

# FLEETWOOD PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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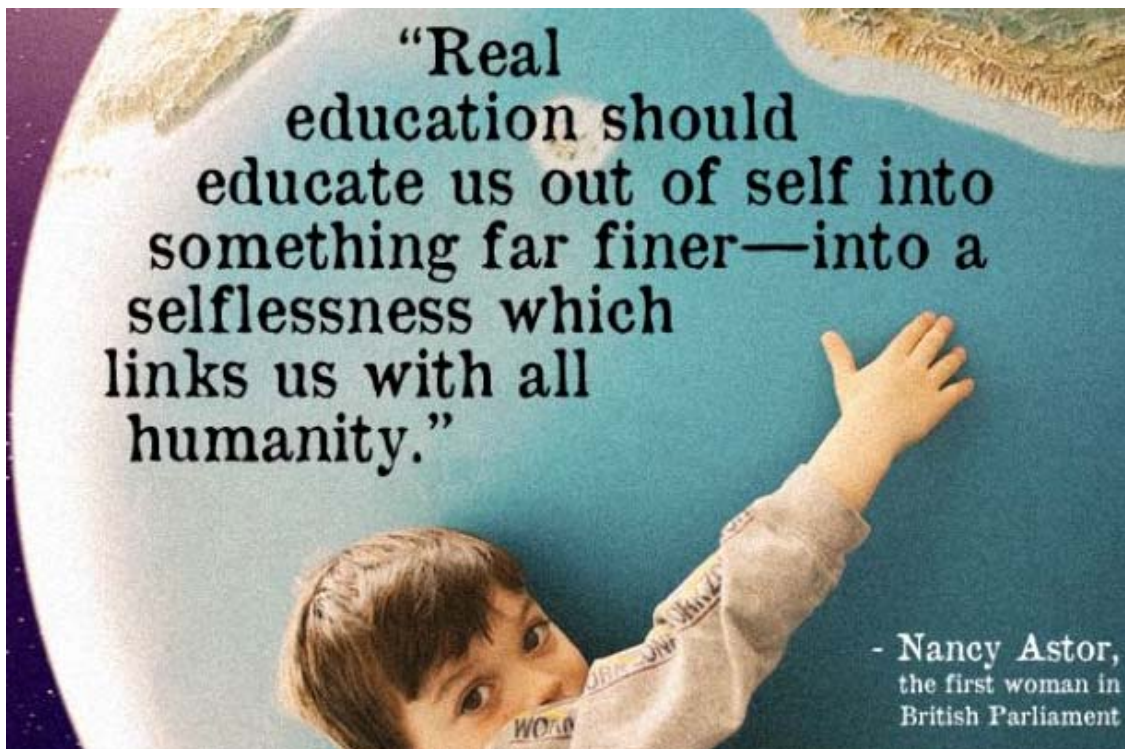
## THURSDAY REVIEW



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### Quotation Of The Week:



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### **The Week Ahead:**

<b>Monday</b> , October 2, 2017	
<b>Tuesday</b> , October 3, 2017	
<b>Wednesday</b> , October 4, 2017	
<b>Thursday</b> , October 5, 2017	World Teacher Day
<b>Friday</b> , October 6, 2017	Grade 8 Pancake Breakfast: 7:45am Arts Rotation Q2 begins

### **Upcoming Events:**

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day. School not in session

October 13<sup>th</sup> – Photo Retake Day

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Nichidai, Japan Cultural Exchange Visit to FPSS

October 20<sup>th</sup> – Non Instructional Day

### **Kudos to:**

In recognition of National Coaches Week, I would like to send a huge thank you to all of our Fleetwood Park Secondary coaches and managers and team helpers. Your support of our student-athletes is such a significant gift to our community. Thank you for your countless volunteer hours of time, energy, expertise and passion in making our Athletics program possible! Our FPSS Dragons are very fortunate.

