



Fraser Wood Monthly Newsletter - September 2023

"The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values." —William S. Burroughs

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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.

We hope that your family enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with with rest, relaxation, and most importantly, lots of fun. We also hope that the return to school and fall routines bring excitement to your

family - whether it's reconnecting with friends, making new friends, learning new skills, or exploring new opportunities. Each school year is a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow together. We look forward to connecting with all over over the weeks and months ahead.

A warm welcome to the many new faces that have joined our learning community this year. We look forward to partnering together on your child's educational journey. It is our pleasure to welcome our new Kindergartens and their families to an incredible place of learning that we hope will be your home for the next 8 years. Our Kindergarten team is eager to make your transition to school both positive and successful.

It is my pleasure to welcome Mr. David Barry who is joining our Fraser Wood Team as Vice Principal. Please join me in welcoming Mr. David Barry to our school.

This year, we will be moving to a digital SWAY newsletter for communication with families and caregivers. We hope to have this newsletter go out at the beginning of each month so families can be aware of the activities in the month ahead.

As always, we are here to support families in any way that we can. We look forward to a wonderful year of teaching and learning!

Warm regards,

Mr. Chambers, *Principal*

Mr. Barry, *Vice Principal*

To Our Falcon Nest



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

Office Team

Principal - Mr. Chambers

Vice Principal - Mr. Barry

Head Clerk - Ms. Johnson

Clerk - Ms. Seo

Intermediate Teaching Staff

- Div 1. Ms. Vrabec
- Div 2. Ms. Sauder
- Div 3. Mr. Calbick
- Div 4. Mr. Weakes
- Div 5. Ms. Oke
- Div 6. Ms. Daipour
- Div 7. Ms. Chung
- Div. 8 Ms. Harradine (Ms. Wilson)
- Div. 9 Ms. Orth
- Div. 10 Ms. Miller / Ms.Wright
- Div. 11 Mr. Slade-Kerr
- Div. 12 Ms. Henderson

Primary Teaching Staff

- Div. 13 Ms. Easton Mackay / Ms. Neilsen
- Div. 14 Ms. Ms. Seto
- Div. 15 Ms. Wagstaff
- Div. 16 Ms. Ablett / Ms. Joyce
- Div. 17 Ms. Stronach / Ms. Martin
- Div. 18 Ms. Guglielmucci / Ms. Grewal
- Div. 19 Ms. Martin
- Div. 20 Ms. D'Cruze / Ms. Wright
- Div. 21 Ms. Tong

- Div. 22 Ms. Burton / Ms. Shah
- Div. 23 Ms. Greenberg

Counsellor

- Ms. McLeod

Core Music

- Ms. McFadden

Integration Support

- Mr. Schofield / Ms. McNeil

Learning Support

- Mr. Dunlop, Ms. Kang, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Steunenberg

Teacher Librarian

- Ms. McNamee, Ms. Malig

Speech and Language Pathologist

- Ms. Nolletti

Child Care Worker

- Ms. Aryal

IESWs**(Inclusive Education Support Workers = new combined name for EAs and ABAs)**

- Ms. Berg-Iverson
- Ms. Clark
- Ms. Friesen
- Ms. Gore
- Ms. Konchuk
- Ms. Kremmer
- Ms. Larsen
- Ms. Marzouk
- Ms. Nowakowski
- Ms. Padam
- Ms. Sonson

- Ms. Yu

Supervision Aides

- Ms. Al Baroudi
- Ms. Ravichandran
- Ms. Jagmohan
- Ms. Gu
- Ms. Mundhada

Classes Are Finalized



On behalf of our entire school team, I want to thank all of our students, parents and caregivers for their patience as we navigated our class organization process for the 2023/2024 school year. As per the letter that went home earlier this week, classes are now finalized for the school year. It has been a great pleasure to connect with all of our students this week as they found out their teachers and room assignments for the year. On behalf of our Fraser Wood team, we look forward to a great year ahead - filled with learning and fun!

Terry Fox Run



This year, our Terry Fox run will be on Thursday September 28, 2023 from 1:40-2:30 pm. At Fraser Wood, our Grade 1-7 students do the run through our community while our Kindergarten students will participate by running around our school field.

