



*From Growth to
Greatness:
"Bee" the difference
for the 2025-2026
school year!*



The Lion Pride Bulletin: October Edition

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Don't "FALL" Behind. Attendance Matters Everyday!



18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.



Forest Hill Counselor School Update

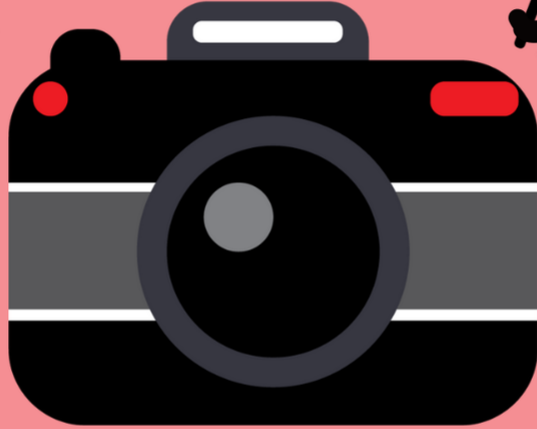
CONGRATULATIONS TO
BAILEE MOORE, OUR RED
RIBBON SCHOOL LEADER!
SHE'LL HELP PROMOTE
HEALTHY CHOICES,
KINDNESS, AND SCHOOL
SPIRIT ALL YEAR.

STUDENTS WITH
PERFECT
ATTENDANCE WILL
GET TO "SPIN THE
WHEEL" FOR PRIZES
THROUGHOUT THE
YEAR - DONT MISS
OUT!

WE'RE FOCUSING ON RED
RIBBON ACTIVITIES THIS
MONTH WITH FUN
EVENTS THAT BUILD
HEALTHY CHOICES AND
SCHOOL PRIDE.



Picture Day!



October 2nd

*Students Must Be in
Full Uniform*



DISTANCE LEARNING DAY



OCTOBER 10, 2025

Friday, October 10, 2025 is a Distance Learning Day for all students. Students will not report to campus on October 10th. Students will have assignments to complete at home. All assignments will be due to the teacher on Monday, October 13th.



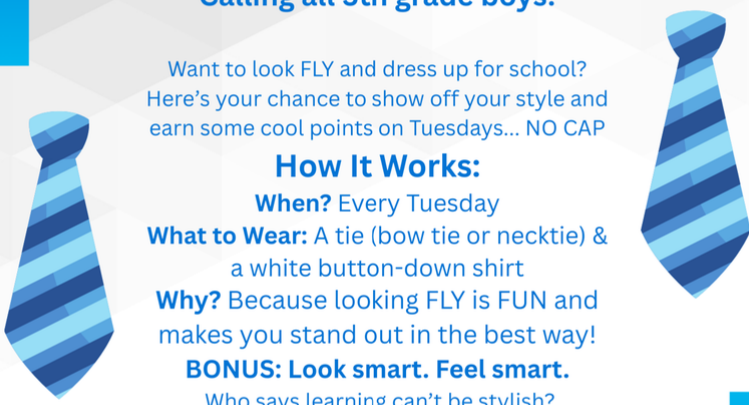
Tie Tuesday: Where Style Meets School!

Calling all 5th grade boys!

Want to look FLY and dress up for school?
Here's your chance to show off your style and
earn some cool points on Tuesdays... NO CAP

How It Works:
When? Every Tuesday
What to Wear: A tie (bow tie or necktie) &
 a white button-down shirt
Why? Because looking FLY is FUN and
 makes you stand out in the best way!
BONUS: Look smart. Feel smart.
 Who says learning can't be stylish?
 So grab that tie and let's get ready to turn
 Tuesday into something special!

The First TIE TUESDAY will be
October 14, 2025




If you do not have a tie available, we have ties for all fifth grade boys that would like to participate.




KONA ICE *Kona Ice*

Friday, October 17th

Each month, students have the opportunity to enjoy Kona Ice at school.

Please remember:
Send your child's Kona Ice money with them in the morning.
Money will not be accepted in the office if forgotten.
If your child forgets their money, they can participate the following month.
We do not disrupt the academic day for late payments.

 **Tip:** Add Kona Ice Day to your personal calendar so your child won't miss out!

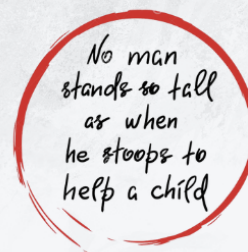


MEN ON DUTY

OCTOBER 20, 2025

WE ARE CALLING ALL DADS OR FATHER FIGURES TO JOIN US ON
OCTOBER 20TH AT 7:45AM.

YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED TO WALK YOUR CHILD/ FAMILY
MEMBER TO CLASS. YOU ARE PART OF THE FHES SUCCESS STORY.
PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN AND DOUGHNUTS WILL BE SERVED.
NO MORE THAN TWO REPRESENTATIVES PER STUDENT PLEASE.





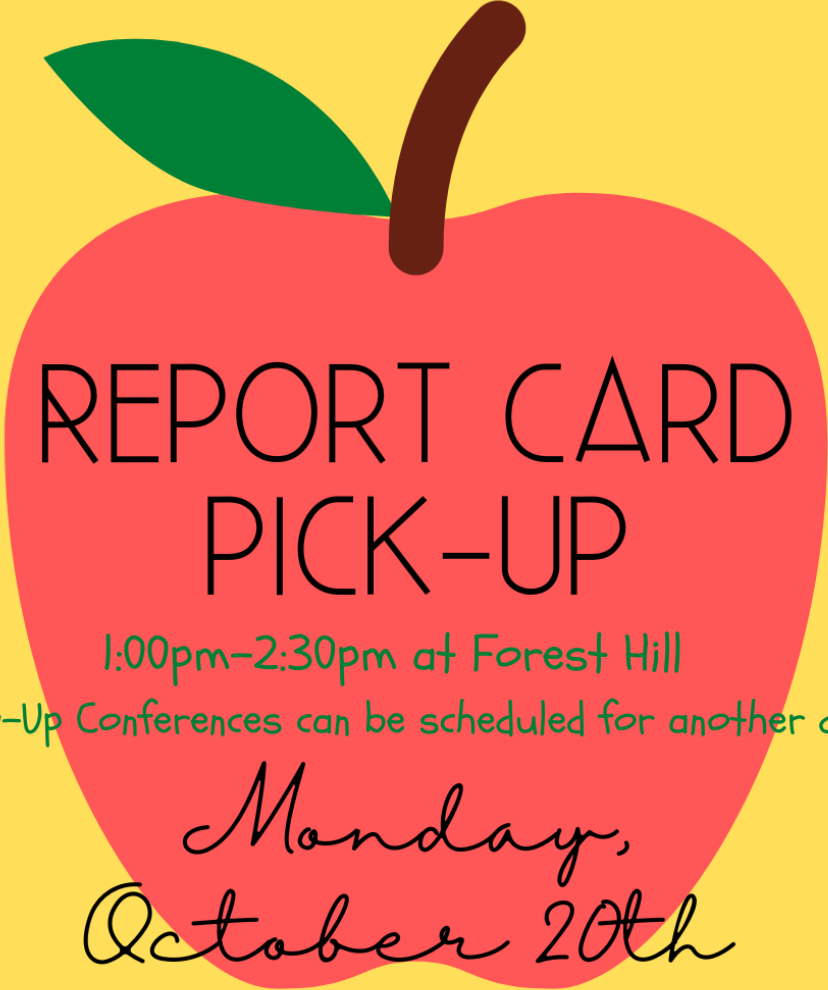
ALABAMA LITERACY ACT FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 20, 2025
1:00 P.M.

Parents, you are invited to join us for
an important session where you can:

- Pick up your child's report card
- Learn more about the Alabama Literacy Act
- Discover strategies to support your child's reading success





REPORT CARD PICK-UP

1:00pm-2:30pm at Forest Hill

Follow-Up Conferences can be scheduled for another date

*Monday,
October 20th*



Forest Hill Elementary
School

1st Quarter Honor's Assembly

Friday , October 24th

8:30am- 9:15am

Kindergarten and First Grade

9:30am- 10:15am

2nd and 3rd Grade

10:30am-11:15am

4th and 5th Grade

Students are limited to (2) guests each.

Each assembly will begin on time.

Balloons are not permitted.

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RED RIBBON WEEK OCT. 27TH - OCT. 31ST

EVENT SCHEDULE

27
MON.

PLEDGE TO BE DRUG FREE

Wear a red, white, or blue shirt with uniform bottoms.

28
TUE.

BLACK OUT DRUGS

Shout out to the House of Altruismo, wear all black from head to toe as we black out drugs.

