

FLEETWOOD PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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THURSDAY REVIEW



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Quotation Of The Week:



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"Building Successful Futures"

The Week Ahead:

Monday , October 30, 2017	SPIRIT WEEK ☺ Flex Day: Dismissal at 1:05pm School-Based Team: 10:00am Staff Meeting: 1:15pm
Tuesday , October 31, 2017	Sr Boy's Soccer Game – Fraser Valley Championships!
Wednesday , November 1, 2017	EARLY DISMISSAL: 1:45pm for Program Planning & Evaluation Take Your Kids to Work Day (Grade 9 students) Dry Grad Committee Meeting – (Parents/Guardians of Gr 12's): 7:00pm – Learning Commons
Thursday , November 2, 2017	EARLY DISMISSAL: 1:45pm Parent/Teacher Interviews 2:30pm-4:00pm/ 5:00pm-7:00pm
Friday , November 3, 2017	Non-Instructional Day: Curriculum Implementation – School Closed

Upcoming Events:

Nov 6 – Post Secondary Mini-Fair, 11:15am

Nov 7 – Scholarship Presentation, Brittany Palmer, 6:30pm

Nov 8 – Grade 10 Mock Interviews

Nov 10 – Non- Instructional Day

This Week at Fleetwood Park - Principal's Message: October 23rd – October 27th

It is a foggy, “Halloweeny” autumn morning at Fleetwood Park Secondary. “Happy Thursday” to all FPSS Dragons. There is a feeling of energy and celebration in the school as Halloween is just around the corner and our students enjoy all that the season offers. Our entire school community is in full stride as we move into November.



Last weekend we hosted the BC Student Leadership Conference. I would like to recognize Mr. Marc England, Leadership teacher and conference organizer, also, Mr. Thibeault, Ms. Forsyth, Ms. Marti, Mr. Heggie and Ms. Bell and all of our Leadership students for your amazing success. We hosted approximately 400 leadership students from across the Province. They began each day at 7:30am and finished at 11:00pm. Their days were filled with keynote presentations, seminars, reflection and action planning, team-building activities, community service projects, Talent Show and Dance, meals and networking. This was a very powerful learning experience for all of the participants. We are so proud of our Leadership students and received so many positive comments from our guests. The Leadership Conference will be a highlight of our school year and of our Leadership students' time at Fleetwood Park Secondary. I know there will be many positive influences across our school community and province as a result of our time together. Congratulations!

