

Forest Manor Public School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 6

Interesting Feature

Excellence, Opportunity, & Caring School

Forest Manor's vision is comprised of three key areas:

- 1) Academic excellence is our main focus, with an emphasis on reading, writing, and mathematics. Teachers provide students with specific learning goals, success criteria, and descriptive feedback in order for students to learn effectively.
- 2) Our second priority is providing students with a wide range of opportunities to be successful and to develop holistically.
- 3) Our third priority involves providing a safe and caring learning environment that involves parents and the wider school community.

Forest Manor Public School Part of the Pack

Forest Manor Public School is located on the southeast side of the Don Mills Rd. and Sheppard Ave. East intersection. The immediate area is comprised of rental and condominium high-rise apartment buildings and townhouses. The school first opened 40 years ago and includes a new addition with eight classrooms and two seminar rooms. The school serves over 740 students representing almost 50 different languages. Almost two-thirds of the students speak English as a second language.

The El-Ad group is redeveloping the area around the school. Over the next 10 years, several existing buildings will be demolished and replaced with new condominium towers and townhouses. A community centre, housing a daycare, will also be built.

Resource Centre

Forest Manor has a very unique Special Education/ESL Resource Reception Centre. The Centre includes Resource teachers assigned to support students in each grade, ESL teachers who provide a reception program for students with little or no English and a Learning Disability teacher for students in the junior grades. Forest Manor has an Educational Assistant who implements "Talking for Literacy," an oral language program for students in Grade 1.





Early Learning Supports

Forest Manor participates in the "Kindergarten Early Language Intervention (KELI) Program," an oral language and early literacy development program for SK students and the "Welcome to Kindergarten Program," a workshop designed to help newly registered JK students develop school readiness skills and to provide each family with a bag of materials (e.g., playdoh, scissors).



Reading Initiatives

Forest Manor encourages reading outside of classroom time in a number of ways. Teachers promote reading at home through the use of Book Bags, Reading Logs, and Reading Response Journals. There are clubs such as Silver Birch and Silver Birch Express as well as the Accelerated Reader Program which allows students to choose books and take quizzes on the computer.



Settlement and Education Partnership

Forest Manor is involved in the Settlement and Education Partnerships in Toronto (SEPT). The program aims at connecting families to settlement services in the community and the School Board and hopes to promote student performance by facilitating the settlement and integration of newcomer families into Canadian society.



Community Use of School

Forest Manor is in use 7 days a week by groups that permit the school (Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music, Parks & Recreation, Tai Chi, Agincourt Pentecostal Church, Toronto Hawks, Scouts About). Also, every spring the whole school community comes together for Arts Night.



Additional Features

- Platinum Level Eco-School
- Ontario Science Centre Partnership
- Family Nights
- Turtle House Art-Play Centre
- Toronto School on the Move/Fit for
- Parks and Rec After School Program
- Digital Learning
- Four A's Incentive Program



Student Life - Where You Belong

Students have many opportunities to be involved, as a committed group of staff offers many types of extra-curricular activities. There are options that include physical activity - cross country, volleyball, basketball, gymnastics, soccer, track and field, walking, and gym games. There are clubs related to the arts - folk dancing, primary and junior choirs, sketching/drawing, and drama. There are also general clubs that include board games, chess, cooking, math, puzzles, and scrapbooking and environmentally focussed activities such as Blue Box Recycling, Tetra Pak Collectors, and "Lights Off" Supervisors.

To recognize student contributions and achievements, we have a recognition program called the 4 A's Incentive Program. The 4 A's are: Academics/Achievement, Action, Attitude, and Activities. Students can receive recognition stickers for each term for each of the 4 A's to go towards an annually awarded 4 A's Certificate. Students are encouraged to participate and excel in the whole school life.



What Sets Us Apart

Forest Manor is a team-based school. All of the teachers work in grade, support or specialty teams. The teachers collaborate around the delivery of curriculum to meet the needs of their students. They become role models for the students who are also expected to work together as defined by the TDSB character attributes, "teamwork and cooperation." The staff is very committed to their own learning and participate in many professional development opportunities at the school and system level.

Forest Manor places significant emphasis on the school Code of Conduct so that everyone experiences a safe and caring environment. All staff members hold high and consistent expectations for student behaviour. September is Code of Conduct month and it culminates with an Assembly that highlights many other character attributes such as "respect, kindness and caring."

Forest Manor believes in strong partnerships. When staff, parents and students work together all students have the best chance to learn to their full potential and to develop positive interpersonal relationships.





Parent and Community Engagement

- Community Partnerships - Fairview Library, Oriole Community Centre, Foodland, Fire Station, 33 Division Toronto Police
- Educational Partnerships - Ontario Science Centre, George Brown CYW Program, Centennial and Seneca ECE Programs, Secondary School Co-Op Education Programs, Teacher Candidates from numerous Faculties of Education (U of T, UOIT, Nippissing, Medaille, Queen's)
- Parent Partnerships - School Council, Monthly "Meet and Greet", Volunteers for library, classrooms and excursions, parents as "experts" when planning cultural celebrations units, "Family Night" in each grade, Parenting Courses
- Other Partnerships - Liaison with Parkway Forest Daycare, Toronto Parks and Recreation, Toronto Public Health, The Learning Partnership (partners in the "Welcome to Kindergarten Program"), Parkway Forest Community Association



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.



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