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Fairview Community School News

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to all of our returning students, new students, parents and staff. Fairview Community School staff is proud to be a caring community of learners, and I see that caring, nurturing quality in each and every staff member. I believe that you and your children will also see it in the teachers' eyes and in their approach to your child. We are here for you and for your child, and we will do everything possible to help your child have the best possible year of learning and growth. **A quick note to let you know that, like previous years, classes will most likely not be set until after the first week of school. Please be patience with us as we welcome new/returning students and hurry to determine classes.**

This year we would like to welcome some new faces to our Fairview family!

Secretary-Heather Fredericks

Primary- Morgan Spry, Tara McConnie, TBD

Intermediate- TBD

Student Support- Jessica Dewarle, Jody Glanfield

Counsellor- Melinda Louis

Librarian- Jessica Dewarle

Educational Assistants- Tracey Cochrane, Bob Wyse (Ab EA)

We are excited to have such an enthusiastic, knowledgeable group of new and returning teachers for our students. We work best together as a team (child, family, and teacher) so communication will be very important to us. Teachers will be in constant contact with parents, and if you have any questions or concerns or just want to talk, you can reach me at the school (250-753-3418) or come and join us any time.

Sincerely, Colette Young, Principal

Save the Date!

Please check out all of our celebrations and events on our website:

<https://fv.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>

September 3- School Opens 11am- 12pm line up at your last year's class line

September 6- Pancake Breakfast 8am

September 9- Strong Start Opens 9am -12pm

September 12- All day Kindergarten starts

September 13- 5:30pm- 9:30pm Movie Night (time is)

September 16- PAC Meeting

September 24- Terry Fox Run - **more info to follow**

September 26- Open House 6pm-7pm

September 30- Orange Shirt day

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday:

8:42 am	Welcome Bell
8:45 am	Morning Instruction Begins
10:15 am	Short Recess - outside play
10:30 am	Instruction Continues
11:45 am	Long Recess - outside play
12:21 pm	Welcome Back Bell - Lunch/Read
1:37 pm	Classes Dismiss for the Day

Tuesday - Friday:

8:42 am	Welcome Bell
8:45 am	Morning Instruction Begins
11:45 am	Long recess - outside play
12:21 pm	Welcome Back Bell - Lunch/Read
1:30 pm	Short Recess - outside play
1:45 pm	Instruction Continues
2:37 pm	Classes Dismiss for the Day

Strong Start: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday to Friday

Office Hours: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

OPEN HOUSE

Good communication between you and your child's teacher may very well be the most important ingredient to ensuring that your child has a successful year in school. Be sure to attend "**meet the teacher night**" on **September 26th from 6pm until 7pm** to establish rapport with your child's teacher. If you can't make it that night, arrange another time to introduce yourself. Remember, no one knows your child as well as you do and your insights will be greatly appreciated by your child's teacher and will go a long way to aid in a successful school year. If your child's teacher actively uses home-to-school planners for communication, be sure to use it regularly!



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our school plans and activities will all be sent electronically through the *WAAG* (Week at a Glance) every 2 weeks. There will also be hard copies in the office. This is our major form of communication to you. This *WAAG* is also posted on our school website.

MONDAY EARLY DISMISSAL

Each *Monday* students are dismissed at 1:37pm. Twenty of these days allow your staff to participate in Professional Learning Communities (PLC) around our school goals. This is an opportunity for staff to learn and grow together in order to assess, plan, collaborate and reflect on our practices in each of our schools.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Please be reminded that the school office and foyer/halls are school workspaces and staff/students need quiet until the end of day bell rings in order to fulfill their teaching/learning responsibilities. This is just a friendly request that each one of us models this common expectation for our students.

Also, this year we want to keep our narrow hallways clear, so we are asking that you refrain from waiting with/for your children outside their classroom doors.

We want to keep our hallways clear of people to allow students to move easily and confidently to and from classes. You are more than welcome, however, to wait outside until dismissal of students and then walk down to pick up your child from his or her classroom if your child is in early primary. Students in grades 2-7 are confident to meet parents and guardians outside and this change will do a lot in diminishing the crowds in our little hallways.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

PAC

If you enjoy working together with other enthusiastic people, please consider becoming involved in our Parent Advisory Council. They make an important difference to your children by providing opportunities the school is not able to do on its own. Please consider being involved in your child's (children's) school. We'd love to see you there!! The first PAC meeting is September 16th @ 6:30 pm. There will be free pizza and free child-minding! We hope to see you there!