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WED.

TOO SMART FOR DRUGS

Wear your favorite college shirt with uniform bottoms.

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MY FUTURE IS TOO BRIGHT FOR DRUGS

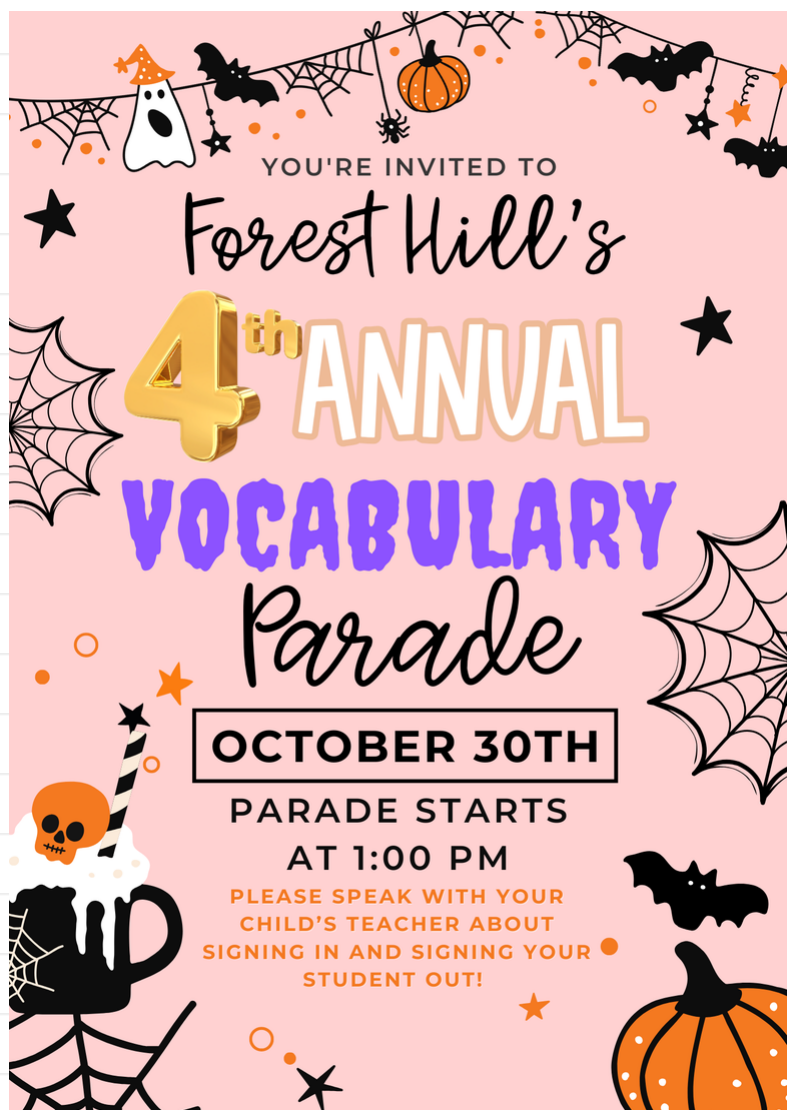
Dress as your future self 3rd - 5th & Vocabulary Parade K-2

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FRI.

PUT A CAP ON DRUGS

Wear your favorite cap/ hat with your regular uniform.





Students in Grades K-3 will receive detailed information from their teacher on how they participate in this event.



Extended PE

Student Only Event!!!



Friday, October 31st

\$20

**Wristbands Must
be purchased
by October 27th. Please
send money clearly
labeled with your child.**

Unlimited Access with Wristband

Students will have
unlimited access to
inflatables and interactive
games/ activities.

