

## Forder Elementary School

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### Forder Newsletter Week of April 22, 2024

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# FORDER ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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*Week of April 22, 2024*

# Principal's Message

Forder Families,

We will be raising money the week of Monday, April 22nd through Friday, April 26th for St. Louis Arc by participating in COIN WARS here at Forder. St. Louis Arc is an organization that advocates and provides support for families of friends with different disabilities. COIN WARS is a schoolwide competition where students bring in spare change from home to distribute into class buckets that will be placed in the commons each morning. At the end of the week, there will be one class winner per grade level! The class in each grade level with the most pennies, or positive points, will receive a prize on Friday, April 26th. Pennies are positive points for your child's class. Silver coins (dimes, nickels, quarters, and half dollars) can subtract points from other classrooms.

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We invite you to take a few moments to complete the [parent input form](#), sharing specific characteristics, qualities, learning styles, progress, and hopes you have regarding your child. Feel free to include thoughts related to academics, social-emotional development, and peer relationships. All information you share will be taken into consideration when determining a placement. **To ensure all information is carefully reviewed before the class placement process, please complete and return by April 19th. TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO COMPLETE THE FORM.** While we value your input, we do ask that you refrain from requesting specific teachers. Rather, specifying a style of teacher is welcomed.

With Forder Falcon Pride,

Dr. Whitney C. Maus  
Forder Principal

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# ***Mehlville Summer Session***

## **Explore, Discover, Achieve with Mehlville School District**

Mehlville School District is offering a free Summer Session for all children entering kindergarten through 12th grade, June 3-28, 2024. There is no Summer Session on June 19. Registration for kindergarten through eighth grade opens Monday, March 4, 2024. High school registration opens Monday, March 25.

Kindergarten students will get a jumpstart on learning what it is like to attend elementary school. Grades 1-8 offer enrichment activities and high-quality instruction to reinforce the curriculum. High school students can recover credits or earn elective credit.

Limited transportation shuttles will run from students' home schools to the summer session site. Breakfast and lunch will be available daily for a fee (**apply for free and reduced meals here**). Before and after care is available for elementary students through the **YMCA**.

How do I register my child?

Beginning on March 4 (for elementary and middle school), students attending Mehlville School District will log into the **Parent Portal** to complete the 2024 Summer Session e-Form. Look for the yellow banner that says "New optional e-Forms are available" and click "view." Then select "Summer 2024." Incoming Mehlville kindergarten students will follow the same registration process as private school students.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Save the Date:**

- 4-19 Book Battle Field Trip
- 4-22-4-26 Autism Awareness Week
- 4-24 Early Dismissal at 12:55 pm / Falcon of the Month
- 4-25 Forder Night at the Board Meeting 6:30 pm at MHS Library
- 4-26 Fourth Grade Field Trip
- 4-29 iReady Testing Begins
- 4-30 Kids Vision for Life Visit
- 4-30 Forder PTO Meeting 6:00 pm Library
- 5-1 MAP Testing Begins
- 5-1 Last day to drop off Bookmobile Books at Forder for Pick-Up
- 5-2 Stretch Showcase Night
- 5-3 Kindergarten Field Trip to Brookdale Farms
- 5-6 to 5-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5-6 Start with Hello - Wear Green
- 5-7 All-District Strings Concert (5th Grade-Invitation Only) 7pm at OHS
- 5-8 National School Nurse Day
- 5-14 Strings Concert (Grades 3-5) 6:30 pm at Forder
- 5-16 5th grade Party Day (Roller Skating/BBQ/games on field)
- 5-20 Senior Graduation Assembly @ 2:15 pm
- 5-21 Kindergarten Celebration
- 5-21 PTO Block Party 6:30-8:30 pm
- 5-22 Career Day
- 5-23 Field Day
- 5-24 5th Grade Graduation 1:00 pm
- 5-27 NO SCHOOL DISTRICT CLOSED
- 5-28 Yearbook Signing Day
- 5-29 Talent Show
- 5-29 Last Day of School



**SPECIALS SCHEDULE A, B, C, D DAYS**

This year the Mehlville School District moved to having "A B C D" days for Specials. Here is a copy of the upcoming months. Your child's teacher can share what special they have on A, B, C and D.

Month	A	B	C	D
March	3/27/24	3/28/24	3/29/24	4/3/24
April	4/4/24	4/5/24	4/8/24	4/9/24
	4/11/24	4/12/24	4/15/24	4/16/24
	4/17/24	4/18/24	4/19/24	4/22/24
	4/23/24	4/24/24	4/25/24	4/26/24
	4/29/24	4/30/24	5/1/24	5/2/24



# School Information

## School Hours

Regular school hours for Forder Elementary are from 8:45 am to 3:35 pm. Please do not drop your child(ren) off at school prior to 8:30 am unless they are involved in a before school activity or attend before school care provided by the YMCA.