### **Kathy's Corner:**

**Photo Retakes:** Artona Photo Group will be back on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon to do re-takes. Artona will be setting up in the plaza – typically near the pack shack. We will call students by grade and should only need one block of time. Staff who did not have a photo taken last week are asked to come to the plaza at the end of lunch or during the first part of 3<sup>rd</sup> period if you have flexibility in your schedule.

## **This Week at Fleetwood Park - Principal's Message: September 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>:**

Good morning to all Fleetwood Park Secondary Dragons,

It is hard to believe, but the first month of the school year is now over. As usual, time moves very quickly at Fleetwood Park Secondary. The first month of the 17/18 school year has been a very busy and exciting time of new beginnings. We have started our journey together with positive community spirit and a strong sense of purpose for excellence in all forms of learning. We now move into October, our summer is behind us, and the Fall season will bring us much to celebrate.

On Monday our staff met for our Professional Development Day. Teachers focussed on the implementation of the new Grade 10-12 curriculum. The day began with a review of the latest information from the Ministry of Education's educational transformation initiatives and then provided very valuable opportunities for teachers to collaborate within their departments. We reviewed the new curricular competencies and the Big Ideas of each curricular area. It continues to be a very exciting and dynamic time of change for education across British Columbia. We will see piloting of the new curriculum this year with full implementation for next September.

On Monday evening we hosted the first Parent Advisory Council meeting of the year. It was wonderful to see such a large turn-out of parents. The new PAC Executive for 2017/18 is: **President:** Rose McGee, **Vice President:** Kevin Ma, **Secretary:** Maria Boothman, **Treasurer:** Chris Wu. Thank you for service to our school! Meetings are scheduled for: **September 25, 2017, October 23, 2017, November 27, 2017, February 26, 2018, April 30, 2018 and May 28, 2018.** All parents/guardians are invited to join us for our PAC meetings. They are held in the Library at 7:00pm.

On Tuesday afternoon our first cohort of Grade 8 students left for the Grade 8 Retreat Camp! Students were excited, perhaps a little nervous, and ready to experience our long-standing tradition of Grade 8 team-building and orientation. I would like to recognize Mr. Thibault for your leadership in coordinating the Grade 8 Retreat this year and the many staff who have given their time and who have worked so hard to host this year's camp. This is such a significant project requiring the help and leadership of so many.



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The Grade 12 Parent Information Night occurred on Tuesday evening. We had numerous parents join us for an evening of information regarding Graduation Requirements, Scholarships, Post-Secondary application and Graduation Celebration events. Thank you to Mr. Johnson and Ms. Porter for joining us to share this important information with parents. Our presentation materials can be found on our website under Parents/Parent Resources:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/fltsec/Parents/ParentResources/Documents/Grade%2012%20Parent%20Night%20Sept%202017.pdf>



On Wednesday evening I had the opportunity to join our Grade 8's at Camp Maclean. As I arrived the



Grade 8's were participating in some Leadership student information and team-building sessions. We then enjoyed a pasta dinner and got ready for more games and campfire songs and stories. I was so impressed with the positivity and spirit of our grade 8 students, the assistance of our senior leadership students and the planning, hard work and passion of our staff. The Grade 8 Retreat is a wonderful opportunity for our newest Dragons to build friendships and bond as part of the Fleetwood Park community. Congratulations to everyone on this great success!

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Today we are preparing our students for National Orange Shirt Day. Throughout the day we have been presenting seminars on Aboriginal Educational awareness through film and discussion. All students and staff are encouraged to wear orange tomorrow.



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Our cafeteria is now open for service. Our Cafeteria students, under the direction of Chef Crema, are learning important life-long culinary skills and providing our school healthy and delicious lunchtime menu options!



This week I dropped by the library to see the latest "MakerSpace" project. Students were testing conductivity and playing music through a 'Makey Makey' circuit of kitchen utensils and fruit. Very interesting. All students are welcome to join our Makerspace club... stretch your creativity, build cool stuff, have fun!



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I hope you have been enjoying this last burst of summer before the Autumn rains arrive. Have a great Friday and a relaxing weekend. Don't forget to wear orange!

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.”*



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