

# FOREST PARK POWER REPORT

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**GOOD ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH IF BETTER IS EXPECTED AND THE BEST IS POSSIBLE.**

**From the Desk of the Administration:  
Mrs. Olson and Mrs. Waters**

The millage election is just around the corner on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The election is for a 20 year renewal of our current millage rate of 17.6874. By law, we can levy up to 18 mills which is what the district voted on in 2007. Due to the Headlee Rollback, our district has never collected that 18 mills on the NON-HOMESTEAD property. There are two questions on the ballot-one to support the renewal of the 17.6874 rate which is due to expire in 2016, and the other is to levy up to 2.3126 additional mills to ensure the district collects 18 mills in the next 20 years. BY LAW, we would ONLY be able to collect 18 mills. Then why

the additional 2 mills? To make sure we collect the full 18 mills year after year. The additional .3126 mills generates about \$40,000 a year for



operating expenses. Our school district has lost about \$300,000 in revenue over the past 7 years due to the Headlee Rollback. As we all know, Forest Park has had to make

cuts in our programs over the past 15 years. The additional \$40,000, along with the final payment of retirement costs of \$60,000, will allow Forest Park to maintain programs for next year, even with the projection of 10 fewer students which equates to about \$80,000 less revenue. It is important to vote on Tuesday, November 3. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Waters or Kathy Stankewicz at 906-214-4695 ext. 320 or 325.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT CORNER

The high school student council will be focusing on ways to help the Forest Park school and community. Operation Thanksgiving Dinner will be their first outreach program. Please contact Becky Waters if you are interested in knowing more about this program.

The Forest Park School Improvement Team created a school improvement plan for the district. The plan is designed to increase vocabulary, writing, knowledge of current events, math and reading skills, questioning and thinking skills at a higher level, and relationship building within the school.

**Complimentary Corner:** Accolades to our transportation director Dave Ponchaud and his bus drivers for a perfect fleet inspection from the State Police.

Accolades to our Volleyball teams for winning the Skyline Central Conference with a perfect record in the tournament and in the conference. Congratulations to the JV Volleyball Team who also earned the Skyline Conference title.

Accolades to Dave Graff for being named Coach of the Year for the Mid Eastern Conference Team.

Accolades to our football team for sharing the Mid Eastern Conference title with Bark River Harris.

## Special Point of Interest:

**Events:**

10/31 Football districts @ Lake Lindon	12:00 pm
10/31 Trick or Treating	4-7 pm
11/3 Election Day-please vote	
11/4 FP Volleyball districts @ Ewen Trout	7:00 pm
11/11 Veteran's Day program	9:30 am
11/25-11/29 No School Thanksgiving	

\*\* Picture Retakes are on November 10

\*\*Free breakfast is served daily from 8:00-8:20 am. Some of our healthy options include: 1% or skim milk, smoothies, whole grain products. Healthy lunch options include low fat dressings, cottage cheese and yogurt, drained and rinsed meats in our BBQ, tacos, and spaghetti sauces, reduced fat and whole grain stuffed crust pizzas, frozen and fresh veggies, fresh fruit. We do not serve deep fried foods nor is extra salt used.

\*\*\*"The private and personal blessings we enjoy, the blessings of immunity, safeguard, liberty and integrity deserve the thanksgiving of a whole life."  
Jeremy Taylor