

A graphic for a 'Back to School Night' event. The background is a vibrant blue with a subtle grid pattern. In the top right corner, there is a large, bright yellow sun partially obscured by a white cloud. Several other white clouds of various sizes are scattered across the top. A dark blue, rounded rectangular banner is positioned diagonally across the center, containing the text 'Back to School Night' in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below this banner, a lighter blue, rounded rectangular banner contains the text 'Forest Ridge Elementary School' in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font.

Back to School Night

Forest Ridge Elementary School



Welcome!

Mrs. Ports

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Schedule

Opening 9:00-9:20

Content 9:20-10:20

Related Arts 10:20-11:20

ELA 11:20-12:50

Recess 12:50-1:20

Lunch 1:20-1:50

ELA 1:50-2:20

Math 2:20-3:35

Dismissal 3:35-3:50

Related Arts Schedule

Monday- Music

Tuesday- Art

Wednesday- P.E

Thursday- Media

Friday- P.E

**snack is after Related Arts



Attendance

Attend Today...Achieve Tomorrow

- Coming to school is imperative for student growth in 5th grade.
- If your child does need to miss school, please write a note to ensure it is excused.
- Extended and planned absences must be approved.
- Classwork must be made up due to absences.

Early Dismissals: Please avoid the last 15 minutes of school to take your child out of school early.



Field Trips

Robinson Nature Center (Science): Oct 25

Mt. Vernon - George Washington's home (Social Studies): June 7 (Extended Day)



Simulated Congressional Hearing

When: May 23

What: During the SCH, students assume the roles of Constitutional experts and prepare speeches using supporting current events. They present these speeches before a panel of judges, followed by a question and answer session.



Volunteers

- All volunteers have to complete an online training annually.
- Field trip chaperones are always welcome.
- PTA will be asking for help with SCH (we need lots of help).



Homework

- Assigned on Monday
- Math - Assorted Concepts Homework **due Wednesday**
- Language Arts - 2 parts
 - Read for at least 20 minutes each night Monday-Thursday, **due Friday**.
 - written response **due Friday** (will not start right away).
- Homework is meant to be completed with minimal adult support.
- Language Arts homework assignments may be completed through Canvas on occasion.



How to Help Your Child

- Be a role model! Show your child reading and writing is an important part of your life.
- Expose your child to a variety of texts and through different mediums (newspapers, magazines, digital print, etc.)
- Discuss current events.
- Ask your child about what they are reading.
 - Can they summarize the text?
 - Can they tell you about the characters?



How to Help Your Child

- Common Core math is different than how you were taught - different isn't always bad!
- We stress a growth mindset and ask you to do the same at home.
- Be encouraging and supportive with your words.



What Will Your Child Learn

- Please use the following link for information about the 5th grade curriculum.
- <https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/34431>
- Health Units: Puberty Education will be taught in the Spring; Sexual Child Abuse Prevention will be taught in November/December



Dress Code

Students should wear attire that is school appropriate.

Examples:

- Shorts should be no shorter than fingertip length
- Tank top straps should be at least 3 fingers wide
- Graphic tees should convey positive messages



How to Contact Me

- Email is preferred
- If you need to change a dismissal procedure during the day, please contact the office; I am not always free to check during school hours.



Canvas Announcements

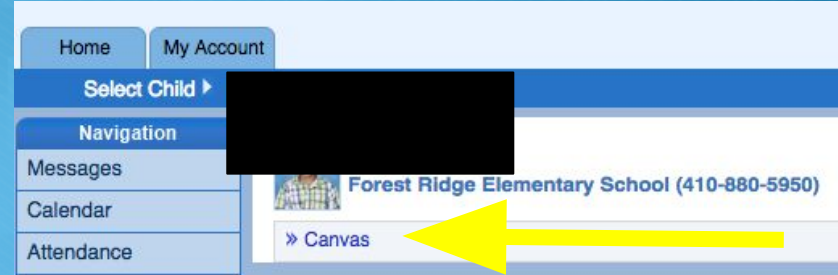
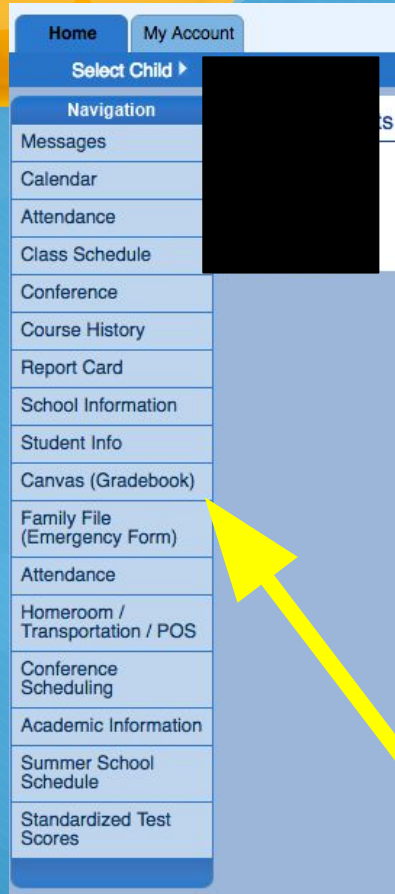
- We will send out team and class updates through Canvas on a regular basis.
- We will post extra forms (field trips, team activities).
- Please make sure your settings are correct to ensure you receive notifications of our announcements.