Parents, we need your help!

There is a sign up poster that will be going out next week (at the front of the school) if you are able to help by taking a place along our run route to help ensure everyone stays on track and to help keep everyone safe. If you can help out our Fraser Wood students on the 28th, please sign up!

If you can volunteer...

K parents will meet at the Kindergarten doors about 1:30. The neighbourhood volunteers meet at the office at 1:15.

Terry Fox Fundraising Options: This year there are two ways to donate to the Terry Fox Run. Option 1 is to donate by clicking the link below to make a direct donation to the Terry Fox Foundation <https://schools.terryfox.ca/FraserWoodElementary>

The second option is to make a donation at school through our **Toonies for Terry Fundraising Campaign**. Students can bring a toonie to school and we will be collecting the toonies to make a cash donation on behalf of the school. This year we are setting a school goal of \$1000.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Stay tuned for messages to go home in student planners about when to bring in your Toonies!

Orange Shirt Day and National Truth and Reconciliation Day



Orange Shirt Day is taking place on Friday September 29. Orange Shirt Day grew out of [Phyllis' story](#) of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the St. Joseph Mission residential school, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism & anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story & learning on to the next generations. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools & communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

Fraser Wood will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day this year by hosting an assembly for all students and encouraging everyone to wear an orange shirt to school on September 29th. At the same time, students will be participating in a number of learning opportunities both in their classrooms and outside the classroom both in the days leading up to Orange Shirt Day and beyond. A link to purchase an orange shirt was sent out earlier this week.

Fraser Wood Athletics



As we start the 2023-2024 school year, we are already off to a quick start with student athletics. This year, cross country and boys soccer is just getting underway. This year, Ms. Easton Mackay and Ms. Orth

will be co-ordinating cross country and Mr. Weakes and Mr. Calbick are taking on Soccer. Students are encouraged to listen to the morning announcements around try out and practice times. Good luck to all of our athletes this season!

Message From Our PAC



Next PAC Meeting

VIRTUAL PAC MEETING: **Wed. September 20th, 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?>

New PAC Executive Board 2023

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 will be starting up soon! This year, we expect to offer:

- 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/>

We expect Hot Lunch orders to start in the next 3 weeks or so. We will send home a quick communication to families when we are ready to go!

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!

Portable Update



This year we were extremely fortunate to have had a new portable delivered on-site at Fraser Wood. This has allowed us to create new space for our music program and large functional space for our IST team. Many thanks to the District team for helping to make this happen on-time for our students. It allowed for a very smooth opening for our students and staff!

School Supplies



School Supplies for families that ordered online should all have been delivered at this time. With classes now finalized, please take direction from your classroom teacher on when is the best day to start bring supplies into the school.

A reminder to our Kindergarten Families...

School supplies have been purchased by Kindergarten teachers and will be available for all Kindergarten students. The Kindergarten team will reach out to you with further details in the coming weeks.

School Planners



School Planners are being issued this week to classes. For students issued a planner, please watch for an email from the office / school cash online on how to pay for the planner for the year.

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.

Office Hours

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

Please ensure you call the school before 8:30 if your child is going to be late, sick or absent for the day.

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



**WORK AT A
NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOL**
Surrey Schools Supervision Aides



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.

Work 1 hour per day
Casual On-Call and Continuing assignments available
\$22.65 per hour

This is an ideal part-time opportunity for retirees, post-secondary students studying from home and adults who relate well to children and youth.

For more information and to apply online visit
www.surreyschools.ca/careers or
call Heidi Haywood for more details
604-595-6145

Note: Successful applicants will be required to consent to a Criminal Record Search prior to employment.



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Allergy Awareness



A friendly reminder to all of our families that we are a **nut aware** and **scents 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 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

Student Information

If your family has moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses over the summer, or if you want to add / remove an emergency contact, please reach out to the office at **(604) 589-6442**.

A **Student Verification Form** will be sent home in the coming days. Please make sure that form is updated and returned to the school as soon as possible.

Contact Us

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