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FPHS Mission Statement

The mission of Forest Park High School is to be accountable to all stakeholders for providing a globally competitive education that empowers students to achieve academic and personal goals and to become college and career ready, productive, responsible citizens.

FPHS Vision Statement

The vision of Forest Park High School is to be a school of excellence preparing ALL students to live and compete successfully in a global society.

Visit us on the web at
<http://001.clayton.k12.ga.us/>.

Join our mailing list to get updates about events at
"The Park".

Season ends on a positive note...



Photo courtesy of Clayton News-Daily.com

The 2017 Varsity Football team ended the season with back-to-back wins! On October 20, 2017, the Panthers beat Osborne High School and on October 26, 2017, the Panthers beat Clarkston High School 27-0!

New Head Football Coach Martez Edwards has worked to discipline the players in order to help them better perform on the field. Congratulations TEAM! To see the full story, click [here](#).



A man had a problem with his house. The floor squeaked. No matter how he tried to fix it, nothing worked. This made him crazy. A friend finally recommended a carpenter who was said to be a true craftsman. The craftsman walked into the room and heard the squeak. He carefully put down his toolbox, pulled out a hammer and nail, and pounded the nail into the floor with three blows. The squeak was gone forever. The carpenter pulled out an invoice, on which he wrote the total of \$65. Above the total were two items:



Hammering - \$2.00

Knowing where to Hammer - \$63.00

Being able to solve a problem is the skill, not hammering. Employers will expect graduates to solve problems. Critical thinking and problem solving play an integral part in obtaining and maintaining a career. Do you have what it takes?

Source: careersolutionspublishing.com

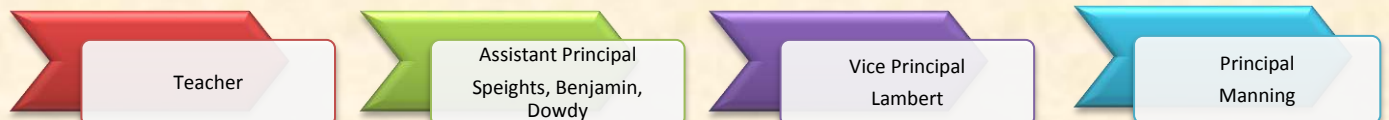


We have all heard or used the phrase “a positive school climate.” What does it mean? School climate is defined as a school building that feels safe, inviting, supportive, engaging and effective. Research tells us that with a positive climate:

- Grades and graduation rates are higher.
- There are fewer behavior problems.
- Staff retention is better.
- Parents feel better able to help their children succeed.

Parents and caregivers play key roles, too. A positive climate isn’t just up to school staff and students. It takes support – at home and at school. Parents can do 12 things to contribute to a positive school climate, even if you don’t have much free time.

1. **Share the vision.** A positive school climate promotes safety, positive relationships, learning, a good environment, and a positive staff.
2. **Support school climate efforts.** Ask how you can help with social and emotional learning programs. Complete surveys that help administrators measure and improve school climate. Stress the importance of attendance and how it affects academic success.
3. **Support school rules.** Students need to know the rules and consequences. Support the school’s efforts to enforce the rules fairly and consistently. Set rules for behavior at home, too.
4. **Work as a team with your child’s teachers.** Join and attend PTSA meetings. Attend parent conferences. Keep a positive line of communication open between you and the teachers.
5. **Get involved.** Volunteer for school events. Attend local meetings that affect the school.
6. **Nurture a school bond.** School pride and a sense of belonging motivate students to take care of themselves, one another and the school. Encourage your child to attend school events and to join a club or team. Check the school newsletter or website to find out what is available.
7. **Stress the value of an education.** Teach your children that learning matters. Ask about school every day; point out that education makes a difference in life; and speak highly of education and educators. If you disagree with a teacher or administrator, do it respectfully.
8. **Challenge your child.** Help your child set and work toward educational goals. Set high expectations and let your child know that you believe in him/her. Give your child the tools and skills they need for success – for example, provide school supplies and teach time management. Praise your child’s hard work.
9. **Stress respect and responsibility.** Teach your child to accept people’s differences. Have respect for your home, community, and school. Give your child chores. Teach peaceful, positive ways of solving problems.
10. **Encourage positive relationships.** Ask regularly about what’s going on in your child’s life and really listen. Support good relationships with classmates and school staff.
11. **Be a good role model.** It is not enough to just talk about being respectful, responsible, caring and fair; children must see these characteristics in you.
12. **Follow protocol.** When parents feel a decision requires an appeal, proper protocol is required. Follow the protocol as shown below. The hope is that the appeal begins and ends with the teacher.



A positive school climate results in a positive learning experience. Let’s work together to create a climate that results in academic success. (Source: <http://palmyraschools.com/ps/Olweus/How%20parents%20can%20help.pdf>)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Picture Re-Take Day! *Students, Faculty, Staff*, please make plans to take or re-take your yearbook picture on Monday, November 6, 2017, in the Arena Gym, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm.

