



Fraser Wood Monthly Newsletter - December 4th, 2023

Educations purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one - Malcolm Forbes

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Message from our Administration Team



We would like to acknowledge that we work, learn, and play on the shared traditional territories of the Kwantlen, Katzie, Semiahmoo, and other Coast Salish Peoples. We would also like to acknowledge the diverse population of people who contribute to the school's rich and dynamic culture.

On behalf of the entire staff at Fraser Wood, I would like to wish all of our families a very happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Whether you will be celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa or any other special occasion, we hope that you will have the opportunity to spend time with loved ones and share the magic of the season. We look forward to our final days of school and to the promise and hope 2024 will bring!

Over the next few weeks, we have a large number of events leading up to the start of Winter Break, including an amazing winter concert, food drive and a fun spirit-week organized by our leadership team!

Just a friendly reminder to all parents that with the change in weather, it is getting colder and snow may start falling! Please ensure all students are dressed warmly for the cold and snow.

In the week ahead, please be reminded of our grade 6 immunizations on Thursday December 7 and that report cards are going home on Friday for all grades.

Have a great December everyone. We are looking forward to a fun and eventful month ahead!

Mr. Chambers, Principal

Mr. Barry, Vice Principal

Fraser Wood Book Fair - December 4 - December 8



The Fraser Wood book fair is finally here! It is taking place in our Library from December 4th to 8th. The Book Fair is an exciting event for students at our school where they can look at the new books and purchase a favourite. It's also a great fundraiser which enables Ms McNamee and Ms Malig to purchase new books and resources for our Library Learning Commons. All classes will have their own time to visit

the Book Fair during the week, and the fair is also open for shopping before school, at lunch time and after school. Wednesday afternoon will be our family event, when the book fair will be open until 5 pm.

See you at the Book Fair!

Winter Christmas Concert 2023



Ms. McFadden and Fraser Wood Elementary is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Winter Concert this December on Wednesday December 20th and Thursday December 21st.

Our winter concert will feature a Christmas play by our primary students and a number of intermediate students doing solo and small group performances. Please know that while our Christmas concert will feature mostly primary students, a concert later in the year will feature mostly intermediate performances. The student play will feature a live band and will include a number of Fraser Wood staff and parents. We are very excited for this year's performance!

Concert Details:

Wednesday December 20 – 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm in the gym. Students performing include odd numbered primary divisions and division 22. So divisions 23, 22, 21, 19, 17, 15 and 13. In addition to these divisions will be a number of intermediate students doing solo and small group performances. Finally, there will be a performance from the school band.

Thursday December 21 – 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm in the gym. Students performing include even numbered primary divisions except division 22. So divisions 20, 18, 16, 14 and 12. In addition to these divisions will be a number of intermediate students doing solo and small group performances. Finally there will be a performance from the school band.

Ticket Sales:

Tickets for the performances will be \$5.00 per ticket to recoup costs for the event. Tickets will go on sale starting Wednesday December 6th starting at 9:00 am.

Families may purchase up to 4 tickets to start. Starting Wednesday December 13, families can purchase additional tickets if available.

I want to come, but can't make the time my child is performing.

Fraser Wood will be hosting afternoon performances for the student body to watch the performances. If parents are unable to make the formal evening performances, please reach out and we can see about you joining us during the day. If this is the case, it will be a 1:00 pm start time.

We are looking forward to an incredible event and hope to see you this holiday season.

Fraser Wood Athletics



For the month of November, our Volleyball teams were on fire! Fraser Wood was excited to host the playday for both the boys and girls. Congratulations to our boys on finishing second place while our girls team went undefeated finishing first overall! Huge thank you to Mr. Calbick, Ms. Seto, Ms. Orth and Mr. Chambers for taking on Volleyball this season!

Basketball season is about to begin. Students need to stay tuned for announcements about joining our basketball teams this year.

