



FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Forest Elementary
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Connie Grumdahl Ed.D. has been the principal of Forest since the 1996-97 school year. Additionally, Mrs. Grumdahl has also worked in at least five other education fields.

Adventure Club

Hours: 6:30 a.m. — 6 p.m.

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Grades: K-5
Opened: 2005
Enrollment: 647
School Hours:
9:20 a.m.-3:40 p.m.
Educational Path:
Forest Elementary
Robbinsdale Middle School
Cooper High School



THE FOREST EXPERIENCE

Forest staff members hold the belief that every child can succeed. With high expectations for learning and behavior, every child is nurtured and encouraged to reach his or her potential in an environment that is safe and welcoming.

Teachers meet regularly to plan as a team, share ideas and monitor student progress. Four times per year the teachers review student data, analyze the needs and strengths of each student and plan accordingly to increase student achievement. Students are placed into reading and math groups based upon the instructional readiness of the child. All children receive small group instruction within the classroom, and the groups are flexible; as the students progress, groups are reformed, and students continue to move forward and grow in their learning.

Staff believe that optimal learning is academic, social, and emotional. Responsive Classroom strategies are used daily to set the tone for the day, create a sense of belonging, and to build community in the classroom and in the school. Respect and responsibility are valued everyday, all day at Forest Elementary.

OUTSTANDING CURRICULUM

Forest Elementary School delivers a comprehensive elementary curriculum.

Whole-class **reading** instruction is supplemented with small group reading instruction at a child's instructional level and includes fluency, phonics, phonemic awareness, comprehension, vocabulary, spelling and writing. The emphasis in the Harcourt **Math** program is on understanding key mathematical concepts and using problem-solving skills to apply those concepts to everyday situations. Hands-on **science** activities teach the history and nature of science, earth and space science, physical science, and life science. The **social studies** curriculum focuses on history, humanities and the social sciences to develop social understanding and to prepare students to become responsible citizens.

The nationally recognized discipline-based **art** education was developed in 1986 at Robbinsdale Area Schools and is a model for school systems across the country. Students enjoy **music** education at each grade level; string orchestra begins in grade four, and band is introduced in grade five.

ELDERS' WISDOM, CHILDREN'S SONG™

Forest Elementary benefits from strong community relationships and this program is a prime example of that partnership. Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song™ is a program of community celebration of place in partnership with the West Metro Education Program (WMEP), bringing together children and elders, to honor commonalities and differences. Each year the school and community benefits from such beautiful stories told through song.



The mission of Robbinsdale Area Schools is to inspire and educate all learners to discover their potential and positively contribute to their community.