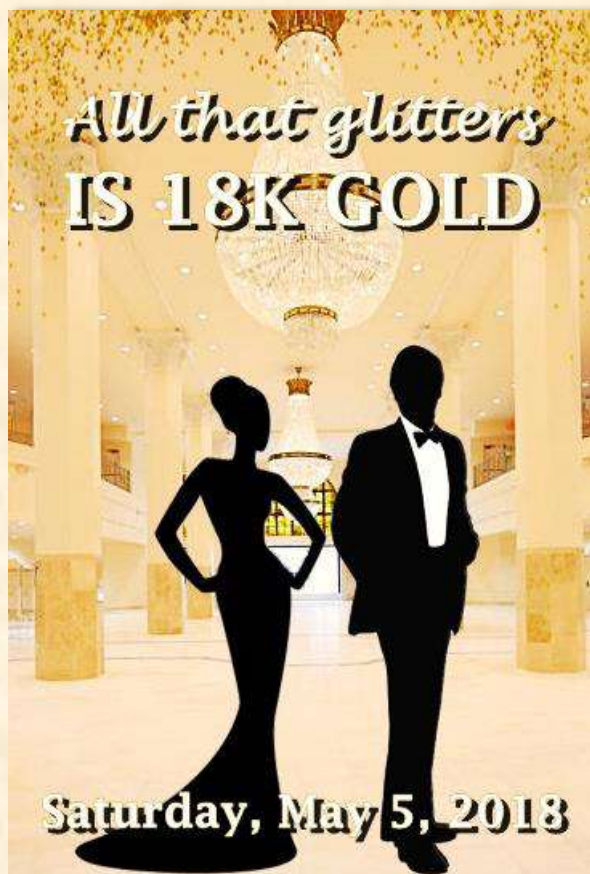
Join PTSA TODAY! Students and parents are invited to become a member of the best PTSA organization in the State of Georgia! Membership dues are only \$10. See Mrs. Arvis Walker to join.

Parents Presence Day – November 13, 2017
All parents are invited to spend the day with your student. Be sure to print your child's schedule. Contact the counselor's office to more information.

Free Tutoring! Every other Saturday, 9 am – Noon, beginning 10/21/17 until 4/12/18. Tutoring is available for students in need. A minimum of 5 students is needed to hold tutorials.

Superintendent Beasley will host a public forum to provide all stakeholders an opportunity to gain and exchange information regarding priorities and goals for 2017-2018, Tuesday, November 14 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. This event will be held at The Community Center in Forest Park, 696 Main Street.

The 8th Annual "I am College Material" Scholarship Fair will be held at Atlanta City Hall on November 29, 2017 from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm.



Seniors: The Class of 2019 cordially invite you to the classiest event of the year!

The 2018 Senior Prom

Tickets are still available! The cost will increase to \$100.00 for the month of November and December. If you have not purchased your ticket for this once in a lifetime event, make plans to do so by the end of the semester.

The 2018 Prom will be held at the very classy Whitehall Ballroom at 200 Peachtree Street in downtown Atlanta. The event date is set for May 5, 2018, 6:00 pm. Save the date! Start shopping for the perfect dress and tuxedo! Prepare for "All That Glitters IS 18K GOLD!"

Work-Based Learning students attend the Airport Community Job Fair

Forest Park High WBL students attended the Annual Airport Community Job Fair on October 31, 2017. The goal of the activity was to expose students to the experience of a job fair and to possibly interview and secure a job at the airport. Some of the employers included retail, food services, and engineering companies. Three WBL students - **Erick Laguna, Malik Fuller, Deja Lucear** - were interviewed on the spot and received confirmed job offers at the airport. This event is held annually with the goal of boosting the economy by hiring those seeking employment, particularly at the airport. Good Job WBL Students and Congratulations to those students who received offers.

The Work-Based Learning Program is still accepting students who are interested in gaining employability skills and making connections between work and school. If you have a job or you are looking for a job, stop by and see Ms. Cox-Marshall, Room 324, to see if we can get you placed.



Thank You!

Hartsfield Jackson Airport	TBI Airport Management	Delaware North
Airport Retail Management	Mullins International Solutions	Delta
Paradies Lagardere	Forest Park Dwarf House	Lollipop Kids Daycare
Morrow Early Learning Center	Army-Navy Store	Little Caesars Pizza
McDonald's	Coldstone Creamery	Dionne Sanford, BHGRE
FPHS PTSA	FPHS Students	FPHS Administration, Faculty, Staff
Rocky's Pizza	Cornelius Lewis, Milan Greene	Kerry Sidberry, BHGRE

You make Forest Park High Awesome!

FUN at the PARK



Work Hard | Play Harder