



Fraser Wood Monthly Newsletter - November 3, 2023

Education is the key to unlocking the world. It is the passport to freedom." Oprah Winfrey

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Message from Admin 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.

Greeting Parents and Caregivers,

October has been a busy month with Truth and Reconciliation Day, Thanksgiving, interim report cards, pumpkin patch field trips and our annual Halloween Costume Parade. It was a pleasure to share the joy of the day with all our students! A quick reminder that photo retakes take place on Friday November 17th. Don't forget, if you are interested in ordering pictures, please visit the Artona website for more information.

Every year, our leadership team takes on a number of school wide events. In October, leadership students took on the responsibility to lead a Halloween activity in our primary classes. They did a great job and there was a lot of fun had by all. With November upon us, our student leadership team is now preparing for Remembrance Day. I want to thank all of our leadership students for their hard work this last month and for the month ahead.

This year, Fraser Wood will be hosting Remembrance Day on Thursday November 9. This year, all students will be participating in the assembly at the same time. As a result, our gym will be at capacity and as such, we need to ask that our assembly be for students only this year.

A friendly reminder to families around hot lunches for the next two weeks. There will be no hot lunches on November 8th and November 15. Please ensure your child has a lunch on these days.

Also, don't forget to change your clocks this weekend. We fall back on November 5th, 2023.

November brings colder weather and likely more wet days ahead. Please ensure your child is coming to school prepared for the cold and rain. Have a great November everyone!

Mr. Chambers, Principal

Mr. Barry, Vice Principal

Fraser Wood Book Fair - Moved to December



We are one month away from our Book Fair! It will be in the Fraser Wood Library 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.

Parent volunteers are an important part of a successful Book Fair. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/Wnwbx3q8Wu>

See you at the Book Fair!

Fraser Wood Athletics



Many thanks to our staff and families for supporting Cross Country and Soccer in September and October. November brings Volleyball to Fraser Wood. Huge thank you to Mr. Calbick, Ms. Seto, Ms. Orth and Mr. Chambers for taking on Volleyball this season! Games are underway and players are excited to be putting all their practice to the test. Fraser Wood is excited to announce that we will be hosting the Volleyball Play Day for both the boys and girls teams. Good luck to both our boys and girls teams this season!

Positively Parenting Series



Positively Parenting is an interactive, informative series of 4 workshops for parents and caregivers. These series are filled with conversation, connections with other parents, effective strategies, up-to-date resources and information. Topics include:

- 1) connection and relationship*
- 2) understanding and responding to challenging behaviours*
- 3) effective communication, emotions and feelings*
- 4) the brain, development, and problem solving approaches.*

This free series is offered online throughout the year, in partnership with the City of Surrey. For more information and to register for the next Positively Parenting Series, email parented@alexhouse.net or call 604-538-5060.

Halloween Parade



October 31 was a very busy day at Fraser Wood. Many students and staff participated in dressing up for the day and it was wonderful to see so many parents and caregivers come by to enjoy our afternoon parade. At the same time, our student leadership team planned and prepared activities to share in our primary classrooms. This year, grade 7 students in groups of three or four planned a craft or game to present in a primary class. They had to create a lesson, prepare materials, prepare a script and then lead the activity. Our staff team is so very grateful for our leadership students contribution this year.

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.

Student Accident Insurance



Ensure you're insured for student accidents this school year.

Accidents happen, but not everything is covered by the Medical Services Plan (MSP).

The Surrey School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities, and MSP limits the amounts paid or does not cover some charges.

Parents have the option to purchase student accident insurance for injury-related costs not covered or limited under MSP or group insurance plans. These costs may include:

* Dental treatment

- * Eyewear
- * Rental of crutches or wheelchairs
- * Splints and casts
- * Physiotherapy
- * Ambulance transportation
- * Private tutoring and counselling

Surrey Schools has made available information on student accident insurance through Insure My kids and Study Insured Student Accident. This coverage is available for purchase online, families can voluntarily purchase accident insurance through the “Insure my Kids” and “Study Insured Student Accident” programs.

Yearly plans cost between \$17 (Silver/lite), \$25 (Gold/Plus) and \$33 (Platinum/Premium), providing a full year of coverage 24 hours a day, whether at school or at home. A discounted premium is may be available for families with three or more children.

For more information, please click the Parents tab on our district website to view the printable Accident Insurance parent brochure (Also available in Punjabi).

Message From Our PAC



Next PAC Meeting

VIRTUAL PAC MEETING: **Wednesday November 15, 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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