

Frost Road Elementary

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Message from the Admin Team

Dear Frost Road Families,

It's hard to believe how quickly September flew by! The energy and excitement of a new school year filled our halls, and we've already shared some wonderful moments together. One of the highlights was our Meet the Teacher Night. Thank you to all the parents and guardians who joined us. It was a joy to welcome you into our classrooms and share a glimpse of the learning journey ahead.

As we settle into October, we're looking forward to all the fall fun and meaningful learning experiences we have planned. From engaging classroom activities to seasonal celebrations, this month promises to be full of connection, curiosity, and community.

Wishing you and your loved ones a warm and restful Thanksgiving weekend. We're grateful to be learning and growing together.

Sincerely,

Connie Koustas and Andrew Shook



Fraser Health: Respiratory season and fall immunizations

Keep your children free from respiratory illnesses this winter

As the weather gets colder and we spend more time indoors, we're more likely to get sick with things like colds, flu or COVID-19 because these illnesses spread more easily in enclosed spaces.

Everyone should take these steps to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Get vaccinated for flu and COVID-19 if you are eligible.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have flu-like symptoms, stay home and away from people at higher risk of serious illness. If you are sick and cannot stay away from others, wear a mask. Learn more about masks here¹. **Vaccinations for respiratory illness** Vaccinations prepare our immune system to recognize and respond to viruses. When children get immunized, they are less likely to get sick or pass along illness to others and better able to focus on learning, playing and doing the activities they love. Register your children with the Get Vaccinated² system so you can be reminded to get flu or COVID-19 vaccinations when they are due. Seasonal respiratory vaccinations are available from pharmacies, public health units and some primary care providers. **School-aged immunizations** As children get older, the protection from some infant immunizations³ can wear off. To set young people up for long-term health and well-being, vaccines are offered routinely in kindergarten, grade 6 and grade 9 with catch-up opportunities in other grades. Getting your child vaccinated on schedule is one of the best ways to protect their health. All routine school-aged immunizations are free in British Columbia. If your child is not up-to-date with their vaccines, please make an appointment with a public health unit, family doctor, nurse practitioner or pharmacy. If your child's record shows their vaccines are not current, but they did get vaccines from a health care provider outside of public health:
 - Contact the health care provider who immunized your child and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
 - Report these immunizations to Public Health online at: <http://www.fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform>

Learn more about school-aged immunizations, including how to access your child's records, here: Children and youth immunizations – Fraser Health Authority⁴

¹<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/prevention-risks/masks>

²<https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/>

³<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/immunizations/infants-and-toddlers-immunizations>

⁴<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/immunizations/children-and-youth-immunization>



Student Lates and Absences

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- *If your child is late for any reason, please direct them to enter the school through the front doors and go to the office to check in prior to going to their classroom.*
 - *When you call or e-mail the school, please be sure to include the teacher's name, division number, and reason for the absence (Late, Sick, Vacation, Parent Excused)*
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Thank you to TD Canada Trust at Fleetwood Park Village

In June, our Integration Support Team received a \$1000 donation from the TD Bank at Fleetwood Park Village. We are so grateful, as this money was used to buy inclusive sports equipment and sensory regulation tools for our school. Thanks so much for supporting our school community!



BC Ministry News - Early Literacy Screening



September 11, 2025

Ref: 312297

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Starting school is a big milestone for both children and their families. As your child begins learning to read, know that their early literacy skills are being supported every day in the classroom. Early literacy skills refer to the foundational reading skills that children develop before they can fully read, and are crucial to becoming successful lifelong learners.

Beginning this fall, all BC school districts will implement early literacy screening in Kindergarten, expanding to Grades 1–3 in future years. These brief classroom checks help teachers understand where students are in their reading journey and provide extra support when needed. While not diagnostic, they help guide instruction and track progress.

Many districts already use these tools, but for some, this will be new. If you have questions about your child's literacy development, please speak with their teacher or principal. You can also learn more at the Ministry of Education and Child Care website (www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support-literacy-supports).

Ensuring that all children learn to read is much more than a government commitment – it is the right of every learner in our education system. As you embark on this journey with your child, I want to thank you for your dedication to supporting their literacy learning at home and for your support of early literacy screening at your child's school.

I wish your family the very best this school year and a big welcome to the future class of 2038!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Beare'.

Lisa Beare
Minister of Education and Child Care

BC Ministry News - Foundational Skills Assessment

Information for Parents and Caregivers



All about the Foundational Skills Assessment

What is the Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA)?

