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THURSDAY REVIEW



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Quotation Of The Week:

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

Helen Keller

The Week Ahead:

Monday, November 13, 2017	Statutory Holiday – Remembrance Day
Tuesday, November 14, 2017	Arts Rotation (Grade 8) Q3 begins
Wednesday, November 15, 2017	"Bully Back Off" Assembly: 8:30am
Thursday, November 16, 2017	Fleetwood Thursday
Friday, November 17, 2017	UVic Presentation in Learning Commons

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 20 - Department Head Meeting

Nov. 21 - Special Assembly - "Gangs"

Nov. 22 - Special Assembly - "Mothers Against Drunk Driving"

This Week at Fleetwood Park - Principal's Message: November 6th - 10th

Good morning to all Fleetwood Park Dragons. Another busy week together is drawing to a close and our FPSS Dragon community has much to recognize and celebrate.

Last Saturday our Cross Country team competed in the British Columbia championships at Jericho Beach. It was a cold morning with snow falling and spirits high! The team had a great day with several PR's. Congratulations to our coach Ms. Forsyth and the entire the team on your season.



On Monday Fleetwood Park Secondary hosted the Post-Secondary Mini-Fair. Many post-secondary institutions were here at lunchtime to provide information to our students about their programs. It was an excellent opportunity to learn more about possible future educational options.



On Monday afternoon our Junior Boy's Soccer team competed against Sullivan Heights Secondary. After a very hard fought match, the game was decided by penalty kicks. Our boys emerged victorious and advanced to the Fraser Valley Finals! Congratulations to the entire team for your perseverance. Good luck this afternoon at the Fraser Valley's.



This week I had the opportunity to meet with the Principals of our Associate schools. We discussed the importance of the partnership between our schools and planned for a rich and informative articulation experience for next year's grade 8 students. We will add several additional opportunities for exchange between our students over the school year. This will be valuable for this year's grade 7 students, and will provide excellent leadership opportunities for our current students. Thank you to Ms. Stacey from Walnut Road Elementary and Mr. Linklater from Coyote Creek Elementary for joining me.

Scholarship expert, Ms. Brittany Palmer, provided a very helpful presentation to students and parents on Tuesday evening. I would like to thank our Parent Advisory Council for your support in making this possible. Thanks also, to our FPSS Scholarship Coordinator Mr. Johnson for your leadership in hosting the event. All students and parents are reminded to visit https://fpscholarships.wordpress.com for Fleetwood Park's scholarship information.

On Wednesday we hosted our annual Grade 10 Mock Interviews. There was an air of excitement in the building as we greeted our many guests from the community who volunteered their time to interview our students. Our grade 10 students were "dressed for success" and arrived prepared and ready to shine! This is a highlight of the grade 10 year and a very valuable learning experience for our students. For many, this was their first opportunity to practice their interview skills. The day was a great success. Thank you to Mr. Day and the Career Education

Department for all of your work in preparing for, and organizing, the day.



Wednesday was a busy day. Mr. Chambers, Ms. Shier and I had the opportunity to meet with our Assistant Superintendent Ms. Sereda to discuss our School Plan and the successes of Fleetwood Park Secondary. There was much to share! We will be discussing this year's school plan at our upcoming Department Head and Staff Meetings.

The Extended Day Advisory Committee met for the first time this week. At this point, it is important to stress that <u>no</u> decisions have been made regarding next year's timetable. The committee's purpose is to simply explore options for Extended Day structures. Mr. Chambers will be chairing the committee and will be communicating with staff regarding the progress of our work together. All staff are welcome to join this group at anytime throughout the year. A decision from the District will not be made until we have firmer enrollment projections in the late Spring.

I would like to recognize and thank our Fleetwood Park Secondary Student Council for all of your work in organizing and hosting this morning's Remembrance Day assemblies. The assemblies were very well organized and included poignant messages and performances from our students. Our student audience was very respectful and understood the importance of the occasion. The student-led Remembrance Day assembly is another important tradition that helps to reinforce the positive ethos and sense of community at Fleetwood Park Secondary. I was very impressed.



Tomorrow, Friday, November 10th is a Non-Instructional Day across the Surrey School District. School will not be in session. I wish all Fleetwood Park Dragons a great Friday and long weekend. The school will be closed on November 13th due to the Remembrance Day Statutory holiday. We will see you back at school on Tuesday, November 14th. Please take time on November 11th, to remember and honour all of those who have given and sacrificed in order to protect the freedoms we enjoy today.

See you on Tuesday.

Ken

Mission Statement:

"At Fleetwood Park Secondary we value excellence in education and strive to provide a learning environment where all students are encouraged to build successful futures."

