About Forest Brook

The Forest Brook Elementary School is dedicated to creating a safe, caring, and nurturing school environment that teaches students the skills necessary to become independent thinkers and learners. Our goal is to guide students to become productive and valuable members of society who can go out into the world to make it a better place. To meet our goals, we implement a rigorous curriculum at each grade level that supports the developmental process and allows students to progress at their own pace.

Welcome Back Students

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REMEMBER!!
Please obey the stop signs and the 30mph speed limit.
Thank You, The Forest Brook Community
Dear Forest Brook Families,

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year. I am privileged and honored to return to Hauppauge as your Interim Principal and look forward to working with our dedicated staff, wonderful students and supportive parents.

As we begin the school year, I am committed to working with you as a team to foster an atmosphere that promotes child centered instruction and decisions, academic excellence, trust and rapport. It’s a parent’s enthusiasm, support and involvement that inspire children to do their best work, and a teacher’s ability to teach what they need to learn. Together, we can create wonderful things.

This summer, many of our teachers have been preparing for the introduction of iPads to be used with fourth grade students. They have attended Professional Workshops and are getting ready to implement new instructional strategies with various Apps.

I would like to extend a big thank you to our secretarial and custodial staff, who have worked diligently throughout the summer to prepare our school for the start of a new school year. In closing, thank you for your commitment to your child’s education. I look forward to meeting you at one of our school events in the near future.

Sincerely,

Matthew Giordano
Interim Principal

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**SCHOLASTIC FALL BOOK FAIR**

The Forest Brook PTA Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Tuesday, October 8th and Wednesday, October 9th. You will soon be receiving information when your child will be attending the Book Fair. You are welcome to accompany your child to assist in their selection.

You are also invited to attend our Evening Book Fair along with meeting held by our legislator John Kennedy at the Hauppauge High School on Wednesday, October 9th from 7:00-8:30pm.

Cash, Check (make payable to FBPTA) or Credit Cards will be accepted. Tax is additional.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact:
Helen Tsiabasis - 361-6018 • Email htsiabasis@optonline.net.
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Dear Families of Forest Brook,

It is my honor and a privilege to write to you as a third term Forest Brook PTA President. It is a responsibility I do not take lightly and promise to uphold the position in the highest standard.

As we gear into 2013-2014 school year, there are many changes and challenges ahead of us. At both local and federal levels there are mandates and procedures that are taking affect which will impact how our children will be educated. I would like you to take the time to familiarize yourself with some issues concerning these matters.

Here are two actions to be aware of: 
**Hauppauge Parents Advocacy Group (HPAG)** was established in the summer of 2013 to advocate for the educational values of our children. This grassroots movement is one driven by loss of local control and excessive high-stakes testing of our children. Please visit www.hpag.us for more information on how you can be part of the letter writing campaign.

The **Family Engagement in Education Act** of 2013 is currently being considered by the Congress. For more on this important legislation please visit http://www.pta.org/files/FEE%20Act%20Summary.pdf

How else can you be involved?
- Support your PTA by becoming a card carrying member of FBPTA
- Come to PTA/SEPTA/Board of Ed meetings and hear it first hand
- Volunteer your time

Together we will achieve great things. I look forward to working with you hand in hand and as always, you can reach me at any time if you have questions and/or concerns.

Best,

La Young Trantum
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**ARE YOU CONNECTED??**

Are you tired of all the notices that come home and not being able to find the information when you need it? FBPTA is transitioning into going paperless and being GREEN. Sign up for FBPTA email blast to get the latest information on what is happening at Forest Brook right at your finger tips.