Spirit Week - December 18- December 22



A huge thank you to Ms. Lewis, Mr. Weakes, Mme. Sauder and all of the Fraser Wood Leadership students for organizing a spirit week for our school the week of December 18 - December 22

Monday December 18 - Holiday Colour Day

Tuesday December 19 - Grinch Day

Wednesday December 20 - Ugly Sweater Day

Thursday December 21 - Holiday Hat Day

Friday December 22 - PJ Day / Loungewear Day + Stuffies

Door Decorating Challenge



This year, classes have been challenged through our student leadership team to a door decorating challenge. Leadership students have created the criteria and will be judging doors in the weeks ahead. Ms. Martin and Ms. Guglielmucci have a head start - see image.

Good luck to all our classes and have fun!!!!

Grade 6 Immunizations



Just a reminder to families that our grade 6 immunizations are taking place Thursday December 7th in the gym. These are the regular immunizations and are not COVID related.

Please make sure forms are into the school asap!

Allergy Awareness



A friendly reminder to all of our families that we are a nut aware and scent aware school as a number of our students and staff have life-threatening allergies. Exposure to nut products and scented products may cause serious harm. Please help keep our school community safe by ensuring your child's lunch and snacks are nut-free and your family is avoiding the use of heavily scented products.

Message From Our PAC



The graphic features the Fraser Wood Elementary logo at the top left, which includes a stylized bird. The title "Meet Fraser Wood Elementary PAC" is centered at the top, with "2023/2024 Term" below it. The background is a large, detailed image of a bird's head. Five individual portraits are arranged in a row, each with a name and title above it. At the bottom of the graphic, there is a call to action for parents to attend the next meeting.

Meet Fraser Wood Elementary PAC
2023/2024 Term

Jody Sikham
President

Elizabeth Athens
Vice President

Jean Lai
Treasurer

Stephanie Thompson
Secretary

Kelly Perry
Fundraising Lead

Attention all parents: we need your help!
Please join us in the next PAC meeting to help make this a
fun-filled 2023/2024 school year!

Next PAC Meeting

VIRTUAL PAC MEETING: **Thursday December 14, 2023 at 6 pm.**

All parents are welcome to attend online at:

ZOOM Meeting ID: 946 9592 2953

ZOOM Passcode: 371777

ZOOM Meeting LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/94695922953?>

PAC Executive Board 2023-2024

President – Jody Sikham

Vice President – Elizabeth Athens

Secretary – Stephanie Thompson

Treasurer – Jean Lai

Fundraising Committee - Kelly Perry

On-going fundraiser reminders from PAC!

Bottle Drive: Bring your bottles/cans to a **Return-It Depot** near you! Simply provide the school's phone number (604-589-6442), print off labels and funds automatically get deposited to our school account.

Fraser Wood Branded Clothing: Order customizable clothing with our Fraser Wood logo! Sweaters, t-shirts, hats, joggers, and more! 10% of all purchases goes to our school. To order, visit: <https://fwe.entripyshops.com/>

PAC Hot Lunches

Reminder that hot lunches are now underway. This year, we are offering:

- Panago Pizza - Maguro Sushi - Cora - Subway

You can order for the week, month or entire term. All orders must be placed online through Munchalunch. <https://munchalunch.com/schools/fraserwood/>

As always, a special thank you to all the parents who volunteer their time and efforts in organizing, picking up, and handing out orders. Thanks to the parents that assisted with Hot Lunch this week! We could not do this without your support!

A friendly reminder to parents and caregivers that there will be no hot lunch on November 8th or November 15. Please ensure your child has a prepared lunch for that day.

Bell Schedule



Supervision Bell.....8:20 am
Welcome Bell..... 8:30 am
Morning Session 1..... 8:35 – 10:25 am
Recess.....10:25 – 10:40 am
Morning Session 2..... 10:40 – 11:40 am
Lunch..... 11:40 – 12:25 pm

