



Falcon Fun Facts- Information about Forest Grove

Welcome to Forest Grove! We are excited to welcome you to our Falcon community! In order to help you get familiar with our school, we have put together a list of key things to know about our Forest Grove campus and community life.

We are the Falcons and our school colors are Forest Green and White. Show your Falcon pride every Friday by wearing your green and white!

Falcon Awards are given monthly by the teachers to students who personify certain qualities that the campus community is focusing on: caring, sharing, etc. Falcon Awards are revealed during campus assemblies and students are honored with their photo in the school office.

Falcon Feathers are green notes passed out by the adults on campus to students to acknowledge good behavior. Students might earn a Falcon Feather by picking up trash, helping another student, etc.

Falcon Friends are a group dedicated to welcoming you to campus, helping to answer any questions you might have and introduce you to some friendly faces at Forest Grove.

Yellow Jackets - not the flying kind to be afraid of! Yellow Jackets are our way of letting the kids spot the adult supervisors during recess, lunch and after school. Yellow Jackets can also be found in our Before and After School Recreation Program, and they are also great people to find if you have questions on campus.

BASRP - There is no great way to say this acronym! BASRP stands for Before and After School Recreation Program. BASRP provides child care before and after school, features games, homework help and a safe place to start and finish the school day.

After School Enrichment - be on the lookout for the announcement of After School Enrichment Classes! These popular sessions are held several times through the year at both Robert Down and Forest Grove. Classes offer a variety of topics - from guitar, dance, yoga, art to chess. Classes fill on a First Come First Served basis, so don't delay in signing up for these classes. There is a fee for the these classes.

JUST RUN-After school program for k-5 students to play games, run laps and practice physical fitness. Usually held afterschool on Thursdays 2:00-3:00 from late January through March.

Campus and Culture

Our campus is organized in several levels. In order from Congress Avenue going up to Forest Lodge Road, we start with the kindergarten level. The main gathering space of 1-5 grades is called First Level. The area above the library with handball and basketball courts is Second Level. Third Level is the green grass playing fields. We ask that parents drop off and pick up their students in the back parking lot by Third Level, accessed off of Forest Lodge Road. This allows for safe bus loading and unloading in the front of campus.

Every October the City of Pacific Grove welcome back the Monarch Butterflies. The elementary school students of Pacific Grove participate in the **Butterfly Parade** - with each grade dressing in different costumes. The honor of dressing as a Monarch Butterfly goes to our kindergartners. The Parade begins at Robert Down Elementary on Pine Street, winds through downtown Pacific Grove on Lighthouse Avenue and returns to Robert Down. The PTA's for both Forest Grove and Robert Down host a **Butterfly Bazaar** - an afternoon of games, food and laughter for all to enjoy. A highlight of the Butterfly Bazaar are all the homemade goodies for the Bake Sale and the Cake Walk.

PTA Events

We have an active PTA who put on a number of great events through the year, and volunteers are welcome and needed for all events.

Outdoor Movie Night- Look for flyers in October and December announcing Outdoor Movie Night help on the Kindergarten playground at FG. Families can bring a blanket and enjoy a free kid's movie under the stars. Concessions available for purchase.

Book Fair - your student's chance to shop for books on campus during our twice a year Book Fair. During the Fall and Spring, volunteers run this event which is a major fundraiser for the school and a great time to teach kids about money and finding new favorite stories.

Family Game Night: Fun event to bring the family and play new games and even purchase to take home. Usually January/early spring.

Girls Dance- this is an evening activity for the girls at Forest Grove with that special guy in their life (father, uncle, guardian, grandfather, etc)

Boys Night - this evening is for the boys at Forest Grove with that special gal in their life (mother, guardian, aunt, grandmother, etc) Come ready to play some fun games!

Ice Cream Social – Gather with family and friends for a sweet treat and all the toppings! Ice Cream is \$5-the fun is free.

Falcon Fest - a fun filled Forest Grove tradition to mark the end of the School Year. A lot of work goes into this great event for all the students at Forest Grove, and plenty of volunteers are needed to make this an afternoon of fun for all. Held the last full Friday of the year, all the kids at Forest Grove have an opportunity to enjoy the games and activities.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration and Book Share- Held in early March around Dr. Seuss Day. Forest grove celebrates reading with a free Book Share. Families "bring a book and take a book". Students are also treated to a Dr. Seuss Movie.

Trunk or Treat-Families decorate their car trunks and student go "Trunk or Treat" each car dressed in costume. Raffles, photo booth and an outdoor movie sometimes accompany this event. Great Fall Fun!

Other Events and Things to Know

Art Docent - Love Color or living outside the lines? Then the Art Docent is a place for you! This is a volunteer based art program, where parents lead lessons in specific projects. Each child participates in the Art Docent program and their work is displayed during the Spring Open House Art Show. The PTA donates money for supplies for this great Art program.

Square One Art- This is a great fundraiser for our school and chance to turn your child's artwork into a keepsake (think:coffee mug, apron, note cards). Flyers will come home with your student sometime in the fall announcing the details.

Empowered Parent Connections Workshops - held several times throughout the year, these workshops cover various topics of interest to parents. Always on topic and informative, workshops are held jointly with Robert Down or PTA and the location varies.

PG P.R.I.D.E. is a California not-for-profit community foundation that raises money to **support the students, staff and classrooms** of the Pacific Grove Unified School District. PG P.R.I.D.E. has donated more than \$1,000,000 for learning materials, musical instruments, technology, **class trips** and camps, art supplies, writers- and poets-in-residence, **science equipment**, stage productions, athletics, and **improvement of**

facilities. Some of PG Pride's main events are **Walk with PRIDE** (September-pledge and walk) and **The Great Taste of PG** in March (Adult wine and Food event)

Run By The Bay-Family 3k Fun Run help in April at Lover's Point park and sponsored by the Big Sur International Marathon. Raises money for our PE program.

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