



FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Media Representatives
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RE: UPCOMING EVENTS AT FOREST HILLS SCHOOLS

◆ **Each new weekly addition will be highlighted in bold print.**

- Ongoing Ada Vista Elementary students are making Spanish language cards for the Totally for Troops Organization (T4T) during their lunchtime in February and March. These handcrafted cards are made for troops stationed in Afghanistan to “purchase” and send to loved ones back home. The Ada Vista PTO is sponsoring this event.
- 3/2-29 Fine Arts Center Exhibit and Artist-in-Residence Program presents the artwork of Cynthia Hagedorn. Cynthia’s squares are visual lessons in balance and relationships. Like pages from a journal, her acrylic paintings are explorations of the emotional spectrum. The exhibit is free; hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.
- 3/4-6 Forest Hills Northern Theater Department presents the “Complete Works of William Shakespeare.” Can a cast cover thirty-seven Shakespeare plays in less than two hours? This fast-firing comedy does just that as it parodies all of the Shakespeare plays (plus the sonnets!) in two acts. This play is full of energy as the characters run across the stage and keep you guessing how they will pull off the next play. Clever use of some interesting costumes also adds to the fun. All tickets available at the door, adults \$7, students \$5 at FHN Auditorium.
- 3/6 Forest Hills Eastern High School Variety Show includes the FHE Jazz band, Eastern singers, Vocal soloists and more! 7:30 p.m., FHE Auditorium, tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.
- 3/6 Forest Hills Eastern High School, 2200 Pettis NE, will host the Forest Hills Adult Community Band 2nd Annual Bands on the Grand Festival Band Performance. Seven community bands including a traditional German band, the Blue Lake International Band, and the Motor City Brass Band will perform beginning at 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. For your convenience concessions are available to purchase food and beverages.
- 3/6 Forest Hills Central High School hosts the Odyssey of the Mind Region 10 Competition. 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- 3/9 Orchard View Elementary will host a “World Potluck.” During the month of February, students studied family culture, and created a banner with maps, pictures, recipes, stories, drawings, anything that represents family culture, tradition and heritage. To bring these studies “alive” families will join in a “World Potluck” dinner bringing a dish to pass that represents their heritage. There are many activities planned to explore all the cultures and traditions within the Orchard View Family. 6-8 p.m.
- 3/9 Central Middle, Northern Hills Middle, and Eastern Middle School Orchestra Night, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Center.

- 3/9 Forest Hills Senior Center Learning Café presents ArtPrize Observations by Fred Bivins. The first-ever ArtPrize 2009 attracted more than half a million people viewing art in downtown Grand Rapids. What made it unique was that any artist had the chance to show their work. And any visitor could vote and determine who won the largest art prize in the world. Fred Bivins will give a behind-the-scenes look of what went into ArtPrize. Fred has been in charge of the Visual Arts Exhibition at Festival of the Arts for 12 years, artist and owner of Vincroft Studios and was the 2009 ArtPrize site manager for the Old Federal Building. Lunch at noon, program at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person for lunch and program (\$8 for non-residents). \$2 for program only (\$3 for non-residents). For reservations contact Community Services at 493-8950.
- 3/10 Thornapple Elementary Annual All School Art Show. Visit a celebration of art by grade level, Kindergarten and Young 5's from 6- 6:30 p.m.; first and second grades from 6:30-7 p.m.; third and fourth grades from 7- 7:30 p.m.**
- 3/11 Fine Arts Center Exhibit and Artist-in-Residence Program presents an artist reception for Cynthia Hagedorn, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 3/16 Orchard View, Knapp Forest, Eastern Middle and High School band students will showcase their talents in ExtravaBANDza 5! Over 350 students will gather for practice in the afternoon and then perform together at 7:30 p.m. in the Eastern High School Gym.
- 3/16 Knapp Forest Elementary Cultural Arts Program presents The Tertullian Trio. They will entertain students with music and song in grades K- 6, beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- 3/17 The Knapp Forest Elementary PTO and Cultural Arts Committees sponsor the Quinn School Of Irish Dance Performance at 11:15 a.m. in the gymnasium.**
- 3/18 Eastern Middle School Annual Career Day for 7th and 8th grade students. Students will attend a total of four career path presentations. The presentations will feature a variety of Michigan careers, including an area Judge, Environmental Engineer, Photojournalist, Pilot, Tool/Die Business Owner, Artist/Sculptor, Social Worker, Interior Designer, Architect and Restaurant Manager. Sessions begin at 7:45–10:30 a.m. Students will have processing activities with their teachers after the career presentations are completed.
- 3/18 Collins Elementary second grade students will visit the Goodwillie Environmental School to see the tapping of Maple trees for syrup from 9:15 a.m. – noon.
- 3/19 Eastern Middle and High Schools present the “Multi-Cultural Fashion Show.” Students will represent their cultures in a fashion show complete with songs and dances. There are two performances, 12:15-1:15 p.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in the Eastern High Auditorium.
- 3/23 Forest Hills Senior Center Learning Café presents Life Lessons from a Rural School. What happened when a city-born boy moved to the country and was educated in a rural school during the “Great Depression” days? Strangely enough it was mostly fun, and rich in laughs and real life lessons, as we will learn from Dave Wallace...a living survivor of that time and place. Lunch at noon, program at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person for lunch and program (\$8 for non-residents). \$2 for program only (\$3 for non-residents). For reservations contact Community Services at 493-8950.
- 3/24 Collins Elementary Cultural Arts Committee presents the Mackinac Historic Troupe presentation. Fourth grade students will see this troupe present the historical moments of Mackinac through stories and reenactment.

