



Forest Elementary

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Melissa Jackson is the Principal of Forest Elementary. This is her fourth year as a principal in the district. She was previously a principal in Minneapolis for four years.

Grades: K-5
Opened: 2005
Enrollment: 600
School Hours:
9:25 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Adventure Club
offers before and after school care for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.
Hours: 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
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The mission of Robbinsdale Area Schools is to inspire and educate all learners to develop their unique potential and positively contribute to their community.

The Forest Experience

Forest is dedicated to providing all students with an excellent education so that each child can succeed in school and in life. With high expectations for learning and behavior, Forest staff members are dedicated to meeting the needs of each student in order for them to reach their fullest potential.

Teachers meet weekly through Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) to review students' data, analyze the needs and strengths of each student, and make instructional adjustments to increase student achievement. In addition, grade level teams meet quarterly to take a closer look at grade level progress and plan for additional support as well as enrichment opportunities for all students; always keeping our students and their success at the center of our work.

We provide students with an integrated technology learning experience. Each classroom has an updated audio enhancement system, a SMART board, laptops, and access to computers through our two computer labs. 5th grade students have the opportunity for personalized learning through 1:1 Chromebooks. Goals for our 5th grade students focus on math operations, informational reading, writing and information and technology literacy. Forest was designated as a Continuous Improvement Title I School in the fall of 2014. Additional federal funds we receive are used to provide support for all students' need to reach and exceed grade level standards. Specifically, funds are used for additional support staff, resources/materials, professional learning for teachers, and family engagement activities.

Family and Community Partnerships

Our families and surrounding community will be at the center of our continuous improvement efforts. We believe that children learn best when home, school and community work together. We provide a variety of ways for parents to be involved in their child's education including: conferences, volunteering at school, PTO, and other family involvement events. We also understand how important it is to stay connected with our families. Information is communicated through monthly newsletters, Forest website, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube!

Outstanding Curriculum

Forest Elementary School, like all Robbinsdale Area Schools, has implemented the framework of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). PBIS is a whole school approach that includes all students and staff in all school settings. Through implementation of PBIS, Forest has a learning environment that is more



engaging, responsive and preventive, addressing classroom management and disciplinary issues intentionally and timely, and promotes and celebrates a positive school climate.

Forest implements a multi-tiered instructional approach, Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), to most effectively and efficiently meet the academic and social behavioral needs of all students. Whether it is extra time to master standards or enrichment time to go deeper with concepts already mastered, we match instructional strategies to student needs to ensure each child reaches his/her fullest potential.

Forest Elementary offers:

- Our literacy block is structured so students develop life long habits of reading, writing, and working independently. Students select from authentic reading and writing choices, working independently towards personalized goals, while the teacher meets individual needs to ensure each child reaches his/her fullest potential.
- Our focus in elementary mathematics instruction is to create a strong foundation for children to think flexibly about numbers, sustain problem solving and communicate mathematically.
- Hands-on science activities teach the history and nature of science, earth and space science, physical science, and life science.
- Our Social Studies curriculum focuses on history, humanities and the social sciences to develop social understanding and to prepare students to become responsible citizens.
- Art instruction K-5 is based on state and national standards. Our arts education continues to be a model for school systems across the country.
- General music education is taught at each grade level; string orchestra begins in grade four, and band is introduced in grade five.

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