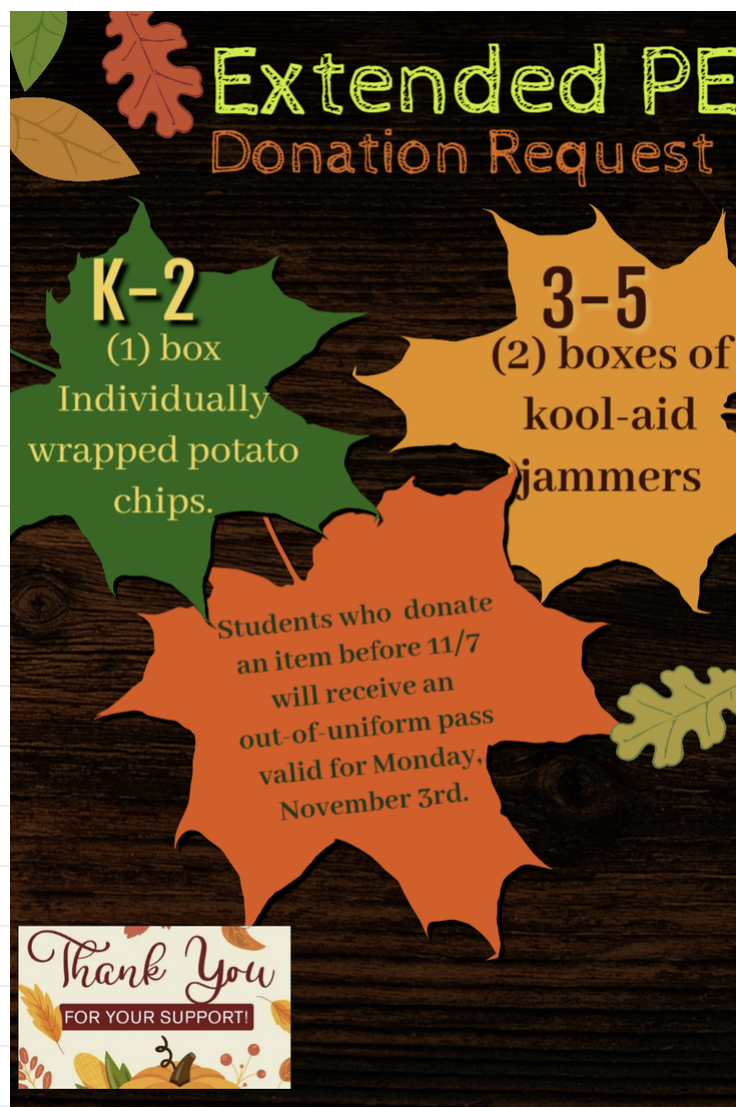


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Food Included with Wristband

Students will receive a slice of
pizza, a bag of chips, a drink, a
water, and an ice cream with
their wristband purchase.

Pictures will be uploaded to Facebook



Ice Cream will be sold Monday—Friday for the cost of \$2.00. Money must be received by the classroom teacher by 8:30am each morning. Please do not interrupt instruction to bring up forgotten snack money. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Forgotten money will not be accepted in the office.
Students will be able to purchase the next school day.



Forest Hill Elementary School's After School Program

\$45/ week

3:15pm-5:30pm

For more info please email:

jwjohnson5@mcpss.com

or call the school at 251-221-1270.



Forest Hill Elementary Traffic Flow Map



- Follow the directions of the Forest Hill Traffic Team and Crossing Guard at all times.
- Observe the one-way signs in and out of the school at all times.
- Certain lanes are for daycare vans and buses. Signage will be clearly posted.
- Please refrain from talking on your cell phone or smoking in the carline.
- Each car will receive a dash tag to use when picking your child up in the carline.
- Turning out of the parking lot onto Moffett Road is **prohibited** during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.
- Listen for the whistle: 2 short beeps= traffic moving/ NO UNLOADING
1 long beep= UNLOAD CARS
- Please do not exit your car to retrieve your child. Children will be called, and the Forest Hill Traffic Team will help assist your child safely to his/ her vehicle.

**YOUR PATIENCE IS EXPECTED AND APPRECIATED WHILE WE WORK TO
ENSURE THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD!!!**

Make plans around holidays and scheduled off days.



2025-2026

VACATION PLANNER



Use this guide to help with planning family vacations during the school year in order to help reduce the number of absences for your student and support consistent attendance.

