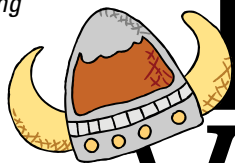


OUR MISSION

To educate students to become life-long learners who are knowledgeable, respectful, and responsible citizens.



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A Message from Dr. Schwamb

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On a musical note our series of scheduled musical performances began with a concert on November 4th provided by students in the seventh and eighth grade orchestra under the direction of Ms. Katie Rowan. Forsythe's choir concert also performed on December 2nd under the direction of Ms. Alice Tillman and our 7th and 8th grade band performances occurred on December 9th under the direction of Mr. Cary Kocher. All of the students performed wonderfully, providing evenings filled with beautiful music. All of our sixth, seventh and eighth graders were also treated to a daytime musical assembly where our music students performed, showcasing their talent, commitment and hard work.



Academically, the second quarter interim period (mid point of second quarter) ended on December 10th. Interim reports will be prepared and sent home with students on Friday, December 17th. As always, if you have any questions about your child's academic performance, I encourage you to speak with your son or daughter's classroom teachers or grade level counselor.

Student Council members and advisor Mr. Derek Lee sponsored a food drive in all advisory classes. All of the donated food will be given to the Salvation Army. The Student Council Food Drive is a wonderful way for students to help others in our community who are less fortunate.

School will be closed from December 18th - January 2nd for Winter Break. Classes will resume on Monday, January 3rd. As we approach the Holiday Season, on behalf of all the members of the Forsythe Middle School family, I would like to wish you and your family Happy and Healthy Holidays!

Sincerely,
Dr. Janet Schwamb
Principal



Non-Discrimination Policy:

No person shall be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any educational program or activity available in any school on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, political belief, age, national origin, linguistic and language differences, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, height, weight, marital or familial status, or disability

November Student of the Month

6th Grade:
Morgan Eddins

7th Grade:
Katherine Arnett

8th Grade:
Kevin Zhang

November Character Awards: Empathy

Tim Stolyarov
Sarah Goodman
Jackson Catchot

Alexander McMath
Teya Bond
Nicole Kim
Brendan Schmidt
Logan Bolt
Caden Bielawa
Elizabeth Irwin

Madeline Goodson
Abe Rycus
Emma Sowder



Congratulations To Forsythe's KNOWLEDGE MASTER OPEN CLUB !

A team of 40 students from the Forsythe Knowledge Master Open Club came in 1st out of 11 teams in Michigan when they competed on Tuesday. Nationally, the Viking Auks placed in the top 1%, as we were #5 out of 543 teams in the country. Our score was 1,666 out of a perfect 2000, compared to the state average score of 1,301 and the national average of 1,189. Second place in Michigan was Chippewa Middle School, in Okemos, with 1,629. A team from Tappan finished 5th in the state, with a score of 1370.

Falls Church Middle School in Falls Church, VA, was first in the nation, with 1,758 points. Also, KMO announced that Forsythe was first place in the nation in schools with over 500 students.

KMO is an academic competition that tests teams' ability to answer questions in all the subject areas quickly and accurately. The Forsythe KMO Club meets every Tuesday after school in Mr. Ezekiel's room and is open to all students in all grades. The next competition is in January and will be for 6th graders only.

The competition consisted of 200 multiple choice questions, with 5 answer choices each. Teams have up to a minute to answer each question. To get a perfect 10 points, teams need to answer the question correctly within 7 seconds of seeing it. Forsythe got 190 questions right on the first try. If teams are wrong, they get a second chance to answer, again within one minute. Of the ten questions Forsythe got wrong on the first try, they got nine right on the second try, leaving only one question incorrect. (Now we know that a biography of Luther Burbank was titled *Here a Fruit, There a Fruit, Everywhere a Fruit, Fruit*. : >

The teams are not allowed to use any reference materials, only paper and pencil to work math problems.

We want to thank team parents Mrs. Isaac, Mrs. Cohn, and Mrs. Arnett who helped us get set up.