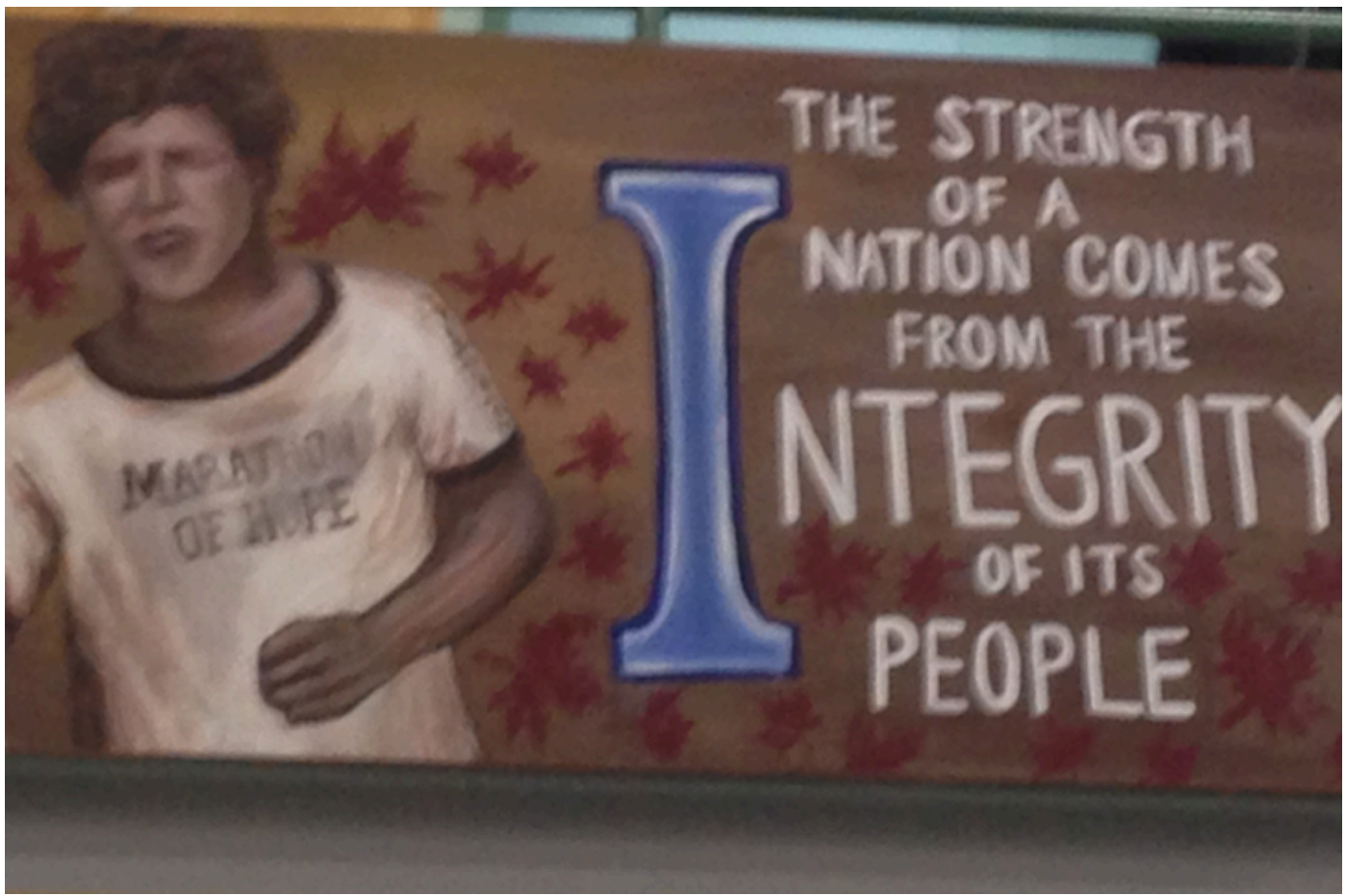


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Our post-secondary information sessions have begun. On Monday our students had the opportunity to learn more about UBC and their entrance application processes. The lunchtime presentation had a very large turnout of students. On Tuesday Western University visited our school to speak to our graduating students. Thank you to Mr. Church for organizing the events.

The Terry Fox Foundation visited the school on Monday for a special cheque presentation. This year Fleetwood Park students and staff raised over \$2100.00 from our Terry Fox Run and Hotdog sale! This was such a generous display of our school's citizenship. Thank you again to all donors for your kindness and community spirit.



On Monday evening our Parent Advisory Council met to finalize their 2017/18 budget. The PAC plays a very positive and supportive role in our school community with their direct financial support of many extracurricular initiatives. Thank you to all parents who joined us for this important discussion and allocation of funds. Our students will benefit in many ways. Our numerous clubs will continue to provide a very important role in the life of our school. The next PAC meeting is scheduled on November 27th.

Our Staff Committee met on Tuesday. We continued an interesting and important conversation about the School's Code of Conduct. This is a significant conversation that we will continue to review and gather feedback at our next Staff Meeting.

On Tuesday afternoon I had the chance to catch some of the Sr. Boy's Soccer game. It was a beautiful afternoon – perfect conditions! Congratulations to our boys on an outstanding performance against LA Matheson Secondary and your 5-0 victory! Good luck at the Fraser Valley's next week.



Also in Athletics news... our Grade 8 Girls Volleyball team play their last league games tonight and will be finishing the season on Saturday in a tournament at Semiahmoo Secondary. It has been a fun season with much of improvement made! Congratulations girls – thank you for representing Fleetwood Park so well!



On Wednesday, schools across the province received a Ministry update regarding the implementation schedule for the new senior curriculum. Highlights include:

- **Grade 10:** As scheduled, full implementation will be effective July 2018
- **Grades 11 & 12:** Implementation extended by one year. Full implementation will be effective July 2019
- **Numeracy Assessment:** First administration scheduled for January 2018, with subsequent sessions in June and August 2018

Literacy Assessment: First administration scheduled for January 2020

With this, we will continue with our educational transformation initiatives. Grade 10 curriculum will be our highest priority for full implementation next September. We will also continue with pilot projects for grade 11 & 12 in order to fully implement in September 2019.



Educational transformation is happening across North America. This week I read an interesting article that resonated with me regarding much of our current change initiative. Richardson and Dixon in 10 Principles for Schools of Modern Learning, ModernLearners.com, identify the following 10 principles for consideration.

What Reimagination Looks Like

What might a higher bar for change look like? We believe that any conversations or actions around change should be guided by the “Ten Principles of Schools of Modern Learning.”

These 10 principles are based upon the work that a growing number of schools and districts are already doing to transform (and we mean *transform*) student learning in schools. In every case, these principles apply to the work of entire school communities which include students, teachers, administrators, parents, support staff, and local residents.

The 10 Principles of Modern Schools

1. Have clearly articulated and shared beliefs about learning that are lived in every classroom.
2. Live a mission and a vision deeply informed by new contexts for learning.
3. Have cultures where personal, self-determined learning is at the center of student and teacher work.
4. See curriculum as something that is co-constructed to meet the needs and interests of the child.
5. Embrace and emphasize real-world application and presentation to real audiences as assessment for learning.
6. See transparency and sharing as fundamental to a powerful learning environment.
7. Use technology first and foremost as an amplifier for learning, creating, making, connecting, communicating, collaborating, and problem solving.
8. Develop and communicate in powerful ways new stories of learning, teaching, and modern contexts for schooling.
9. Encourage community wide participation in the equitable, effective education of children.
10. Embrace and anticipate constant change and evolution.

I will share this article with our staff... it is a powerful reminder of the very significant shift in our educational systems and thinking.

Our students are getting ready for Halloween! Spirit Week starts on Monday with various costume themes and a Halloween parade throughout the week. On Wednesday afternoon Student Council held a pumpkin carving contest, and will also be organizing a Halloween Food Drive.



Interim report cards will be issued by teachers tomorrow, Friday, October 27th. All students will receive an interim report for each of their classes. I would like to thank all of our teachers for your professionalism and caring feedback. This is very important information for our students and their families. Students are reminded to ensure that your interim report cards are brought home and shared with parents/guardians. Parents/guardians are requested to ask your children about their interim report cards, and contact the school if you have any questions.

Please note that our schedule for several days next week will be altered. Monday's dismissal will be at 1:05pm for our regularly scheduled "FLEX" day. We will be dismissing at 1:45pm for the BC Ministry of Education designated "Program Planning and Evaluation" schedule on Wednesday. And then on Thursday we are holding our Parent-Teacher Interviews and so will be dismissing at 1:45pm. On Friday, November 3rd the school will be closed for the BC Ministry of Education's designated Non-Instructional day for Curriculum Implementation Planning.

All the best for your Friday and for a crisp fall weekend. The forecast is for sunshine. Enjoy some time outside!

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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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