FOREST HILL ELEMENTARY

LABOR DAY

3 DAY OPPORTUNITY

SATURDAY, 8/30/25-MONDAY, 9/1/25

STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY, 9/2/25

THANKSGIVING BREAK

9 DAY OPPORTUNITY

SATURDAY, 11/22/25-SUNDAY, 11/30/25

STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY, 12/1/25

CHRISTMAS BREAK

17 DAY OPPORTUNITY

SATURDAY, 12/20/25-MONDAY, 1/5/26

STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY, 1/6/26

MLK JR DAY

3 DAY OPPORTUNITY

SATURDAY, 1/17/26-MONDAY, 1/19/26

STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY, 1/20/26

MARDI GRAS BREAK

9 DAY OPPORTUNITY

SATURDAY, 2/14/26-SUNDAY, 2/22/26

STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY, 2/23/26

SPRING BREAK

9 DAY OPPORTUNITY

SATURDAY, 4/11/26-SUNDAY, 4/19/26

STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY, 4/20/26

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Kindergarten - 2 nd Grade					
Girls	Solid Red Shirt (Polo Style) - Long or Short Sleeve Navy Blue Bottoms - Pants, Shorts, Skorts, or Solid Navy Jumpers (NO Navy Dresses)	     			
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3 rd Grade - 4 th Grade					
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5 th Grade					
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Boys	Solid White Shirt (Polo Style) - Long or Short Sleeve Navy Blue Bottoms - Pants or Shorts	   			
ALL STUDENTS					
Footwear	Athletic Tennis Shoe (Any Color) with Laces or Velcro <i>NO Boots, Open Toe/ Heel, or Light Up Shoes</i> Solid White, Black, or Navy Socks	Outerwear   NO HOODIES!!!	Solid Navy Blue Jacket, Sweatshirt, or Sweater <i>No Hoods or Non-uniform outerwear will be worn inside the building.</i>	Belt  	Solid Black or Brown Belt <i>If bottoms have belt loops, a belt needs to be worn.</i>
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No early dismissals are allowed after 2:00pm. Excessive early dismissals will be referred to the office of Early Warning Truancy. Parents picking students up for an early dismissal must show identification.



MCPSS does not allow schools to have birthday parties. Students may bring in pre-packaged/ individually wrapped snacks or treat bags to pass out to their classmates. Parents are not allowed to disrupt instructional time to pass anything out. No other party items are permitted such as: (balloons, sheet cakes, pizza, cupcakes, etc.).



SCHOOL SCHEDULE

ARRIVAL

Breakfast..... 7:45am
Class Begins.....8:05am
Tardy Bell.....8:15am

*Students SHOULD NOT arrive before 7:45am.
This includes walkers.*

DISMISSAL

Walkers..... 2:55pm
Vans/ Cars.....3:00pm
Buses.....3:05pm

Early Dismissals ARE NOT permitted after 2:00pm. Those checking students out should arrive before 2pm AND PRESENT A VALID ID.



Cell phone usage by students during the school day causes a major disruption to the learning environment. Cell phones have become a distraction to student learning and are the cause of many disciplinary infractions, ranging from bullying to cheating. Therefore, we will enforce our policy in the Student Code of Conduct that states: "Students should avoid disrupting classroom activities by not displaying, using, or activating wireless communication devices during the school day." That includes cell phones, earbuds, and smart watches.

Cell phones **are not** permitted during school hours/ instructional time. It is imperative that your child follow the guidelines set forth in the district/ school cell phone usage policy.

STUDENT PHONE PROCEDURE & GUIDELINES

Phones are not to be used during school. Every student is assigned a personal Yondr Pouch. While the Yondr Pouch is considered school property, it is each student's responsibility to bring their Pouch with them to school every day and keep it in good working condition.

DAILY PROCESS

As students Arrive to School, they will:

- 1) Turn their phone off.
- 2) Place their phone inside their Pouch and secure it in front of school staff.
- 3) Store their Pouch in their backpack for the day.

At the end of the day, students will open their Pouch, remove their phone and put their Pouch in their backpack. Students must bring their Pouch to school with them each day.

*Students arriving late or leaving early will pouch/unpouch their phones in the Front Office.

Pouch Damage / Lost Pouch / Using Phone During School
-If a student damages their Pouch or is caught on their phone, Administration will collect the phone/Pouch and call home for a parent/ guardian to pick up the phone.

There is a \$20.00 fee for replacement for lost/ damaged pouches.

Examples of damage:

- Deep scratches on the globe and on the green ring around the pouch
- Intentional pen marks on the inside of the Pouch
- Bent pins
- Pin and button not fully recessing, due to pin damage

Forgotten Pouch:
If a student forgets their Pouch, their phone will be collected and Admin will call home to remind the Parent of the procedure. The phone will be returned to the student at dismissal.

If a student consistently forgets their Pouch, it is considered Lost. Refer to the Lost Pouch procedure above.



All students with a cell phone on campus must have it locked in their assigned YONDR Pouch.



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