PAC Movie Night

Mark your calendars! PAC is excited to announce that there will be a movie night on September 13 to welcome all new and returning students. Concession will be open during this time. More information to come.

TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox run will be held on **Wednesday, September 24 at 10:45am**. Everyone is welcome to join us for the run! All pledge money raised goes directly to the Terry Fox Foundation. Parent volunteers are always welcome and needed.

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Our annual WELCOME BACK PANCAKE Breakfast is Friday, September 6 at 8am! I would like to express a **big thank you** to the Knights of Columbus for providing food and support and to our staff who are working so joyfully to make it a success. **WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**

STUDENT PLANNERS

There is always so much information to communicate in the opening days. **Please be sure to read your child's planner pages as there is necessary and important information in it.** We encourage you to read both our most updated **Code of Conduct** and **School Goals** on our Fairview Community School website. Your questions and/or comments are welcome.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

SD 68 is committed to promoting Safe Schools for all students and staff. Part of that commitment is ensuring staff and students are trained and prepared to respond to any threat, minor or serious, to our school population. To this end SD 68 staff and students periodically conduct 'practice drills' to simulate effective responses to potential safety threats. These drills are similar to our fire and earthquake drills with an added focus on staying safe within the school building.

Should you arrive at your child's school during such a practice, please follow instructions that will be posted at the entrance to the school.

Also, **if you are visiting the school, please use the front door only and sign in at the office.**

Children's safety is our first priority.

LUNCHES, MESSAGES, ETC...

The time we have with your children for teaching and learning is precious and must be protected. It is our common expectation at Fairview that we not interrupt teaching time. Each interruption affects the flow of a lesson and the creative thinking of students, and it can be a challenge to re-establish that flow.

For this reason we all request that you always

- Please drop off lunches at the office, rather than walking directly to classes. Ensure that your child's name is on the lunch and that he/she knows that you will be bringing it.
- Please send a note in your child's planner if there is something your child's teacher needs to know (appointment, early pickup, etc.) or leave a message with the office staff.

Also, please consider sending reusable juice containers to school with your child/children. This will lessen our recycling and reduce our garbage. It is an environmentally friendly alternative that will help us, too.

TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS

Once again this year, the driveway/roundabout is a KISS AND GO Zone in the mornings. If you wish to walk your child into the school, you must park on the street to avoid congestion, frustration and gridlock. Your options are to park on the street and come to the school or have a meeting place for you and your child outside.

PARENT EMAILS

Please let us know your email so that we can email important newsletters and notices. We are trying our best to save the environment and go paperless. If you need a paper copy of newsletters, please let us know. You can also find the newsletters on our website. <https://fv.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>

This year our school has increased by one intermediate division. We are hoping to move students into their actual classes on Monday. Thank you for your patience as we have worked through this change. We have enjoyed an Opening Week of getting to know one another through various activities as we have revisited expectations and built community in our school together.

For your information, **Verification Forms** will be sent home in **paper form** once children are in their regular classes. Please check with the person you are using as an emergency contact so they know they may be called. This information is **absolutely critical** to have; please send the forms back to school with your child, **with any changes made in a different color, as soon as possible**. Thank you.

ALSO, please consider having a **Criminal Record Check** done at the start of the year, if you haven't already done so. Thank you to the parents who have. A CRC does not expire for 5 years and allows you to participate in all activities inside and outside the school with our students. **We desperately need parent helpers at events and it is a challenge when CRC have not been done**. This is a district mandated step that must be taken in order to become involved in any way in the school.

Online application: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm>

Access Code/ID Number: UQ4T7XXBHE

Phone (toll free): 1-855-587-0185

Fax: 250-953-0408

Email: criminalrecords@gov.bc.ca

If you wish to help drive students for field trips, you will need to fill out a **Driver Volunteer Form** as well. Please ask at the office for a form if you are interested.

We look forward to a year of learning, successes and great experiences. ☺ See you on Tuesday!!

Sincerely,

Colette Young, Derek Snowden and all Fairview Staff