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# Fairview News

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## Happy Valentine's Day

Dear Families,  
February is already here and it will be another great and busy month for FV. Please see the upcoming events and important dates below.

Administrators and teachers everywhere recognize the important contributions parents make toward a child's success in school. There is no question about it - success at school begins at home. Parents are the single most important variable in a child's schooling.

One of the most important components of a good school is the partnership between the school and parents who work together for the best interest of children. The close partnership between home and school is one of the exceptional strengths at FV.

On Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> progress reports will be sent home. We encourage you to check in with teachers on your child's progress. Your continued involvement is a wonderful asset in our partnership to provide the best possible education for all students. Thank you.



## Spring Break Kids Get Cooking

The **Kids Get Cooking Program** will be running at Fairview Elementary over Spring Break from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. The program is for 8-year-old children and up and will be from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Please sign the waiver and make sure to include on it how your child will get home from the program. This way program staff will let them walk home alone or wait for you to do a pick up if that is your requirement. The cost of the program is \$20 for the 4 sessions. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 250-713-4086 or at Fairview School directly. Bernadette French

## Save the Date!

### February

Acts of Kindness Month

**February 8-** Progress Reports Go Home

**February 15-** Science World Presentation

**February 18-** Family Day

**February 25/26-** Pro-D Days

**February 27-** Pink Shirt Day

Please check out all of our celebrations and events on our website:  
<https://fv.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>

## Anti-Bullying Day- February 27

All across B.C. the Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day will be observed on Wednesday, February 27.

Everyone is urged to show their support to promote anti-bullying by wearing pink. For more information about Pink Shirt Day visit <http://www.pinkshirtday.ca/> or ask your student's classroom teacher about the activity the school has planned. Thank you to our teachers and counsellors for their involvement in helping us to deliver this important message to our students. Did you know:

Nova Scotia students, David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends, organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school.

## Erase Bullying Resource

The Ministry of Education in conjunction with School Districts across the province have developed and implemented an online student and parent resource about how to report bullying incidents. Please visit [www.erasebullying.ca](http://www.erasebullying.ca) for more information.

## February is Black History Month in Canada

There are books and resources available online

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturalism/black/promotion.asp> and in our library that bring to life our nation's diversity and the many contributions made over the decades.

## Safe Arrival

Reminder, if *your child is ill or unable to attend school on that day, please call the office by 9:00am*. We also ask that your child **arrive at school after 8:25 am** unless there is a specific school reason to be here earlier. Our morning supervision begins at 8:25 am and we want to ensure that the students are safe. If your child does arrive after 8:40 am, please have them sign in at the office and bring a Welcome slip to the class as we want to make sure that we don't call you unnecessarily and worry you.

## Sexual Health

Just a reminder, in order to address important personal health (PHE) learning outcomes, your child will be receiving lessons about their personal safety and their bodies. We call it 'Body Science' and 'Personal/Sexual Health'. These lessons include the topics of body awareness, boundaries, personal safety, interpersonal skills, healthy relationships, and development. Unless you have been informed otherwise, this curriculum will be delivered by your child's teacher, or other school district educator. In some cases, part of curriculum may be supplemented by an outside provider. For parent resources that will help you continue the conversation at home please check out the district sexual health site: <https://sexual-education.sd68.bc.ca>

# Crosswalk safety is in everyone's interest.

Each year, on average, 2,700 pedestrians are injured in car crashes. We all need to do our part in reducing the number of crashes involving pedestrians since we share the roadways year-round.

Drive smart and walk smart to help keep yourself and everyone else safe.

## Tips to help keep our children safe:

Post these safety tips somewhere in your home and review them with your children.

- Always walk on the inside edge of the sidewalk away from the road. This way, you're further away from the traffic.
  - If there's no sidewalk, always walk facing traffic so you can see oncoming vehicles and drivers can see you.
  - Dress to be seen. Bright clothes or clothes with reflective gear make it easier for drivers to see you during the day, night and during bad weather.
  - Make sure you can hear signs of danger when crossing the street. Take your headphones off until you get to the other side.
  - Cross only at corners or marked crosswalks. Never jaywalk.
  - Parked vehicles in a parking lot or on the road can be dangerous. A driver may not see you between parked vehicles, and you may not see them moving. Stop and look left-right-left around the parked vehicle before crossing or moving through a parking lot.
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- If a vehicle is stopped in front of you or in the lane next to you, they may be yielding for a pedestrian, so be prepared to stop.
  - Be aware of pedestrians who seem unsure or who may not be paying attention. They might dart out or wander onto the roadway.
  - Always watch for pedestrians when you're backing up.
  - Before you get into your vehicle, make it a habit to walk around it to ensure no small children are behind your vehicle.

**Thank you for helping to educate and keep everyone safe.**

## February- Acts of Kindness Help a Child Learn

When you look back at your own childhood, you can probably name several key people who taught you some of the most important things you know today. You too, can be an influential force in a child's life by spending time helping him or her to learn. You can help a child master a subject he or she is struggling with in school, teach him or her to play a sport or learn another skill. There are huge benefits for children who don't have an influential adult in their lives. Just being a small part of their lives could make a huge difference. Helping a child learn is also a great way to teach him or her to help others. Being able to see someone learn because of the effort you've put into teaching them can be an extremely rewarding experience for you.

### Step It Up

Find an after-school program in your community where you can volunteer to help children with their homework or volunteer as a sports coach at a local school or recreation center.

### Keep It Simple

If you're a parent, simply find the time to help your own children learn, whether it is assisting them with homework or teaching them the values that are important to you.

### Related Resources

Here are some great resources that will help you understand the learning process children go through:

The Global Development Resource Center, [Literacynet.org](http://Literacynet.org)

The Best Ways to Teach Kids to Read - [Oprah.com](http://Oprah.com)