID-19 Make Someone a Probable Case**

- Any ONE symptom= Probable
  - Cough (new)
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - New loss of taste or smell
- Any TWO symptoms= Probable
  - Fever or Chills
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headaches
  - Sore throat
  - Fatigue
  - Congestion or runny nose (new)
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea

**Updated: Unvaccinated Household Members of Someone with Symptoms**

Topic	Previous Recommendation	New Recommendation
Sending home siblings/household members(s) of individuals with symptoms while the symptomatic individual awaits testing results	All unvaccinated siblings that are asymptomatic or symptomatic should be sent home pending the symptomatic individuals test results	Allow asymptomatic siblings/household members (both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated) to remain in school pending test results for the symptomatic individuals