



Fraser Wood Monthly Newsletter - February 2nd, 2024

"Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace". Confucius

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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 Fraser Wood team, I want to welcome us all to February and another wonderful month for learning. January was a busy month with a few surprises thrown in. We are well underway with our

Rocks and Rings program - students are learning so much about the game of curling and having fun at the same time. At the same time, what a surprise it was to have not one **but two** snow days. While it may have been a challenge for the adults, the stories from the kids about their snowy escapades were too good to miss. Snowball fights, building snowmen – you name it, they did it! Now that the snow has made its exit, we're back to our typical wet and wintery West Coast weather; please ensure the kiddos show up to school ready for the occasion because, come rain or shine, we take our adventures outdoors!

We have many important events coming up in February. Our teachers are working alongside our student leadership team to provide our Fraser Wood students with many meaningful opportunities for learning and growth in building connections with one another. February begins with celebrating Black History Month, a fantastic opportunity to continue highlighting the many meaningful contributions of historical figures and everyday Canadians who have built the rich heritage of African Canadians in Canada and beyond. We are also looking forward to our amazing Lunar New Year celebration. This year is the year of the Dragon (Mr. Chambers is a Dragon, so I am looking forward to this year in particular!) February 7 is International Global Play Day. Teachers are busy preparing for what will be an incredible day for our students. February 7 is also the start of our Young Actors Program that will last through February and into March. Finally, February is kindness month, and there is no better time to emphasize the importance of friendship, compassion, understanding and empathy. We will be recognizing Pink Shirt Day at the end of the Month, our theme - lifting each other up.

We look forward to celebrating the rich diversity of our community of learners together.

Wishing you all a great February!

Mr. Chambers, Principal

Mr. Barry, Vice Principal

February 7 - Global Play Day



"Play is not empty time; it is how children build the brains that are required for work and learning."
~ [Deborah MacNamara](#). At Fraser Wood, we will be participating in the Global Play Day to encourage

more unstructured play and less screen time. Global Play Day will occur on Feb. 7. Throughout the day, during students will either play indoor or outdoor activities or a combination both. We are inspired by the research that shows students learn best by playing. Parents, please discuss with your child how they can "play" more at home.

Our "unplug day without screen time" contest will be from February 8-14. Students will draw a poster about what they did at home when they were engaging in off-screen activities. When they bring the contest forms back to the office they will receive a ballot to enter a draw to win pizza lunch with Mr. Chambers that will take place on Thursday Feb.15! One primary and one intermediate student will be chosen.

Here are some links you can use to explore the ideas:

1. Recommendations from the [Canadian Paediatric Society](#) (CPS)

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/risky-play-cps-1.7094072>

- 2) A podcast with Dr. Gordon Neufeld

<https://www.family360podcast.com/dr-gordon-neufeld-the-essential-nature-of-play/>

Lunar New Year Parade



This year, Fraser Wood will be celebrating Lunar New Year on Friday February 16 at 1:45 pm until the end of the school day.

A huge thank you to Ms. Chung and Mr. Weakes for organizing our Lunar New Year event this year! This year, leadership students have been learning to create crafts in which they will be going into classes to help all students build - all in preparation for our parade this school year.

We are excited to invite all parents / guardians and family members to our Lunar New Year Parade this school year. Classes will be lead by students in Ms. Chung's class and will include a traditional cloth dragon to lead the parade. We will have our gym open with seating available for families to watch - all classes will be coming through the gym. Like our Halloween parade, if the weather is nice, parents are also welcome to watch from outside and around the school if you prefer.

Years of the Dragon include 2036, 2024, 2012, 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964, 1952... People born in Dragon years usually possess natural courage, tenacity, and intelligence, often displaying enthusiasm and confidence.

2024 is the Year of the Wood Dragon, beginning on February 10th, 2024 (Chinese New Year) and concluding on January 28th, 2025 (Chinese New Year's Eve).

Pink Shirt Day - February 28th, 2024



February 28, 2024 marks Pink Shirt Day this school year. Fraser Wood will recognize this day with an assembly alongside work and conversations in classes. Thank you to Mr. Barry, Mr. Calbick and our leadership team for all the work that will go into preparing for this year's day - the theme this year is Lift Each Other Up! Students are encouraged to wear pink this 28th!

History of Pink Shirt Day:

The global movement of Pink Shirt Day traces back to 2007 in Berwick Nova Scotia, a small town with a population of 2,500.

After a new student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt, two Grade 12 students — David Shepherd and Travis Price — bought 50 pink shirts and encouraged their classmates to wear pink.

The next day they went to distribute the shirts and to their surprise the majority of students arrived wearing pink. With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born. It has since become a global movement.

In recognition of the Berwick event, Nova Scotia proclaimed the second Thursday of September "Stand Up Against Bullying Day."

In 2008, B.C. proclaimed Feb. 27 to be the provincial anti-bullying day, and the movement has continued to grow.

In 2012, the United Nations declared May 4 as Anti-Bullying Day, and now the last Wednesday each February is Canada's national Pink Shirt/anti-bullying day.

Intensive French - Information For Families Of Students In Grade 5.



It's hard to believe that planning for the 2024-2025 school year is underway. The Surrey School District will be hosting an online session for parents / guardians of grade 5 students who are considering or would like more information about participating in our Intensive French program in grade 6. This online meeting will be taking place on February 13, 2024 from 6 -7 pm. To join the meeting, click the link below:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NjAyMjY4NmUtNjlhMi00OTIzLWFjNzktODQxMTNiNzdIM2U0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2208b4e9cf-8113-420d-ba07-52f7d4df8acd%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22bceb3de0-e715-479a-a8df-8a3fe445e052%22%7d

Please note that Fraser Wood will be hosting our own on-site meeting for Fraser Wood Parents and students only in addition to this online meeting. The above meeting is a general introduction meant for all parents at all school sites, while our on-site meeting will be hosted by our own teaching staff, with presentations from our own students, alongside some important messaging from Mr. Chambers specifically. Please stay tuned for information about our personal on-site meeting in the days to come.

Morning Drop Off / Cross Walk Usage



Over the last few weeks, we have noticed numbers of students being dropped off across the street from the school and running across the street instead of using the crosswalk. As a school team, we are always focused on student safety. First, for our parent drivers, please ensure you are following the no stopping and no parking signs and when you have found a safe place to stop, please remind your child that they need to use the crosswalk and not simply cross the road.

Fraser Wood Athletics



Basketball is in full force at Fraser Wood! Students and coaches have been busy with practices and games after school. We excited to host the Play Day's for both the boys and girls this school year.

Badminton is coming up next following the conclusion of our basketball season.

Good luck to all of our basketball athletes during their season this year - and a huge thankyou to our coaches for all their time! Go Falcons!!

Message From Our PAC



The graphic features a large, detailed image of a hawk's head in profile, looking to the right. The hawk's feathers are rendered in shades of brown, orange, and black. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo for Fraser Wood Elementary with a hawk silhouette. To the right of the logo, the text reads "Meet Fraser Wood Elementary PAC" in a bold, black font, with "2023/2024 Term" underneath in a smaller font. Below this, five small portrait photos of the PAC members are arranged in a row. Each photo is accompanied by the member's name and title. At the bottom of the graphic, a white text box contains a message to parents.

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: **Wednesday February 21, 2024 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!

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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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