The club members who competed in this competition were:

6th Grade:

Tommy Cohn
Shreeman Nimmagadda
Samiksha Prakash
Jacob Schneyer

7th Grade:

Katie Arnett
Elaine Chamberlain
Janine Chouinard
Reshma Desai
Tara Dorje
Abe Ellison
Athena Goppold
Joshua Nacht
Anjuli Patel
Ben Pinsky
Sandy Schwartz
Deanna Shih
Kotone Tsuji
Michelle Wang
Charlie Wertenberger

8th Grade:

Veronika Bayer
Angelina Bielby
Morgan Borjigin-Wang
Thurindu Caldera
Marianne Cowherd
Jason Dean
Alex Ford
Taylor Haggarty
Betty Hu
Conor Martone
Derick McIntyre
David Morrow
Lawrence Mullen
Stephen Nurushev
Kavin Pawitranon
Mercedes Ramon
Sorbie Richner
Erik Sanderson-Gull
Noah Thornton
Jeffrey Xu
Kevin Zhang

COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

CAREER AWARENESS DAY: 6TH GRADE

The first Career Awareness Day of this school year was held on Thursday, November 18. A big thank you to all the parents and staff for their time to make this event a wonderful success. The presenters shared information about their occupations and the skills and education necessary for employment in their field. They are a very valuable resource to students for motivation and in linking academic skills to employability skills.

Jacquelyn Stoupe

Presenter

Career

Student

Mr. Jesse Green

U.S.Coast Guard

Taran Green

Ms. Angie Rasmussen

Real Estate-Realtor

MacKenzie Rasmussen

Ms. Yu-Yuan Pan

Pharmacy-Pharmacist

Wynton Huang

Dr. Linda McAllister-Lucas

Medical-Pediatric Oncologist

Maxwell Lucas

Ms. Shana Milkie

Freelance Indexer

Jackson Krebsbach

Mr. Pete Siers

Music-Musician

Charlie Siers

Dr. Jane Banaszak-Holl

Education-Associate Professor of
Public Health

Halley Banaszak-Holl

Ms. Rula Bawardi

Catering-Event Planner

Salma Bawardi

Dr. Kelly Orringer

Medical-Pediatrician

Katie Orringer

Ms. Emily Van Ark

Scientist, Peace Corps, Business

(Student teacher)

Dr. Rob Ernst

Medical-Internal Medicine

Caleb Ernst



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SCIENCE FAIR 2011

Mark your calendars for the **Forsythe Science Fair 2011** to be held **February 11-14, 2011!**

Planning, building, research and experimental work continue for the Forsythe Science Fair. All 6th graders need to hand in their preliminary report before the holiday break; there will be lots of time in January to revise and clarify your reports and perhaps refine the experiments or data analysis. 7th and 8th graders have more flexibility and responsibility for completing their projects. **It is not too late to start a project.** If you don't know where to start, check out the **science fair website** and links and the **science fair book shelf** in the media center. What items in the news have you been curious about exploring? What questions would you like to find the answers to? Talk to your science teacher and the **media specialist, Ms. Chmura**, if you need help finding relevant books and web sites. Our media center has a **huge selection of reference books and books available for check-out on all kinds of science and technology topics, including ecology and the environment, energy, food, chemistry, astronomy, sports science, plants and animals, technology and in- novations, medicine and behavior, to name just a few.** Check out the **home page of the school web site** for a link to **lots of information on the science fair:** FAQ's, judging criteria, formats, a bibliography guide, schedule, volunteer opportunities and helpful links. Your teachers should also be able explain any class-specific expectations. Participation is required for sixth graders. 7th & 8th graders will receive extra credit for completing a project and should be starting the process **now**. Display boards will be on sale in January after school. Important dates and reminders are below:

Do Project: now through early February, 2011

Online Registration: January 10 – 27 (note earlier close)

Project Setup: Friday, February 11, 2011 (until 5:00 PM)

Open House & Awards: Sunday, February 13, 2011 (12:00-4:00 PM)

Student Viewing & Take Home: Monday, February 14, 2010



Experiments: Students design a project to answer a question based on a **hypothesis**, decide on **variables**, gather and interpret **data**, write an experimental **report** and make a **display** with the proper format including procedure, analysis and conclusion, bibliography and ideas for further exploration. This kind of project allows the student to generate new information to share with students, families and judges.

