



# Forest View *Elementary School*

## The Learning Environment at Forest View Elementary

Forest View is a beautiful school in a pastoral setting across the street from the Waller Farm, the site of many field trips. Our classrooms are bright, open and sunny with lots of windows. The creativity of the learning environment is evident as you walk through halls filled with student art or explore the outdoor gardens and learning centers.

Forest View has received widespread acclaim and become a national model for its school-wide Positive Behavioral System which encourages respect for self and others and self-control. As a result, our teachers are able to teach and our students are able to learn in an atmosphere that fosters personal responsibility and self-esteem.



DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

### TAKE A TOUR OF FOREST VIEW

You're invited to visit the school during school hours. Go to the office to register and you'll be given a school map. Call 919.560.3932 for more information.

Forest View's mission is to help students grow intellectually, socially and emotionally as they become creative, confident problem solvers prepared for global citizenship. With more than 30 countries represented in our student body, we offer a unique international perspective for students and parents. The diversity of our student body enriches the classroom learning environment and enlarges students' understanding of our complex world.

## Science, Technology & The Arts at Forest View

Forest View is a science focus school. From the first days of kindergarten to fifth grade graduation, we recognize and value the importance of teaching the principles of scientific thought. Teachers infuse their lesson plans with scientific teaching, exploration and hands-on experimentation. We also have an excellent science lab, outdoor learning centers, and on-going partnerships with Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment, the Duke Observatory, and several Duke science departments who develop and lead units for our students and teachers in each grade level to extend the science curriculum in exciting new ways.

The Forest View curriculum utilizes an integrated approach to weekly classes in music, art, and

physical education, so that what is taught in the classroom is enhanced with a variety of learning experiences. Forest View students are savvy users of various media and technology and love showing off what they've learned on FVTV, our student run television network.

At Forest View, we believe it is crucial to meet each child where they are and we are committed to helping them realize their full potential. Forest View teachers utilize differentiated instructional learning techniques to teach to each child's strengths and needs. We also offer a full range of services for children - from special needs to academically and/or intellectually gifted learners.





## Our Teachers

We have the highest number of National Board Certified teachers and the highest number of staff with post-graduate education in the Durham public elementary schools. According to the Governor's Survey of Teacher Satisfaction, we have one of the highest rates of teacher satisfaction in the state. We also have an excellent teacher retention rate. We value our teachers and it shows.

## Community Partnerships

Forest View has excellent community partners who join with the school to enhance learning. They include: Duke University, The University of North Carolina, The Retired Seniors Volunteer Program, The North Carolina Museum of Life and Science, Morehead Planetarium, The North Carolina Museum of Natural Science, The Waller Farm and Chick-fil-A™.

## Talk with Our Parents

For an "insider's view" of Forest View, feel free to contact our Parent Advocates listed below:

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2 children at Forest View, 1 alumna

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### FOREST VIEW FACTS

Date Forest View opened – 1993  
Number of students – approximately 640  
Grades served – K-5  
Calendar – Traditional



## Family Involvement. Building a Community of Learning

Forest View is a school that welcomes family involvement. We expect our children's families to be partners with us in the child's education through daily oversight of homework and assuring adequate rest and nutrition. We welcome your presence and involvement, volunteering in the classroom, chaperoning field trips, and participating in fun family events such as our annual Fall Festival, Family Game Night, Science Expo or Multi-Cultural Festival. Forest View knows that family involvement strengthens the family bond and builds a quality school.

The PTA at Forest View plays a key part in our school decision-making team and plans many wonderful events throughout the year. Through fundraising,

they support various staff initiatives with grants and they recently funded new laptop computers and playground equipment.

Families are crucial to our success. We hope you will become an involved member of our school community.

We chose Forest View as our school and have been thrilled. Our children are thriving and have friends from all over the world.

Debra Brazzel, parent of three Forest View students



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