

N O V E M B E R

## Fairview Community School News

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### Principal's Message

Thank you to all parents/guardians who participated in the Parent Teacher Conferences. We are pleased to be working closely with you to ensure that your children are receiving the best support and education in order for them to be successful. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you.

A **big thank you** also goes out to those parents and family members who have been making soup on Wednesdays for our children and staff. The soup is scrumptious and we are so grateful to the volunteers who make this lunch possible.

Please join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am to show respect and support for Canadian troops.

Mrs. Young

### Save the Date!

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

- Nov. 1- Picture Retake Day/ Movie Night
- Nov. 8- Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45am
- Nov. 11- Remembrance Day - No School
- Nov. 13- Grade 3 Fire Safety

### Great Nanaimo Toy Drive

If you have no other means of providing toys for your children, The Great Nanaimo Toy Drive wants to help. Please check out [www.thegreatnanaimotoydrive.ca](http://www.thegreatnanaimotoydrive.ca) to see how/where/when to register.

### Cross Country Meet

On October 29th our Cross Country Running team will be attending the zone meet. Congratulations in advance to all who participated and thank you to our coach Ms. Mitchell and staff and parent volunteers.

### Erase Bullying

**Every child deserves an education free from discrimination, bullying, harassment, intimidation and violence.** The ERASE (Expect Respect and A Safe Education) Bullying strategy is part of the Province of British Columbia's efforts to personalize learning and supports for all students. Please visit the ERASE Bullying website or click on the logo on our school website. If your child is being bullied, please let the teacher or the principal know. We can't help, if we aren't aware.

### PAC

A big 'Thank You!' to those parents/grandparents and guardians who have joined the PAC! We appreciate your time and input. Please note that all caregivers of students at FV are members of the PAC whether you are able to attend meetings or not and your input into PAC decisions is very valuable to us. Please join us for our next PAC Meeting which is scheduled for Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Pizza for everyone however, **there will not be any child minding provided** this month.

### Earthquake Drill

FV joined all of Canada in the Great Canadian Shake Down on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Students were well behaved and made it out of the school in record time. Please take the time to review the information sent in the October newsletter and develop your earthquake plans with your family.

### COBS Bread

Fairview is a participant in the COBS Dough Fundraiser Program at the Pleasant Valley COBS Bread location. If you mention our school name, Fairview will receive a percentage of all sales for purchases of sports equipment, instructional supplies etc. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Social Media Policy

Please find the SD68 Social Media Policy link for your review:

<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/Administrative-Procedures/100/AP107-SocialMedia.pdf>

## School Closures

If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM, WAVE 102.3 FM, and 91.7 COAST FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station - tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

In addition, the district will post the information on the district's website, Twitter, Facebook, and mobile app. Please keep in mind, however, that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example, power outages or technical problems. The most reliable method is to listen to the local radio stations.

## Halloween Safety

### Ghosts and Goblins will soon be taking to our city streets

Media Relations Officer/Crime Stoppers Coordinator  
Nanaimo RCMP

Soon our city streets will be inundated with hundreds of children, dressed in a variety of costumes participating in one of the biggest celebrations of the year- Halloween. The Nanaimo RCMP is once again urging all motorists to use extreme caution throughout the day for "darting goblins".

"When kids are excited they often throw caution to the wind and everything their parents told them about safety. For that reason, it is essential parents and caregivers keep their young ones on tight rein when trick or treating," said Constable Gary O'Brien of the Nanaimo RCMP.

Please follow these simple but effective tips when going door to door on Halloween:

#### Costumes

- If your little ones can't see their feet with their mask on, it may pose a tripping hazard
- Ensure their costume is reflective, if you can't see them then neither can approaching vehicles
- Make sure they have appropriate foot wear on. It will allow for an enjoyable evening and prevent unwanted falls

#### Door to door

- Only go to homes where lights are on, often the front porch light indicates they are participating in the festivities
- Never allow your children to enter any home to retrieve candies

#### On the streets

- Parents should carry a flash light with fresh batteries to light the way
- If crossing where there is no crosswalk, **STOP** and **LOOK** both ways to **ENSURE** approaching vehicles are slowing to indicate you have been seen

#### After trick or treating

- Give all the candy a once over to ensure nothing has been tampered with
- If a candy wrapper is open, throw it out

As a reminder, firecrackers are prohibited to use or possess and firecrackers can only be discharged with prior approval obtained by the City of Nanaimo Fire Chief. Simply being in possession of fireworks may cost you a \$200 fine under the City of Nanaimo fireworks bylaw.

Have a wonderful November.  
From all FV students and staff