Models and Collections: Includes anything that is not an experiment. (Discuss with your teacher if you are not sure.) This could be a **demonstration**, a **model** with a detailed explanation (for example, a river watershed), or a researched description of how something works (for example, solar power, a guitar amplifier, a deadbolt lock). This kind of project allows the student to become an expert on a particular area of interest.

Remember: Allow time to think out your experimental design; it may save you lots of work later. Be sure to talk to your teachers if you hit a bump in the road. They have lots of ideas and they want you to learn and succeed! As encouragement to do your very best work on design, research and presentation, we are working on ideas for the 36 winners (top six in each category and grade) to go on a special science-related field trip in the spring. Last year's winners walked to the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum for free time to explore and for workshops on forensics and anatomical dissection.

Judging Criteria Summary: [See complete list on FAQ page on Science Fair page of school web site]

- o Creativity: creative approach to problem-solving, data analysis, and research to answer questions
- o Scientific thought: follows scientific method with logical stated design, variables and conclusions
- o Thoroughness and clarity: ≥ 3 appropriate references, correct grammar & spelling, presentation is clear, sequential, neat, attractive (typed or in ink, readable), work shows effort and attention to detail

Dave Flesher, Robin Hess and Karen Jacobson
2011 Science Fair Co-chairs

email: ForsytheSciFair@sbcglobal.net
web site: forsythe.a2schools.org

RAISE FUNDS FOR FORSYTHE BY SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES

The Forsythe PTSO is asking all Forsythe Families to enroll in one (or more) of the following Grocery Rewards programs.



These stores will contribute a percentage of each Family's Grocery purchases to the Forsythe PTSO.

These programs do not incur any cost to join, or affect any other rewards programs you may already be using with these stores.

At Kroger and Plum Market you simply show your keychain card at checkout. Busch's and Hiller's require a separate rewards card that the PTSO can provide you with.

All stores require a quick signup process, and most are available online.

Please email or call the PTSO with the stores you shop at most frequently and we will help you through the setup process.

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FORSYTHE SPORTS AND CLUBS

Season #3 Starts January 3rd

Sports offered: 6th - 7th & 8th grade boy's basketball, synchronized swim team. The 7th and 8th grade basketball teams will have tryouts when practices start.

ALL ATHLETES:

#1 Must have a current health physical and a one time athletic pay to participate fee of \$50 or a wavier of this fee handed in to Mr. Standbridge before you can practice or tryout!

Participation fee forms and wavier forms available through Mr. Standbridge.

#2 Attend your team's mandatory athletic meeting during the first full week of practice.

#3 <Must Be Academically Eligible> Eligibility-Grades, not failing TWO or more classes with an (U or E) or you may not participate on any of our Athletic-Sport Teams for season #3. Your Grade check that will be used for your eligibility will be at the end of Friday, December 10th.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIM TEAM

Co-Coaches: Lindsey Averill & Kelli Bert

PRACTICES START MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD

practices: 3:00-4:00 Monday - Tuesday & Thursday

After school buses available



THURSDAY 1/20/11

FORSYTHE @ SLAUSON figure meet 3:45

WEDNESDAY 2/11/11

FORSYTHE @ AAHURON routine meet 12:00

MENS 7TH GRADE BASKETBALL

COACH: Derek Lee Game Times @ 4:15



DAY	DATE OF GAME	VISITING TEAM	HOME TEAM	GAME TIME
MONDAY	1/3/11	FIRST PRACTICE		
WEDNESDAY	1/19/11	CLAGUE	FORSYTHE	4:15 PM
FRIDAY	1/21/11	SLAUSON	FORSYTHE	4:15 PM
THURSDAY	1/27/11	FORYSTHE	SCARLETT	4:15 PM
WEDNESDAY	2/2/11	FORSYTHE	TAPPAN	4:15 PM
FRIDAY	2/4/11	FORSYTHE	CLAGUE	4:15 PM
THURSDAY	2/8/11	FORSYTHE	SLAUSON	4:15 PM
TUESDAY	2/15/11	SCARLETT	FORSYTHE	4:15 PM
THURSDAY	2/17/11	TAPPAN	FORSYTHE	4:15 PM