Afternoon Session..... 12:25 – 2:27 pm

End of Day Bell..... 2:27 pm

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

2023

September 5	School Opens 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
September 21	Meet the Teacher 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Individual Photo Day
September 25	Non-Instructional Day – School Not in Session
September 28	Terry Fox Run
September 29	Orange Shirt Day - Assembly
October 2	Truth & Reconciliation Day – School Not in Session
October 9	Thanksgiving – School not in Session
October 19	Interim Report #1 – Informal Communication with Parents
October 20	Non-Instructional Day – School Not in Session
October 23 – 26	Book Fair
October 31	Halloween Parade – 1:45 p.m.
November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 10	Non-Instructional Day – School Not in Session
November 13	Remembrance Day – School not in Session
November 17	Photo Re-Take Day
December 7	Grade 6 Immunizations
December 8	Student Progress Report #1
December 13	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 - 5:00 p.m. – Parent Teacher Conferences
December 22	Pyjama Day Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

2024

January 8	School Re-opens
January 15 - 18	Rocks and Rings
January 19	Early Dismissal – 1:30 p.m.
January 22 - 25	Rocks and Rings
January 29 - February 1	Rocks and Rings
February 5 - 6	Rocks and Rings
February 7	Global Play Day
February 16	Lunar New Year Celebration – 1:45 p.m.

2024

February 19	Family Day – School Not in Session
February 28	Pink Shirt Day
February 23	Non-Instructional Day – School Not in Session
March 14	Student Progress Report #2
March 15	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
March 29	Good Friday – School Not in Session
April 1	Easter Monday – School Not in Session
April 2	School Re-opens
	Class Photos
April 9	Ready, Set, Learn – 1:00 p.m.
April 8 – 12	First Peoples in Residence Week
April 25	Student Led Conferences – Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.
May 3	Non-Instructional Day – School Not in Session
May 6 - 10	Pickleball
May 13 - 17	Pickleball
May 20	Victoria Day – School Not in Session
May 22	Parent Appreciation Tea
May 22	Welcome to Kindergarten – 1:00 p.m.
May 27	Non-Instructional Day – School Not in Session
June 11	Grade 6 Immunizations
June 14	Activity/Sports Day
June 21	Activity/Sports Day Rain-out Date
June 26	Grade 7 Ceremony – 10:40 a.m.
June 27	Year End Assembly – 9:00 a.m.
June 27	Final Summative Report
	Last Day of School – Early Dismissal @1:30 p.m.

Staff Parking Lot / Student Pick-Up & Drop-Off



Just a reminder to parents and guardians that our school parking lot is for staff only. Parents dropping off or picking up students are welcome to park down the street and use the crosswalk, or use the drop off and pick up bay at the front of the school. Parents and caregivers are reminded that if they are in the pick up bay, and their students are not ready to enter the vehicle, we still need to keep the line moving. Please exit the drop off bay and circle back around. Also, as a courtesy to our school neighbours, please do not park or wait for students in driveways that belong to our neighbours. Our school team really appreciates all you do to keep our students safe!

As part of our effort to make student pick-up / drop-off as smooth and as safe as possible, please adhere to the following:

Pick-up / Drop-off Area Reminders

- The staff parking lot is for staff only
- Please follow local parking regulations
- Pull up to the furthest available spot in the drop off bay
- If your child is not ready for pick up while in the drop off bay, please exit the bay and circle back around
- Watch for pedestrians when exiting

Your cooperation and support is most appreciated!

Litterless Lunches



Please send your child to school with a litterless lunch. The definition of a litterless lunch is simple. No garbage, no trash, no rubbish, no litter is left behind at school by students or staff. Please send a separate bag for composting and recycling in your child's lunch kit. Thank you in advance for supporting this initiative.

Student Illness



If your child is ill or not attending school for any reason, it is important that parents/guardians notify the school as soon as possible. Your assistance in keeping us informed in a timely manner is most appreciated.

Please ensure you call the school before 8:30 if your child is going to be late, sick or absent for the day. We can be reached at (604) 589 6442 or via email at fraserwood@surreyschools.ca

Contact Us



We are pleased to have Ms. Johnson (Head Clerk) and Ms. Seo (Clerk) supporting us in the office.

Our office is open from **8:00am - 3:30pm** each day.

We can be reached at **(604) 589 6442** (voicemail after hours) or via email at fraserwood@surreyschools.ca

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