The FSA is a learning assessment for all grade 4 and 7 students. It focuses on the areas of **literacy** and **numeracy**.

FSA results are one way of measuring how the education system is doing in these key areas. It assesses how students think, communicate and reflect - not just the facts they know.

The FSA is not intended to be used to rank students, teachers, or schools. The FSA is a snapshot of student learning at a moment in time. For parents and caregivers, it tells you where your child is at in their literacy and numeracy development, as well as areas where they may need support. When all students participate, it also gives the Ministry of Education and Child Care a clear picture of how the education system is performing as a whole.

Why is the FSA important?

The Ministry of Education and Child Care sets the standards for what your child learns and, along with teachers, figures out ways to measure how well they are learning. The goal is for your child (and all students in BC) to get a great education that readies them for life after graduation and helps them become educated citizens.

One way the Ministry ensures the quality of student learning is through the FSA. The FSA helps us understand what learning looks like across the entire province. It lets us see how different groups of students are learning and find out where they might need extra help. It also helps us understand how well BC is doing over time.

The Ministry uses this information to make sure that your child's learning is "on track" and that they don't fall behind. This data also allows us to know how BC students are doing in relation to students in other provinces in Canada and the rest of the world. The FSA provides both the Ministry and parents and caregivers with the assurance that students possess the literacy and numeracy skills necessary for their future.

Literacy is your child's ability to understand language and communicate in a variety of ways.

Numeracy is your child's ability to apply important math skills, solve problems, and communicate solutions.

The FSA:

- Is **not** a high-stakes assessment
- Is **not** meant to be used for ranking students, teachers, or schools
- Does **not** impact student marks or report cards
- Provides valuable information about student learning
- Ensures all students are developing a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy
- Guides improvements to BC's education system

Information for Parents and Caregivers



How will your child participate?

The FSA will be completed by your child as part of their regular classroom learning. Your child does not need to prepare for the assessment. The FSA has five parts that can be spread out over several days or weeks during the fall of your child's grade 4 and 7 school year. Each component of the assessment will never be longer than an hour, so it won't take too much time away from classroom learning. Here is what your child can expect:

Component	Description	Time
Paper-based literacy task	A collaboration activity and 3 written response questions	60 minutes
Online literacy task	30 questions	60 minutes
Paper-based numeracy task	3 written response questions and 1 self-reflection question	45 minutes
Online numeracy task	30 questions	60 minutes
Self-reflection	1 selected-response question and 1 written-response question	5 minutes

Some students may feel nervous about tests. Talking about the FSA at home can help your child understand the purpose of the assessment. It can also help your child feel more confident writing it.

You will receive your child's test booklet back after it has been marked. Marking is done by teachers using the provincial proficiency scale, the same scale used for report cards for kindergarten to Grade 9. For FSA, "Developing" and "Proficient" have been combined on the scale into a single category, so that you know if your child is "On Track" in their literacy and numeracy learning.

Emerging	On Track	Extending
means your child is beginning to understand the expected concepts	means your child mostly understands the expected concepts	means your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways

Along with written comments from teachers and the proficiency scale on report cards, the FSA results can be another helpful source of information to see where your child is in their literacy and numeracy development and where they can go next in their learning.

How are the FSA results used?

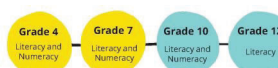
The FSA results offer insights to parents, caregivers, teachers, schools, districts, and the Ministry. They provide valuable information to all levels of the education system that help improve student learning.

- For parents, caregivers, and teachers, these results can show how students are doing in literacy and numeracy.
- Teachers, schools, and districts can use the FSA results to help support classroom teaching. They can see where students are doing well and where they might need more help.
- Schools, districts, and the Ministry can use the FSA results to help make the education system better. The Ministry also relies on the FSA to uphold high learning standards to help all students develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

It's important to know that the FSA results aren't for ranking students, teachers, schools, or districts. Rankings don't help learning and don't make BC's education system better. The FSA is just one data point and doesn't reflect all the teaching and learning that happens in a school. That's why the Ministry doesn't make, share, or support any rankings.

When are literacy and numeracy assessed?

Foundation Skills Assessments Graduation Assessments



Contact Us

assessments@gov.bc.ca

Curriculum.gov.bc.ca



PAC News!

Next PAC Meeting is on Thursday, October 16th at 7 PM in the school Library, in person. All parents and guardians are welcome to join!

Thank you to all the families who signed up for the Photo Fundraiser - October 16 & 17. All of the time slots are now filled. We appreciate everyone's support!