## Bus Riders

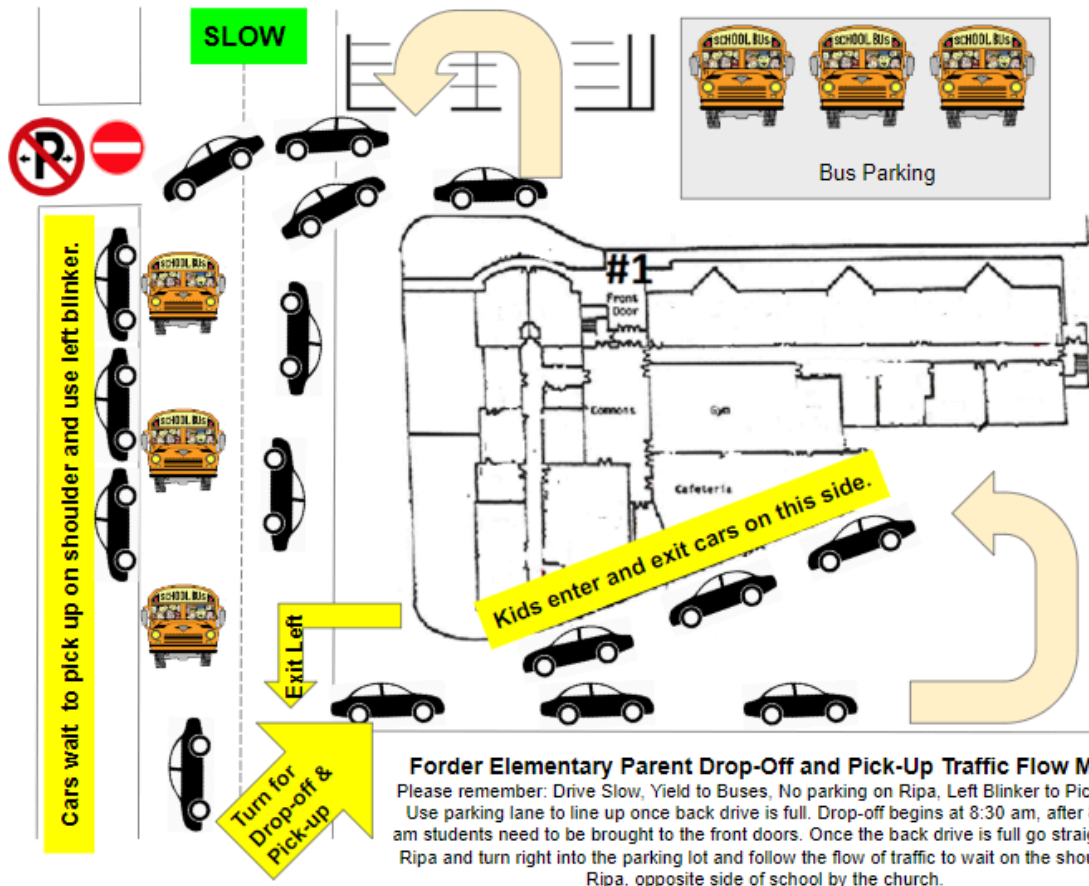
The bus is the safest, most convenient way for our families to get their children to and from school. As always, students will not be issued bus passes for any reason. Students may only ride their assigned bus to and from school. If you need to pick up your child before dismissal, you must do so before 3:15 pm. After this time, the students will be dismissed at 3:30 pm to the buses or the gymnasium for parent pick-up. Buses will leave the parking lot at 3:35 pm. Thank you for your cooperation. You can find bus route information at [www.mehlilleschooldistrict.com](http://www.mehlilleschooldistrict.com).

## Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

Student drop-off and pick-up takes place on the backside of our building. Parent drop off begins at 8:30 A.M. and we ask that you remain in your car until a staff member is present. In the afternoon, students walking or riding bicycles to school will be dismissed from the backside of the building unless otherwise arranged. As stated above, if you need to pick up your child before dismissal, you must do so before 3:15 pm. After this time, the students will be dismissed as usual at 3:35 pm. to the bus or to parent pick-up. Families will be given a parent pick- up number that will need to be displayed in your windshield at all times during parent pick-up. Please help us keep the students safe by following our traffic procedures. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

As in the past, the YCARE program will be offering before and after school supervision. Please contact the South County YMCA branch at 849-9622 for more information.





**Forder Elementary Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up Traffic Flow Map**  
Please remember: Drive Slow, Yield to Buses, No parking on Ripa, Left Blinker to Pick Up. Use parking lane to line up once back drive is full. Drop-off begins at 8:30 am, after 8:45 am students need to be brought to the front doors. Once the back drive is full go straight up Ripa and turn right into the parking lot and follow the flow of traffic to wait on the shoulder of Ripa, opposite side of school by the church.

### BIRTHDAY REMINDERS

Party invites are not allowed to go through the student’s teacher unless the entire class is invited. While we do acknowledge student birthdays, the sharing of birthday snacks and treats is prohibited. Providing outside food to share with classmates can be dangerous for children with allergies and does not align with our district Wellness Policy. Your child’s teacher will determine how they will recognize and celebrate students on their birthday. Thank you for understanding as we work to keep all of our students healthy and safe.

### MEHLVILLE MENTIONS

Do you know an amazing Forder staff member? If you would like to nominate a Forder staff member please use the Mehlville Mentions link below.

<https://www.mehlilleschooldistrict.com/cms/one.aspx?portalId=125205&pageId=10768654>

# PTO Updates

## PTO Meeting

Join us on April 3rd at 6:00 pm in the Forder Library.

## Spirit Wear

Order Forder Spirit Wear at anytime throughout the school year. Each Friday we wear Falcon gear for Falcon Friday at Forder! Order forms available in the office. You can also order online at <https://forder-falcons.spiritsale.com/>.

# FORDER SPIRIT WEAR



Check out the website for even more designs and colors!




April 2024

## Comments & Replies

**Caroline Moss** Hi! I love the coin wars to support the St. Louis ARC. I actually work at Easterseals Midwest which is a the same type of company, supporting people with developmental disabilities with ABA, residential homes and day programs. Maybe Easterseals can be kept in mind for next year!

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↳ **Whitney Maus** Thank you! We can definitely bring that to the team! We are always looking for a new group each year.

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