To subscribe please email: LaYoungTrantum@gmail.com with the following info:
- Parent Name, Email address,
- Child/Children’s name and grade at Forest Brook
Our Kindergarteners are having fun making new friends and learning school routines. We’ve talked about school rules, taking turns, and how to be a friend to others. We listened to the book, Have You Filled a Bucket Today? By Carol McCloud. Together, we are learning how to express kindness and help each other feel special. We will also be reading another book, Brown Bear, Brown Bear . . . in English and Spanish! In addition, we are looking forward to our “Kindergarten Apple Day,” our 1st Forest Brook Harvest Festival and Halloween Parade.
Your Partner For Success...
Support Forest Brook PTA

When the PTA gets involved, children benefit.
When you get involved with the PTA, the child who benefits most is your own.

The Forest Brook Elementary PTA invites you to support our school and our children by becoming a general member of our PTA. Your participation in this program will not only earn you special benefits but the proceeds help us reach our goals for the year.

Everyone can become a supporter- memberships are just $10 per person. Our GOAL is 100% participation meaning at least one member per child and staff member. Any and all family members can become a member- Moms, Dads, Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents and Community members. These memberships will help fund the following activities and services for your student:

Assemblies • Carnival • Fall Festival • Family Fun Nights
Healthy Snack Day • Newsletters • Reflection Contest • PARP Program
School Directory • Teacher Appreciation • Yearbook
... and so much more!

Members also enjoy discounts from the following:
Hertz • MetLife • OfficeMax • SHARP • T-Mobil

Please fill out the form below and return it in an envelope marked "PTA Membership" to your child's teacher. Make checks payable to FBPTA. If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact: Joanne DiVito -Vice President- Forest Brook PTA-@724-5314 or joannedivito@verizon.net

FOREST BROOK SCHOOL PTA 2013/2014
MEMBERSHIP $10.00 per ADULT

Parent/Guardian Name ________________________________
Phone # ________________________________
Child's Name ________________________________
Class/Teacher ________________________________
E-mail Address ________________________________

Mom ____________________
Dad ____________________
Family Member ____________
Staff ______________
Other ____________________

Please check one

Please make checks payable to Forest Brook PTA
Optional Donations Gratefully accepted: $5____ $10____ $15____ other $____

**Please send to school in sealed envelope labeled "PTA Membership"**

HELP SPONSOR THE FOREST BROOK PTA, BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!!!
How many of you have had those mornings when your son or daughter wakes up and doesn’t want to go to school? Many times if they do not have a fever it can be hard to tell in those first few minutes before the bus arrives whether or not the child is really ill. What about the child who was sick yesterday, but seems better today and WANTS to go to school? The following are some guidelines to help you decide.

**Fever:** If your child’s temperature is 100.4 or above keep them home and encourage them to drink plenty of fluids. Please remember that if your child has a fever they must be fever free for twenty four hours WITHOUT MEDICINE before coming back to school. If a student is sent home from school the same rule applies.

**Pink Eye:** If your child has pink eye the school policy is that the child must stay home until they have been taking eye drops for 48 hours.

**Head Lice:** Children must stay home until there are no nits. Upon returning to school the student will be checked by the school nurse.

**Diarrhea or Vomiting:** The student must stay home until 24 hours AFTER the last episode. If your child is sent home after vomiting in school they will not be able to return until after the 24 hour period.

**Sore Throat:** Symptoms of Strep Throat include severe sore throat, headache and stomach upset. If your child has these symptoms they must be evaluated for strep throat. Mild sore throats may come to school.

**Rash:** Any rash of unknown origin must be seen and identified by a physician. Nurses are not permitted by law to diagnose rashes. Many skin rashes are highly contagious.

**Bad Cough/Cold Symptoms:** Children with bad coughs should be seen by their family doctor to ensure that it’s not pneumonia or bronchitis. Children may come to school with a cough.

**Mild Cough/Runny Nose:** If there is no fever your child should come to school.

*Please remember that the school nurse may not administer any medication, even OTC’s without written consent from the parent and a written prescription from the doctor.* This is New York State Law and failure of a nurse to follow this law could result in the loss of his/her license.
Our parent volunteers worked around the clock on Sept 11th to help FB teachers with all their publishing needs. Thanks go out to Maria Torquato, Helen Tsiabasis, Lisa Lalli, Patti Gutzeit, Maureen Napolitano, Maureen Moleti, Grace Sancore, Joanne DiVito, Jennifer Reidy, Roseann Errante, Beata Swienc and many more who made mountain of work disappear.