***please let me know if you don't have internet access at home

Here's how you can access Canvas:

Step 1: Login to www.hcpss.org/connect/

Click on Canvas(Gradebook) link.



Step 2: Click on Canvas link.

Step 3:
Click on a class.

***Team
announcements
will be found in
the “Lunch”
class.

The dashboard is titled "Dashboard" and features a header with the "Synergy" logo, an "Orientation" icon, and a settings gear. Below the header, there are six class cards arranged in a 2x3 grid. Each card has a colored header, a title, a subtitle, and a year. The top-right card is highlighted with a yellow arrow.

Card Color	Title	Subtitle	Year	Icons
Pink	DaCosta O'Connell	DaCosta O'Connell		None
Dark Purple	HEALTH EDUCATION 05-O'Conn...	HEALTH EDUCATION - O'Co...	2017-2018 FY	Speech bubble, Folder
Red	Homeroom 5 05-O'Connell-FY-F...	Homeroom 5 - O'Connell	2017-2018 FY	Megaphone, Speech bubble
Dark Green	LANGUAGE ARTS 05-O'Connell-F...	LANGUAGE ARTS - O'Connell	2017-2018 FY	None
Green	Lunch PK0-O'Connell-FY-FRES	Lunch - O'Connell	2017-2018 FY	None
Blue	SCIENCE 05-O'Connell-FY-FRES	SCIENCE - O'Connell	2017-2018 FY	None

☰ Homeroom 5 - O'Connell > Announcements

2017-2018 FY

Search title, body, or author

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+ Announcement

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Join the FRES Band!

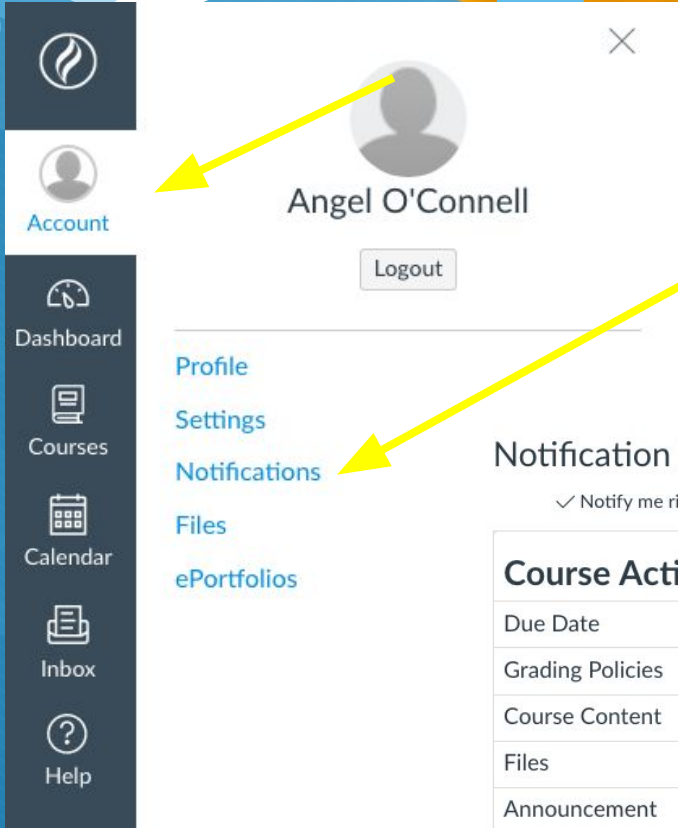
Mrs. O'Connell

It's not too late for your child join the Forest Ridge Elementary School Band! You can sign up online at [http://fresbands.weebly.com/...](http://fresbands.weebly.com/)

Wednesday



Step 4: View the announcement.



Account - Notifications

Angel O'Connell

Logout

Profile

Settings

Notifications

Files

ePortfolios

Dashboard

Courses

Calendar

Inbox

Help

Note: A yellow arrow points from the 'Account' icon in the sidebar to the user profile, and another yellow arrow points from the 'Notifications' menu item to the 'Notification Preferences' table below.

To receive notifications about announcements:
Click on Account - Notifications.
Then change the setting.

Notification Preferences

Notify me right away

Send daily summary

Send weekly summary

Do not send me anything

Course Activities

Due Date

Grading Policies

Course Content

Files

Announcement

Email Address

angel_dacosta_occonnell@hcpss.org

Note: A yellow arrow points from the 'Announcement' row to the first checkbox in the 'Do not send me anything' column.



Behavior Management

We follow...

- the 1,2,3 Magic behavior program

We have...

- School-wide incentives - Club Day
- Team-wide incentives
- Class incentives
- Individual incentives - Eagle Eggs



Emergency Information

- Please be sure to keep your family file updated in case of an emergency.
- Go to <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/>
- Once at this link, simply click on Family File.

A decorative header featuring a bright yellow sun with a small blue circle in the center, partially obscured by stylized blue and white clouds. The background is a solid blue color with a subtle pattern of lighter blue squares.

Questions?