- 3/25 Knapp Forest Elementary second grade students will perform the musical "Go Fish!" 6:45 p.m. in the gymnasium.
- 3/25 Knapp Forest Elementary PTO sponsors the Mackinac Historical Troupe. Fourth grade students will see this troupe present the historical moments of Mackinac through stories and reenactment.
- 3/25 Pine Ridge Elementary Third Grade Musical. 7 p.m. in the gymnasium.
- 3/25 The second Eastern High School National Honor Society Blood Drive is open from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The blood drive this past November broke all previous records with 15 more pints of blood collected than last year, 109 people signed in, 84 total pints of blood were drawn, this includes 56 first time donors.
- 3/25-27 Forest Hills Central High School Theater Department presents the musical *The Wizard of Oz*. Follow the yellow brick road at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and Saturday at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$9 each with a special matinee price of \$8. Tickets are available at the Fine Arts Center Box Office on March 1.
- 3/26 Meadow Brook Elementary students will attend a performance by Diane McElfish-Helle playing the Chinese stringed instrument called the Er-Hu. This performance is sponsored as part of the FLAP Grant/Flex program in Mandarin Chinese that gives all students the opportunity to be exposed to the Chinese language and culture. Performances are scheduled from 8:50 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in music class.
- 3/26 Collins Elementary Cultural Arts Committee sponsors two presentations by Michigan author Kevin Kammeraad for Young Author's Day. Kevin will share his writing, singing and puppeteering talents as well as a kick-off writing workshop. Please call for presentation time(s).
- 3/29 Collins Elementary PTO presents "Sundaes with Someone Special." Students bring their special guest (and siblings) for sundaes and entertainment. Joel Tracey will amuse guests with comedy, music, magic and juggling from 6 –8 p.m. The cost is \$3.50 per person.
- 3/29 Forest Hills Central, Northern and Eastern High Schools Choral Gala, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center.
- 3/30 Forest Hills Central Spring String Fling, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Center.
- 3/30 Forest Hills Senior Center Learning Café presents Gilmore Keyboard Festival Overview. The Gilmore's biennial Festival presents more than two weeks of astonishing keyboard performances across West Michigan – a Festival that celebrates the joy and power of music. Mary McCormick of the Gilmore Keyboard Festival will discuss the Grand Rapids' April and May events. Lunch at noon, program at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person for lunch and program (\$8 for non-residents). \$2 for program only (\$3 for non- residents). For reservations contact Community Services at 493-8950.
- 3/31 Knapp Forest first grade students will visit the Butterflies are Blooming Exhibit at Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park at 9:30 a.m.**
- 4/5-9 Spring Recess – No School**
- 4/13 Forest Hills Senior Center Learning Café presents Three in Accord. Known for playing a broad selection of music, Three in Accord has been playing together and entertaining groups for over six years. Harvey Alley, Bob Ekberg and Glenn Eberhardt will bring their talents to the Café with their harmonica, guitar, banjo, sax, clarinet and more. Lunch at noon, program at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person for lunch and program (\$8 for non-residents). \$2 for program only (\$3 for non- residents).

For reservations contact Community Services at 493-8950. For program information contact: Jean Kubiszewski, 493-8950.

