

Forest Ridge PTA Newsletter

Dear Forest Ridge Families,

We hope you had a great summer & are enjoying our last few days before the beginning of school! Our board has been busy planning for our next school year. We have planned events that are totally free to you or low cost, dine outs with various local businesses, & a variety of types of fundraisers so there's something for everyone!!

There's still time to order **School Supply Kits!** SchoolToolbox has name brand supplies & you can order them anytime until the beginning of the school year. Here is the link you can order supplies from <http://www.schooltoolbox.com>. The kits get sent directly to your house so there's no need to go the store or wait in line. As a bonus, for every kit sold, you are helping feed a child through Feed Our Starving Children AND 10% comes back to our PTA. One kit funds 1 meal. Please choose your school (Ridge Early Childhood Center, Kerkstra Elementary, Lee R. Foster Elementary, & Jack Hille Middle School) when ordering.

Our teachers, staff, & administration are looking forward to coming back. Let's help start their new school year off right by **welcoming them back** with smiles & cheers. Meet us at Hille @ 7:30am on Monday, August 21st in the back of the school by door 8. You can make a sign, bring noise makers, or just cheer/welcome them back in. Help make the 2023-2024 school year a memorable one!

All families are welcome to come **Chalk the Walk** with your PTA. We're going to write/draw encouraging messages/pictures for our students for the 1st day of school. Chalk the walk will meet on Wed., Aug., 23rd @ the following locations & times: Ridge (9am), Kerkstra (10am), Foster (10am), & Hille (11am). Ridge families, we welcome you to chalk your walk after your Meet & Greet on Thurs., Aug. 24th. This is in hopes of helping with 1st day jitters. Chalk will be provided, but you can bring your own if you would like.

Please make sure you are still collecting your **pop tops!** We will be collecting them in September for the Ronald McDonald House for Pediatric Cancer Awareness.

We will be offering our **PTA Calendars included in our PTA Sponsorship** next year. Please look for us at the Open Houses & Walk Throughs, & Curriculum Night at the beginning of the school year. Sponsoring your PTA means you help us with funding FREE events like Trunk-or-Treat, Teacher Grants, Intramurals, Sock Hop, & Summer Bash to name a few. Sponsorship is \$15 (cash, checks (made payable to Forest Ridge PTA), or credit cards. Calendars are while supplies last so don't wait to sign up. There is a form on the bottom of the newsletter if you wanted to fill it out beforehand.

If you don't already, please follow us on **social media** (on the right of this page). We keep you up to date on events, reminders, & things that are going on in our community. Be in the know!

Join us for our 1st PTA Meet & Greet that is tentative for Wed., Aug 30th @ 7pm @ Oliver's. Come meet your PTA Board & ask questions about PTA or if you were interested in any of our positions. It's a great way to see who runs the wonderful events that we hold. Light appetizers & pop will be served. Other items/beverages can be purchased on your own. Our **PTA Board** consists of an Executive Board, 2-Co-Vice Presidents who run PTA at your schools, & various committee chairpersons. We are looking to **fill some of our positions**. It is important to fill our open positions over the next couple of years because we have a few board members "graduating" when their kids graduate. We have an amazing start with the people who were newly elected but because we've grown so much, they can't do it on their own. We will train you to be successful in your position. No one is left behind & things just aren't thrown at you to figure it out. It really does take a team to do all the amazing things we do. If you would like to get more involved in school or want to be part of our planning committee for our events please reach out to Tracy Zerinkas (d142ptapresident@gmail.com) or Brittney Rodman & Kim Tresch (d142ptavicepresident@gmail.com) Co-Vice Presidents. Help us make a difference in your child(ren)s & our students school experience here is Forest Ridge.

Thank you again for your continued support!
Your Forest Ridge PTA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 17th-Come visit the PTA table @ Hille Walk Through
Aug. 21st-Welcome Teachers & Staff @ Hille (Door 8)

@ 7:30am

Aug. 22nd & 24th-Come visit the PTA Table at Open House

Aug. 23rd-Chalk the Walk @ Ridge (9am), Kerkstra (10am), Foster (10am), & Hille (11am)

Aug. 30th-Tentative Dine Out-More info will be communicated.

Aug. 30-Tentative PTA Meet & Greet @ Oliver's @ 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS...September Skating Party (Tentative 9/13), Wear Yellow for Pediatric Cancer (9/21), Start going through your old/unwanted clothes. Our Saver's Fundraiser is coming up in October! Keep saving pop tops because we'll collect those next month too

Follow us on:

Website: <https://frpta142.com>

Facebook:

Forest Ridge PTA
Ridge PTA
Kerkstra PTA
Foster PTA
Hille PTA

Twitter:

@d142PTA
@RidgePTA1
@Foster_PTA
@KerkstraPta
@HillePTA1

Instagram:

forestridgepta
kerkstrapta
foster_pta

GroupMe: https://groupme.com/join_group/71202728/lpj1AQ9U

During Events.... PLEASE FOLLOW THE CURRENT CDC/IDPH GUIDELINES

Don't forget to download the BOX TOP app. Scanning your receipt is easy & only takes a couple of minutes. Keep clipping & sending box tops in too. This goes directly to your school & the programs they have there. Easy money for our schools.