MENS 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL

COACH: KARL WRIGHT Game Times @ 4:15

DAY	DATE OF GAME	VISITING TEAM	HOME TEAM	GAME TIME
MONDAY	1/3/11	FIRST PRACTICE		
WEDNESDAY	1/19/11	FORSYTHE	CLAGUE	4:15 PM
FRIDAY	1/21/11	FORSYTHE	SLAUSON	4:15 PM
THURSDAY	1/27/11	SCARLETT	FORYSTHE	4:15 PM
WEDNESDAY	2/2/11	TAPPAN	FORSYTHE	4:15 PM
FRIDAY	2/4/11	CLAGUE	FORSYTHE	4:15 PM
THURSDAY	2/8/11	SLAUSON	FORSYTHE	4:15 PM
TUESDAY	2/15/11	FORSYTHE	SCARLETT	4:15 PM
THURSDAY	2/17/11	FORSYTHE	TAPPAN	4:15 PM



6th Grade IM / Sport Boy's Basketball

Schedule 10'-11' Coach Eric Purcell

TUESDAY 1/4/11 FIRST PRACTICES*

FRIDAY 1/21/11 FORSYTHE @ SLAUSON RED 3:45 PM

THURSDAY 2/10/11 AAOPEN @ FORSYTHE 3:45 PM



6th/7th 78th Grade IM / Sport Boy's & Girl's Swim Team

Coach Maureen (Mo) Isaac

MONDAY 2/ 14 /11 FIRST PRACTICES*

WEDNESDAY 3/16/11 TBA 2:00 start /1:15 pick-up

WEDNESDAY 3/30/11 TBA 2:00 start

FORSYTHE MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS

3 - 4PM

QUARTER # 2 • NOV/DEC/JAN

Club Director: Bill Standbridge

PRACTICE CLUB / MUSIC

Thursday/ Room #103-band
Mr. Kocher/Ms.Overhiser

PERFORMING ARTS

Tuesday & Thursday Room #111
Mr. Purcell



KMO

Tuesday/ Room #513
Mr./ Ezekiel

RECYCLING / ENVIRONMENTAL

Thursday/ Room #601
Mr.English




ROBOTICS

Thursday (2hrs.)
3-5pm, no buses after 4 pm
Room #113
Mrs. Snapke / Mrs.Eiler

Math Counts/ TBA

Wednesday Room #325 3-4:30
No after school bus
Mr. Chen

*The above clubs will meet ONE time per week
for ONE hour / 3-4 depending on sections*



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Parent/Principal Coffee/Conversation Hour

**Tuesday, January 25
8:30 - 9:30 AM**

***Principal's Conference Room,
Main Office***

*All PTSO communications
will now be sent through
Forsythe Middle School's email
communication system.
Please alert the House Office
secretary if your
email address changes.*

The Viking News comes out monthly when the interim and quarterly grade reports go home (about every 4 1/2 weeks).

The submission deadline is 8 days before grade reports are sent home.

Lakshmi Shetty is the newsletter editor for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact her for any submissions to the newsletter — email and phone are as follows:

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go to the Forsythe PTSO website page address:

<http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/forsythe.home/ptso>

CALENDAR 2011 January 3 - February 4

JANUARY Monday 3

School resumes

3-14

8th grade in school High school transition workshops with counselor

Friday 14

MLK student assembly- auditorium

Monday 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, school is closed

Wednesday 19

KMO 6th grade 8:00-10:30 AM

Tuesday 25

Principal/Parent Coffee /Conversation Hour

8:30-9:30 AM - Principal's Conference Room- Main Office

Gr. 6th grade Band/Orch/Choir Concert @ 7:30 -9:00PM-Auditorium

Thursday 27

5th grade students visit for music concert 1:45-2:50 PM

Friday 28

End of 1st Semester

Fun Night 6:00-8:00 PM

Monday 31

No school for Middle/High School students- teacher grading day

FEBRUARY Tuesday 1

First day of Second Semester

PTSO meeting @ 6:30 PM – Media Center

Gr. 6/7 Parent 2011-12 Curriculum/Elective Course information meeting (Transition Night) @7:30 PM

Wednesday 2

Solo and Ensemble Recital, 7:30-8:30pm

8th graders input HS course selections

Thursday 3

8th Strings special combines Rehearsal, 1st hour room 103

Friday 4

Quarter 2 grade reports sent home with students