

FOREST PARK POWER REPORT

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**From the Desk of Mrs. Larson,
Superintendent**

Welcome New Staff:

We have several new staff joining our Forest Park family this year:

Mary Robinson—Kitchen Aide

Paige Miannecki—Kitchen Aide

Amanda Krueger—Kitchen Aide/
Special Education Aide

Leah Ryan—K-12 PE

Frankie Mattson—MS Science

Bryce Smithson—HS Science

Kathryn Dedo— Elem. Teacher

Julianne Holmes—K-12 Music

Abby Nylund—Elem. Teacher

Hannah Kelly—Elem. Teacher

Kurt Anderson—At Risk Coord/
Asst. Principal

Chris Richardson—Custodial

Student Services Coordinator—
Pending

Substitute Teachers/Support Staff:

Are you interested in working as a substitute teacher or becoming a substitute for other positions within our building?

Please call our office or see our school website for more information.

Hall of Fame Inductees:

Congratulations to the Forest Park Achievement Hall of Fame Class of 2023:

Richard "Dick" Mettlach (Coach)

Donald O. Boulanger (Contributor/
Educator)

Barbara (Meyer) Trevarton
(Distinguished Alumni)

The Hall of Fame Induction Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th, 2023 at Youngs.



Sinking Fund:

In 2017, Forest Park School District residents passed a one mill Sinking Fund to be paid over a ten year time frame. A Sinking Fund millage is a limited property tax, considered a "pay-as-you-go" method for funding building maintenance and infrastructure projects. No debt or interest expense is incurred with a Sinking Fund. The tax is levied each year and the revenue generated from this levy is designated to building upgrades or repair. A Sinking Fund can pay for security, roofing, site improvements, energy efficient improvements, parking and paving, etc. A Sinking Fund cannot pay for salaries, classroom supplies, or utilities.

Over the past year, the Sinking Fund has been able to fund new carpet and vinyl flooring, new bathroom mechanicals and partitions, replacement of two sets of exterior doors, an air compressor, planer and lathe for the wood shop, upgrading security on exterior doors, and a complete elevator upgrade. Future Sinking Funds will be used for future roof repairs and replacement, boiler replacement (when necessary), parking lot resurfacing, additional replacement of exterior doors, flooring, and bathroom partitions.

The Forest Park School District cannot thank you enough for your continued support. Without your help, these upgrades would not be possible.



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FP's GSRP(Great Start Readiness Program – 4 year-old students):

FP's GSRP will run 5 days per week this year. It is offered to families as an all-day option, and they will follow the K-12 school calendar. Due to an expansion opportunity in the program, we are able to extend the program from 4 days per week to 5 days per week, and from 30 instructional weeks to 36 instructional weeks a year. We are excited to be able to offer this opportunity to help our four-year-old students better prepare for kindergarten and to help parents provide education and care for their children.

Thank you:

Thank you, Robert Groop and family for your donation of an AED that can be used for outside events. We hope we never have to use this life-saving device, but are so grateful that this is available if needed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Thank you, Shamco Lumber (Todd Shamion, Scott Shamion, Eric Shamion, Ryan Shamion, and Johnathan Richter) for your donation of 1000 board feet of cherry and 1000 board feet of soft maple to Forest Park for our wood shop students. The impact of your donation for our students and this program is unmeasurable. Thank you for your support of Forest Park Schools!

Forest Park School Forest:

Did you know that the Forest Park School District has school forest land?

Yes, due to generous donations from land owners, the Forest Park School District has approximately 2035 acres of school forest. In May of 2023, through organizational efforts from VanOss Forestry, our students planted 1300 trees on that land. VanOss Forestry manages the school forest and keeps it healthy by maintaining our harvest schedule and planting new trees each year. Brock VanOss also works closely with the school to provide several education opportunities for our students such as field trips to Verso and Florence Hardwoods (last Spring, 2023) and a Tree Farm Field Day that will be held on October 6th at the school forest in Amasa. We are fortunate to have these opportunities for our students. If you would like to learn about how to donate forest land to the school district, please call Christy Larson, superintendent at Forest Park, or Brock VanOss, VanOss Forestry.

Special Interest:

8/21/23 Open House Information:

Elementary 4-6pm

6th grade and new MS students 6:00 pm

9th grade and new HS students 7:00 pm

9/7/23 School Picture Day

10/06/23 FP Homecoming vs. Ontonagon 6:00 pm

Events:
8/21 PTO Open House 4-6pm
8/24 Students' First Day
8/24 First Day for Pre-Kindergarten
9/1, 9/4; No School due to Labor Day
9/5 No School ; Teacher PD Day

Breakfast and lunch for all students will be free of charge for the 2023-24 school year. All a la carte and additional lunches will be charged to students' school lunch account.