Created By Kids Fundraiser

We are having a new fundraiser where your child's art becomes a masterpiece that you can give to your family and friends!

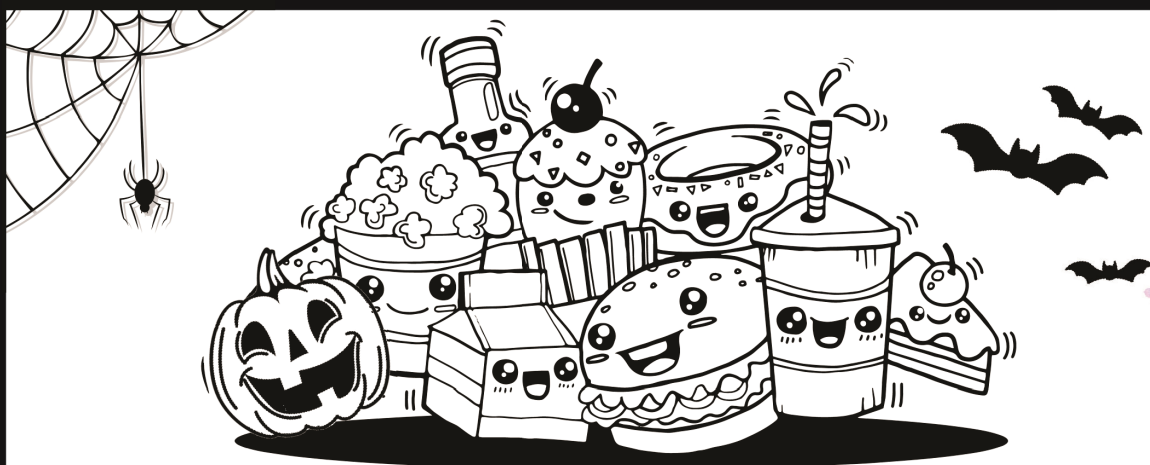
You will soon be receiving an order form, with your child's original artwork on the back side.

Created by Kids will upload your child's art and print it on to greeting cards, coffee cups, mugs, pillow cases, puzzles, and water bottles.

For more information, check out their website: <https://www.createdbykids.ca/products.html>

Orders will be due by: November 4, 2025





NEXT FUN LUNCH

Frost Road PAC is happy to announce the upcoming fun lunch:

OCTOBER 31, 2025
HALLOWE'EN



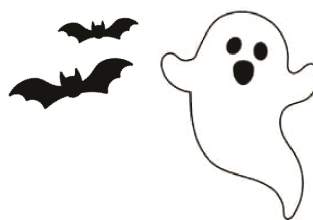
Little Caesars®

Ordering will be open via MunchaLunch.com from October 10 to October 24 at 11pm. No late orders will be accepted!

All orders must be processed online, no cash or cheques will be accepted. Please note that any unpaid orders left in your cart longer than 24hrs will be deleted.

No changes, refunds or cancellations can be made after ordering closes.

If you have any questions, please email
frostroadfunlunch@gmail.com



Winter Celebration Dance on November 20th, 2025



Hi Frost Road Families,

SAVE THE DATE!

Our PAC is excited to announce our Winter Festival School Dance on Thursday November 20th at 5-7pm. This event is family friendly, and parent supervision is required.

Tickets for this event will be on sale soon for \$4 per person on Munchalunch.com. Tickets will be limited, so be sure to buy your tickets so you don't miss out on this fun event!

Ticket sales soon to be announced.

Thank you,

Frost Road PAC

Tickets will be available to purchase on Sunday, October 12th on Munch-A-Lunch!

HOW TO ORDER:



If you are a new parent to Munch-A-Lunch please use this link:
<https://munchalunch.com/schools/FrostRoad>

If you are a returning parent to Munch-A-Lunch please use this link: <https://munchalunch.com/login>

YMCA

Are you looking for before and after school care?

The YMCA Kids Club has opened a before and after school care program at this school site.

Part time and full-time spaces.

For more information or to register please email ymcakidsclubs@bc.ymca.ca⁵



Upcoming Dates

October

- 13 Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
- 14 Photo Retake Day
- 16 & 17 PAC Photo Fundraiser
- 24 Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)

⁵<mailto:ymcakidsclubs@bc.ymca.ca>

31 PAC Fun Lunch, Early Dismissal at 1:28 PM and Halloween!



November

10 Professional Development Day

11 Remembrance Day (School Closed)



December

16 Early Dismissal at 1:28 PM



December 22, 2025 to January 2, 2026 Winter Break

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