- 4/15 Knapp Forest Cultural Arts Committee is sponsoring a visit to the “Nooks and Crannies” of the Grand Rapids Symphony at DeVos Performance Hall for 6th grade students. 10:15 a.m.**
- 4/17 The Forest Hills Fine Arts Center present *An Evening With Amy Grant*. With six Grammys, numerous Dove Awards, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and a multitude of other accolades to her credit, Grant has erased lines between genres and earned the respect of fans and peers with her honesty, vulnerability and ceaseless creativity. She is beloved for both her Contemporary Christian music and mainstream hits like “Baby Baby,” “Every Heartbeat,” “That’s What Love is For,” and “I Will Remember You.” Grant’s artistry has continually resonated with audiences since she first hit the national spotlight as a fresh-faced teen with a guitar three decades ago. Since then, she has earned three multi platinum albums, six platinum albums and four gold albums; 10 Top 40 pop singles and 17 Top 40 Adult Contemporary tracks. Ticket prices are: \$42, \$44, \$48 and can be purchased at the Fine Arts Center Box Office – 600 Forest Hill Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546, at any Ticketmaster outlet, by calling 1-800-745-3000 or at ticketmaster.com.
- 4/20 Forest Hills Recycled Fashion/Art Show Returns! Forest Hills Central, Eastern and Northern High Schools 2nd Annual Re-design Fashion Show. AP Art students design and make clothing and art wear from recyclable materials, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center.
- 4/20 Northern Trails Band Spectacular. 7 p.m., Forest Hills Northern High School gym.
- 4/20 Forest Hills Fine Arts Center presents an artist’s reception for the Forest Hills Public Schools K-12 Student Art Exhibit, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 4/21 Pine Ridge Elementary Cultural Arts Committee sponsors a presentation by Michigan author Kevin Kammeraad for Young Author’s Day. Kevin will share his writing, singing and puppeteering talents as well as a kick-off writing workshop. Please call for presentation time(s).
- 4/22 Pine Ridge Elementary Second Grade Musical, 7 p.m. in the gymnasium.
- 4/22 Collins Elementary Spring Sing Concert, 6:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center.
- 4/26 Northern Hills Middle School 8th Grade Musical, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Center.
- 4/27 Forest Hills Senior Center Learning Café presents a visit to the Felt Mansion and AlpenRose Restaurant in downtown Holland. Beautifully situated between Holland and Saugatuck, the Felt Estate was once the luxurious summer home and hobby of self-made millionaire and inventor Dorr Felt. The mansion retains the architectural beauty of a bygone era and offers a glimpse of the wealth and lifestyle of the Roaring 20’s. The bus will leave the Senior Center at 9 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. Cost is \$49 per person (\$53 for non-residents). Price includes deluxe motor coach transportation, tour, refreshments, escort fee, restaurant meal and gratuities. Reservations are required by April 2. For reservations contact Community Services at 493-8950.
- 4/27 Central Woodlands and Central Middle School Combined Band Concert, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Center.
- 4/29-5/1 Forest Hills Eastern High School Theater Department presents the ever-popular musical *Grease*. This high energy musical is a favorite for all. Show times are Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Eastern Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, and available at the door.

- 4/29 Collins Elementary First and Second Grade Spring Sing, 6:30 p.m., Northern High Auditorium.
- 4/29 The Forest Hills Fine Arts Center presents *Whose Live Anyway*. It's no surprise *Whose Live Anyway* has continued to be a consistent sellout to audiences everywhere. The laughter still resonates! Ryan Stiles, Greg Proops, Chip Esten and Jeff Davis leave their audiences gasping with hysterical scenes invented before your eyes. Tickets available at the Fine Arts Center, or at Ticketmaster.com for \$48, \$38, \$34 and \$32.
- 5/3 Forest Hills Central High School Spring Choir Concert, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Center.
- 5/4 Forest Hills Central High School Jazz and Percussion Concert, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Center.**
- 5/5 Knapp Forest Elementary 5th grade students present their finale concert "Let's Go to the Movies." This show features a variety of songs/dances from several different movies. 6:45 p.m. in the Eastern High Auditorium.**
- 5/5 Forest Hills Central Bands Concert, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Center.
- 5/6 Knapp Elementary sponsors the "Showcase of the Stars" talent show at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- 5/6 Pine Ridge Elementary First Grade Musical, 7 p.m. in the gymnasium.
- 5/7 Collins Elementary First Grade Mother's Day Tea features a concert and tea at 2:45 p.m. in the gymnasium.
- 5/12 Collins Elementary Kindergarten Spring Sing. 7:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium.