



FOREST RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Welcome Back Falcon Families!

We are going to have an incredible year! Flexibility is most definitely a strength of our whole school community. Here's to a smooth and fun start for everyone. Office staff have been here since the start of the month working hard to prepare for staff and students to return. Teachers have started coming in on their own time as they plan for full classes this fall. We are so very excited to see each of your children! Below are some answers to questions you may have as we return from a toasty summer break. If you have other questions, please don't hesitate to call our office. **(503) 399-5548**

Kindergarten Orientation

Before our Meet and Greet, we will have a special session to learn about Kindergarten at Forest Ridge.

We ask that families have one adult bring their kindergartener, so we can keep our numbers low. If you cannot make it to the orientation, join us at the Meet and Greet. Your kindergartener's teacher will give you a handout with some of the information presented at the Kindergarten Orientation.

Tuesday, September 7th, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. at Forest Ridge.

Meet and Greet

WHAT: A time for your child to meet their teacher and drop off their supplies. We ask that families have one adult bring their children, so we can keep our numbers low. It will be a brief visit to keep the flow of people moving. We cannot wait to see the smiling eyes of our students! We will have classes posted outside the front of the building. Several staff who work with all students (P.E., Music, Library and Counselor), will be out front or walking around the outside of the building.

WHERE: Once you find the teacher's name, you will be able to take your child around the outside of the building to enter through their classroom door.

Masks are required to enter the school building. You will notice a QR code to sign in electronically, or you can sign a paper by the class door. We are required to document anyone who enters our building. Students will enter classes each morning from those outer doors, so this will be helpful for your child to see how to find it. We will have outer door maps available.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 7th

We are staggering times to help limit long lines waiting to meet teachers.

Last Names Beginning with:	Join us During This Time:
A - H	4:30 – 4:55 p.m.
I - Q	5:00 – 5:25 p.m.
R - Z	5:30 – 5:55 p.m.

If you cannot make the time listed for your child's last name, please come at one of the other listed times.

Family Involvement This Year

We are starting the year with continued involvement through the Parent Teacher Club. Look for an upcoming calendar of dates/times for PTC meetings this year. Whether we use Zoom or meet in person (or both), there is a lot of information that will be shared through the meetings. The hope is to have collaboration with even more of our families, as your ideas and voice are important to our school community.

We are also in need of more Optimal Learning Environments (OLE) charter families to become part of the OLE Board. Please reach out to our office if you are interested.

Communication

This year we will continue to communicate with families through these Forest Ridge and OLE webpages listed below. Thursday Thoughts is our weekly newsletter for families. You will find it on our webpages and our Facebook page. Once staff return, we will have those updated.

Forest Ridge <https://forestridge.salkeiz.k12.or.us/>

OLE Charter <https://ole.salkeiz.k12.or.us/>

Here is the link for our [school supply lists](#) by grade (click the blue underlined words).

For district wide dates, here is the link to the [district calendar](#).

We are also learning other ways to connect and communicate with you. Parent Square is a system that combines the idea of the Remind app and the School Messenger calling/emailing system. You will get more information as the district transfers over to it at some point this year.

Emailing your child's teacher is another effective form of communication. Sometimes the teacher may not get back to you until the next day. If it is something more urgent or specific to the office, please do not hesitate to call us.

I am looking forward to getting to know each of you and being part of this staff of educators who pour their hearts out daily through their highly skilled teaching, purposeful guiding and deep caring for each of your children. We'll see you on the 7th!

Warmly,

Shamika Cleveland, Principal