



# Fraser Wood Monthly Newsletter - October 4, 2023

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*“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” —  
Malcolm X*

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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.

It's hard to believe we are one month in. Classes are settled and students are busy learning! As we move into October, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new Kindergarten students alongside all of the new students in grades 1-7 that have joined our school community in the last month.

As classes settled, there were many exciting things to share that took place this September! Our first major event was the Terry Fox Run. This year, Fraser Wood students, staff and community members embraced the Terry Fox Foundation by raising money both online and through our Toonies for Terry fundraiser. This year, our Fraser Wood community raised @1206.45 for the Terry Fox Foundation which exceeded our goal of \$1000.00! Thanks to our Fraser Wood community for this incredible donation!

Photo Day took place on September 21, 2023. Families should now have access to view the student photo's online for ordering. If your child missed photo day, please note photo retake day is on November 17, 2023.

As we reached the end of September, students and staff acknowledged Orange Shirt Day and the third National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. On Friday September 29, students and staff wore orange while taking the opportunity to listen to the truths being shared by Canada's Indigenous communities at our assemblies on Friday morning.

October brings new adventures and lots to look forward to including our Book Fair and Halloween Parade. Looking forward to many adventures ahead. Let's have a great October!

Mr. Chambers, Principal

Mr. Barry, Vice Principal

To Our Falcon Nest



Please welcome the following new staff as they join our school community for the 2023/24 school year:

- Mr. Branswell - Band

## Fraser Wood Book Fair



Fraser Wood Elementary will be hosting our annual book fair from October 23-October 26, 2023 in our school Library. Ms. McNamee and Ms. Malig are looking forward to putting on this incredible event for our students. Stay tuned for instructions and details on our book fair in the weeks ahead.

## Fraser Wood Athletics



As we start the 2023-2024 school year, we are already off to a quick start with student athletics. Cross country and Soccer is underway. Cross country has already had a formal meet with many students earning top finishes! Nice work everyone. Volleyball is up next! Practices for Volleyball will likely start next week with games beginning on the 25th of October for the boys and the 26th for the girls. Many thanks to all of our coaches for stepping up to make this an amazing athletics 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](mailto:parented@alexhouse.net) or call 604-538-5060.

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Fraser Wood Elementary observed the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and [Orange Shirt Day](#) took place on September 29, 2023.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day that honours the children who survived residential schools and remembers those who did not. This day relates to the experience of Phyllis Webstad, a Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, on her first day of school, where she arrived dressed in a new orange shirt, which was taken from her. It is now a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

On Friday September 29, students and staff wore orange while taking the opportunity to listen to the truths being shared by Canada's Indigenous communities. We encourage everyone to reflect on the opportunities we each have to be an ally and to walk the path of reconciliation.

As part of our school's work towards Truth and Reconciliation and in line with the First People's Principles of Learning, grade 4 students planted trees while every division made a class shirt with every student's handprints attached. Every Child Matters and nature and community matter at Fraser Wood. Everyone can be part of the reconciliation process.

## 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: **Tuesday October 17th, 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!

## 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

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

### 2024

<b>January 8</b>	<b>School Re-opens</b>
January 15 - 18	Rocks and Rings
<b>January 19</b>	<b>Early Dismissal – 1:30 p.m.</b>
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**

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

## 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.

## Supervision Aid Opportunities

A flyer for Supervision Aids at Surrey Schools. The flyer has a teal grid background. At the top is the Surrey Schools logo with the tagline "LEADERSHIP IN LEARNING". Below the logo is the text "WORK AT A NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOL" and "Surrey Schools Supervision Aides". The main text reads: "Surrey Schools, recipient of BC's Top Employer and Canada's Greenest Employer awards, is seeking lunch hour Supervision Aides at your local elementary and secondary schools." Below this, it says "Work 1 hour per day", "Casual On-Call and Continuing assignments available", and "\$22.65 per hour". It then states: "This is an ideal part-time opportunity for retirees, post-secondary students studying from home and adults who relate well to children and youth." The contact information is: "For more information and to apply online visit [www.surreyschools.ca/careers](http://www.surreyschools.ca/careers) or call Heidi Haywood for more details 604-595-6145". At the bottom, there are two logos: "2021 BC's Top Employers" and "2021 CANADA'S GREENEST EMPLOYERS". The website "SURREYSCHOOLS.CA" is listed at the very bottom.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:fraserwood@surreyschools.ca)

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