Market Day is back! Visit marketday.com & choose Forest Ridge PTA as the school you're supporting. Order anytime & it gets shipped to your house!!



Join us to welcome our D142 teachers + staff back for the 2023-2024 school year!

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST AT 7:30AM
JACK HILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
(DOOR #8, LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE BUILDING)**

**STUDENTS & FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED
TO CHEER AND CLAP, MAKE A SIGN, OR
BRING NOISE MAKERS!**



Forest Ridge PTA

Join my group on GroupMe!



groupme
The best way to chat with everyone you know
www.groupme.com

**VOUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**Your Forest Ridge PTA
is looking to fill some vacant positions!**

- Ridge Co-V.P. (2 openings)
- Hille Co-V.P.
- Co-Fundraising Chairperson
- Art Chairperson
- Membership Chairperson
- Dine Out Chairperson

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TRACY, PTA PRESIDENT
d142ptapresident@gmail.com**



JOIN THE FOREST RIDGE PTA TO
CHALK THE WALK
 TO WELCOME THE STUDENTS
 TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Wednesday, August 23rd

Ridge: 9 am **

Kerkstra: 10 am

Foster: 10 am

Hille: 11 am

** Ridge families are also welcome to chalk the walk on Thursday, August 24th after their Meet & Greet!

Write & draw encouraging messages by the student entrance doors. Chalk will be provided.

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 RIDGE
 PTA

OPENINGS

RIDGE
 CO-V.P. (2)

- WORK CLOSELY WITH CO- V.P. AND BUILDING STAFF
- PLAN TEACHER AND STAFF LUNCHEONS
- RUN BOOK FAIR

HILLE
 CO-V.P.

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- RUN BOOK FAIR

ART
 CHAIRPERSON

- OVERSEE DISTRICT-WIDE PTA ART CONTEST AND EXPO
- JUDGE ARTWORK BASED ON GRADE LEVEL
- TAKE PICTURES OF ARTWORK FOR PTA CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP
 CHAIRPERSON

- COLLECT MEMBERSHIP FORMS AND DUES
- CONDUCT AN ANNUAL ENROLLMENT OF MEMBERS - ENTER INFO INTO MEMBER HUB

FUNDRAISING
 CO-CHAIRPERSON

- PLAN FUNDRAISING EVENTS
- ENSURE MONIES EARNED ARE RECIEVED
- PRESENT EVENT UPDATES AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

DINE OUT
 CHAIRPERSON

- PLAN DINE OUT AND SHOP OUT EVENTS
- ENSURE MONIES EARNED ARE RECIEVED
- PRESENT UPDATES AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

No experience necessary!
 Contact Tracy, PTA President at
dt142ptapresident@gmail.com

www.frpta142.com

The cost of our PTA membership is only \$15!!
 Funds go towards providing programs for our students,
 teacher grants, and much more! By becoming a member
 you are helping create opportunities and supporting
 initiatives that directly benefit the children of our district!
 As a thank you for your membership, you will receive a
 calendar featuring the artwork of our D142 students!



One calendar is included with your membership, however you may purchase additional calendars for \$7 each. ***Memberships and calendars are while supplies last!***

Visit our website www.frpta142.com or any of our Forest Ridge PTA social media pages to learn more about who we are and what we do, as well as upcoming events. While you're there, you can view slideshows and pictures from our events, such as Trunk-or-Treat/ Pumpkins & Pizza, Family Fun Night, Summer Bash and even learn why it is important to sponsor your PTA!



Join Today!

(Please print clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: Cell () _____ Home () _____

Email Address: _____

My child(ren) attend (check all that apply):

____ Ridge ____ Kerkstra ____ Foster ____ Hille

Name, teacher, and school of child to send calendar home with:

Additional calendar \$7 each (while supplies last): _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____

2023-2024 Membership Fee \$15

Make checks payable to *FOREST RIDGE PTA*

Return this form with cash or check in an envelope marked PTA Membership to school with your child
OR email your PTA membership form to d142ptamembership@gmail.com and an invoice will be emailed
 to you to pay with a credit/debit card via Square. There is a \$1 processing fee if using a card.

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Cash	
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Credit Card	
Invoice Sent	
Calendar Sent/Other	

PTA USE ONLY



2023-2024
 Forest Ridge PTA Teacher & Staff Membership
 \$15
 Cash, Check, or Credit Card

Name: _____

Location: Ridge Foster Kerkstra Hille District Office

Email Address: _____

Please check this box if you are interested in becoming a teacher representative

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-  **Forest Ridge PTA**
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PTA USE ONLY

Order online **today!**

Dear parents,

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year through School Tool Box.

Want to avoid the back-to-school rush?

- Put your zip code in the box at **SchoolToolBox.com**
- Find the school, then choose your child's new grade

Each supply box matches your teacher's approved list. You can add extras or remove what you don't need. After you pay online, supplies are shipped directly to your home address.

It doesn't get easier than that!



Your order supports



One Box, One Meal

School Name:

Forest Ridge
 School District

Ordering Available:

Beginning June 1st

Allow 10 days for processing.

 **Notes** 

Forest Ridge School District has partnered with School Tool Box to offer you the convenience of ordering prepackaged school supplies for the 2023-24 school year!

Order online and the supplies will be shipped right to your home.

Visit schooltoolbox.com to place your order today!