The Forest Brook PTA started out the year by hosting a Back to School Staff Appreciation Breakfast. Thanks to all the parents who contributed all the goodies!
On Wednesday, September 11th, a flag ceremony was held to honor the memories of our fallen heros.
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**Newsletter Editor:** Maureen Napolitano
If you have any ideas for articles, please feel free to email me at mnapoli90@hotmail.com

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**NURSE**
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- Mr. Josh Lieberman

**P.T.**
- TBD

**P. E.**
- Mr. David Smith

**P. E.**
- Mrs. Jessica Sheehan

**READING/AIS**
- Mrs. LuAnne Audus

**READING/AIS**
- Mrs. Kelly Hyland

**READING/AIS**
- Ms. Eve Nagler

**PSYCHOLOGIST**
- Mrs. Sharon Steinert

**PSYCHOLOGIST**
- Dr. Deborah Boruff

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- Mrs. Michele Karszen

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- Mr. Christopher Gordon

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- Mrs. Catherine MacDonald

**SPECIAL ED.**
- Mrs. Meaghan Ricker

**SPECIAL ED.**
- Ms. Dawn Lovejoy

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- Mr. William Boehle

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- Mrs. Susan Gold

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- Mrs. Jean-Marie Pagano

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- Mrs. Laura Gandolfo

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| 3-4 | Mrs. Laura Gandolfo |

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| 4-3 | Mrs. Deborah Fiorini |
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From the NYS PTA Advocacy Newsbriefs…September 2013

The Family Engagement in Education Act of 2013 is designed to support family capacity. This, in turn, leads to an increase in pupil achievement. Here are seven key components of the Family Engagement in Education Act of 2013:

1. Increase school district resources dedicated to family engagement;
2. Support school districts in developing and implementing standards-based policies and practices for family-school practices;
3. Establish state-wide Family Engagement in Education Centers;
4. Provide support for local Family Engagement Centers;
5. Allow states to use teacher/principal training and recruiting funds for family engagement staff development;
6. Require strategies for the transition of youth from correctional facilities; and
7. Improve existing law at no additional cost.

Congress is currently considering the Family Engagement in Education Act of 2013. It is vital that Congress hear from parents and families on why this legislation is important. You can visit www.PTA.org/TakeAction to email your member of Congress.

FOREST BROOK’S 5TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

Show your Hauppauge Spirit with the purchase of one or more of our Hauppauge items. Contact the 5th Grade Fundraising Committee on when and where to purchase.

6” Car Magnet $5
4” Car Magnet $2
Rhinestone Eagle Hat $15
20 oz Hot/Cold Tumbler $7

Free Canvas Bag with a Purchase of ALL 3 items
Bags sold individually cost $1
Welcome to First Grade!!! We hope you all had an amazing and memorable summer. Our incoming first graders arrived on September 9th eager to learn and to have an enriching year. We know that First Grade will be a year full of wonderful memories. Our first graders are looking forward to reading terrific books, writing incredible stories and sharpening their math skills. Our first graders will continue to build upon their Spanish skills with the help of Mrs. Maura-Rayo. They are also looking forward to going on field trips. This year, in November, we will be having two in school trips to learn about Colonial Times and about schools long ago. In addition, in November, first graders will be participating in a Thanksgiving show dressed as Native Americans and Pilgrims, and will have the chance to bake Thanksgiving desserts in their classrooms.

In the spring, first graders will be visiting Brookhaven Labs for some hands on experiments and will go to Patchogue Theatre to see "Henry and Mudge." Our big highlight this year will be an event that first graders look forward to every year: hatching chicks in our classroom! We look forward to a wonderful year full of memories and enriching activities!!

GET INVOLVED - SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN