



Fraser Wood Monthly Newsletter - March 7th, 2024

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself. John Dewey

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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 March and another wonderful month for learning. February was a busy month with many dynamic and engaging activities for our students. February brought us Global Play Day, Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, a Student Voice conference for our leadership students, Pink Shirt Day and finally two basketball play days! So much going on for our students. I want to take the time to thank our staff for all their leadership in organizing events and for all their coaching. At the same time, I want to thank our parents for their participation in our Lunar New Year parade. It was such an incredible turn out! Finally, a huge thank you to our PAC for their support of our Young Actor's Program that started in February and continues into March. I share my gratitude with all of you for making Fraser Wood an incredible place to work, play and learn!

We have many important events coming up in what will be a very short March month. First, students are continuing their participation with Young Actors and developing their creativity and critical thinking skills! At the same time, term two report cards will be going out March 14th. Our PAC is looking into a Movie Night in April and are seeking support and donations from families in advance. See our advertisement later in the newsletter.

With March being a short school month, this is an important reminder to everyone that the day we return to school after the break (April 2) is picture day / class photos! Remember, you are not fully dressed without a smile!

Spring Break is in two weeks. On behalf our staff, we wish all of our students and families a well deserved and restful break. Stay safe everyone.

Wishing you all a great March!

Mr. Chambers, Principal

Mr. Barry, Vice Principal

Playground Re-Surfacing Update



On behalf of the PAC, I am pleased to provide an update on the status of our playground re-surfacing. As many you know, several years ago our PAC and community raised funds to support the building of a new second playground at the back of the school. Since then, PAC has worked to finish the playground by having the base of the playground updated to a rubberized surface. A huge thank you to our parents, caregivers and the entire community for all the continued funds that were raised to allow the school and district to move forward with the resurfacing project.

I am pleased to announce that the District has completed a full site-assessment of the playground and has moved to an official tendering of bids on the project. Once this is complete, we hope to have the project completed over the summer. Stay tuned each month for an update!

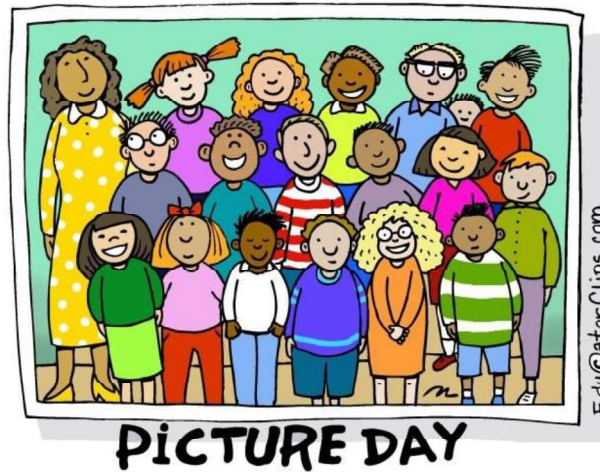
Intensive French - Information For Families Of Students In Grade 5.



The deadline for applications for the Grade 6 Intensive French Program at Fraser Wood has now passed and we are excited that 31 students have expressed interest in our program next year. As this number exceeds our class capacity, we will be conducting our draw for the program this week. A reminder that all families that applied will be contacted.

Stay tuned for communication from the school in the week to come!

Class Photo Day



Just a reminder to families that the day we come back from Spring Break (April 2) is class photo day. We look forward to seeing all our students dressed their best! We will work send out a reminder to families over the break to remind families.

You're invited to visit our school for this exciting early learning event.

Ready, Set, Learn

Who: 3 to 5 year old children and their Parents/Caregivers

When: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Where: Fraser Wood Elementary School 10650 164th Street

RSVP: Please RSVP by **Wednesday, April 3rd** to Fraser Wood Elementary's email (fraserwood@surreyschools.ca) with Ready, Set, Learn in the Subject Line and include the following information:

- Your name.
- Your child's name.
- Your child's age.
- Contact telephone number.

You're invited to visit our school for this exciting early learning event.

Ready, Set, Learn is a program designed to provide children and families with an opportunity to participate in a series of play-based learning activities within the school setting. This early learning program is part of an initiative sponsored by the Ministry of Education.

Parents/Caregivers will receive helpful tips to support their child's learning and development, as well as information about the early learning programs offered by the school district and the community resources available to families. It is a great way for you to get to know your future school and meet the principal, staff and students.

Please visit the BC Ministry of Education website for information on helping your child transition to Kindergarten [Support the Transition to Kindergarten](#)

Please share this information with anyone you know who has a 3 to 5 year old child.

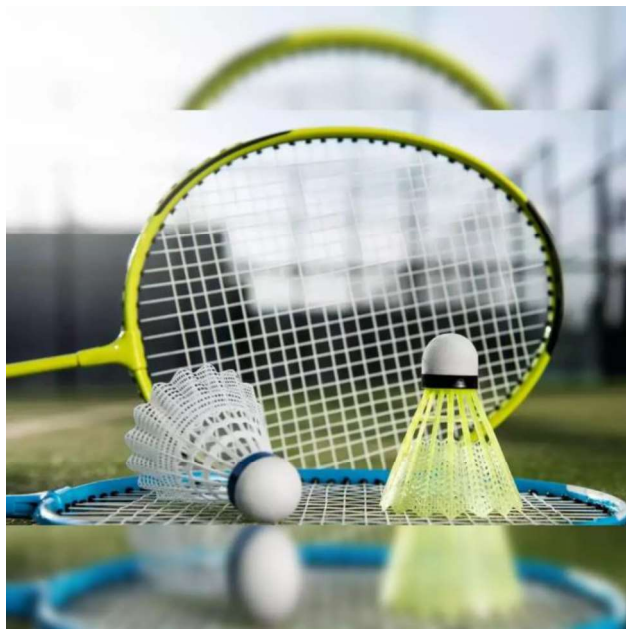


Morning Drop Off / Cross Walk Usage



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.

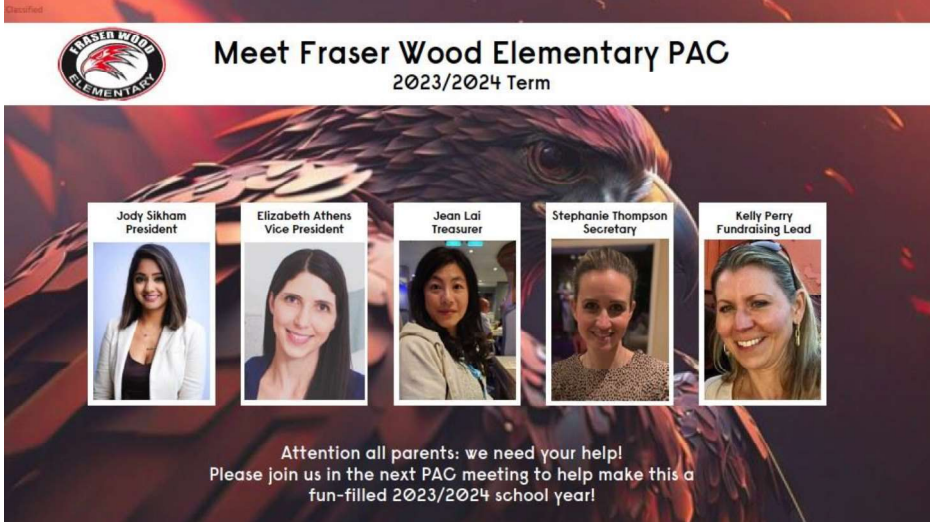
Fraser Wood Athletics



Congratulations to both our boys and girls basketball teams who finished their play days last week. Both teams had a great time after putting in hours of practice throughout the season. A huge thank you to our coaches Mr. Weakes and Mr. Schofield for their time in coaching the boys team this year, and to Ms. Guglielmucci for her time in coaching the girls.

With basketball now finished, our Badminton teams are up and running. Practices are already underway for both our grade 6 and 7 students. Many thanks to Ms. Sauder and Ms. Stronach for coaching the grade 7's and to Ms. Daipour and Ms. Orth. Good luck to our badminton athletes this season!

Message From Our PAC








The graphic features a background image of a hawk's head. At the top left is the Fraser Wood Elementary logo. The title "Meet Fraser Wood Elementary PAC" is centered, with "2023/2024 Term" below it. Five member portraits are arranged in a row, each with a name and title above it. At the bottom, a message asks for parent participation in the next meeting.

Fraser Wood Elementary

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
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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!

PAC Movie Night - Save the Date

The Fraser Wood Pac is looking to put on a Movie Night on Friday April 12th. An email has already gone home to all families about this already. We are re-attaching the advertisement for all families. Stay tuned for more information in the weeks to come!



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!

Next PAC Meeting

VIRTUAL PAC MEETING: **Wednesday March 13, 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/>

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

2024

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.

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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

Keep Me Home If...



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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