

S E P T E M B E R

# Fairview Community School News

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 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 approaches to your child/ren. We are here for you and for your child/ren, and we will do everything possible to help your child have the best possible year of learning and growth. We are also doing our best to follow the provincial and NLPS Health and Safety Guidelines to ensure your child/ren's safety. (refer to [sd68.bc.ca](http://sd68.bc.ca))

This year we would like to welcome some new faces to our Fairview family! Shaaily Sareen (Grade 5/6), Chris Perrier-Evely (SST), Tamar Doruyter (Grade 4/5), Bruce Biro (Grade 7), Wendy Williston (Grade 2/3), Caitlin Marquis (Kindergarten), Lisa Marshall (Literacy Coordinator), Lauren Aebig (counsellor), Tina Louie (EA). ☺ Welcome back, Cherylyn Thompson (Kindergarten), Brittany Mitchell (Grade 6) and Christy Dishkin (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 speak with your child/ren's teacher or reach us at the school (250-753-3418) or email [Colette.young@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:Colette.young@sd68.bc.ca) or [chris.paugh@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:chris.paugh@sd68.bc.ca)

Sincerely, Colette Young, Principal and Chris Paugh (Vice Principal)

## New SCHOOL HOURS

### Monday - Friday:

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
12:20 pm	Welcome Back Bell - Lunch/Read
2:25 pm	Classes Dismiss for the Day

Strong Start: Monday to Friday  
(Start time/ date TBD)

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

## Save the Date!

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

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

September 14- Full time school begins for Grade 1-7

September 14- Gradual Kindergarten begins

September 21- PAC Virtual Meeting

September 28/29- Terry Fox Run (in learning cohorts)

September 30- Orange Shirt Day

Coming Soon



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

### Life Touch Notice

The health, safety and well-being of everyone in the schools we visit is our top priority. We want to share with you some of the enhanced cleaning protocols we are implementing for Picture Day to ensure camera stations are sanitized and safe for students.

You'll notice the following enhanced cleaning protocols on Picture Day:

- Sanitizing wipes and sprays will be used on all set-up materials and equipment at the beginning and end of day.
- During photography, equipment used or touched by subjects will be sanitized.
- Pre-moistened alcohol wipes will be used on the camera's viewfinder and high-touch areas on the camera.
- Hand Sanitizer will be frequently used by our photographers throughout the day.

Even though Picture Day will look a bit different this year, families can count on us to capture memories year after year. We are excited to see you soon. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about our Picture Day Safety Protocols and watch a video of our new picture day procedures in action.

### Pick up and Drop off

#### Drop-off

• Please plan to drop your child(ren) off and pick them up *as close to the bell as possible* to minimize traffic on the school grounds. Teachers will inform students which door to meet at in the morning in order to ensure safe distances between learning groups.

#### Pick-up

• Fairview staff will dismiss students at 2:25 pm each day and naturally this will lead to high traffic areas. We want to keep everyone safe. This will require our entire community to practice and model safe social distancing. Remember, children are always looking to adults as a model of how to behave appropriately. Our staff will do everything they can to educate students about safe social distancing after school. Additionally, you will receive this information from your classroom teacher via e-mail. Please arrange a safe pick-up plan with your child and re-iterate the importance of keeping a safe distance.

### Parents/Visitors to our Building:

As much as we enjoy having parents and visitors in our building, we will not be able to open our doors to you this year. We would ask parents and visitors to not enter the building but rather contact us at 250 753-3418 if you have any questions or concerns.

**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. We'd love to see you there!! The first PAC virtual meeting is September 21st @ 6:30 pm. PAC will provide the virtual meeting link on the PAC Facebook page.

**TERRY FOX RUN**

Our annual Terry Fox run will be held on **September 28 or 29**. All pledge money raised goes directly to the Terry Fox Foundation. Classes will be completing the run in their cohorts and pledge sheets will be provided online. At this time, we won't be able to have volunteers joining us. Sorry.

**STUDENT PLANNERS**

There is always so much information to communicate in the opening days. **Please be sure to read your child/ren'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.

**Kindergarten**

Welcome to all new kindergarten students and families. We are looking forward to building wonderful relationships with all of you. 😊 Please refer to the email sent from the kindie teachers regarding the gradual entry schedule which begins on Monday, September 14.

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**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.

At this time, only students and staff are able to enter the building. If you need to reach your child or child's teacher, please contact 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 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 send filled water bottles to school. Bottles will be able to be refilled at school but fountains are closed for use.

### **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/>

### **Verification Forms**

For your information, **Verification Forms** have been sent electronically. Please check with the person you are using as an emergency contact so they know they may be called. Please complete these form online as soon as possible. Thank you.

### ***School Cash Online- District News***

As you know we have made several modifications to how we operate in order to mitigate the risk of COVID-19. We want to assure you that the health and safety of your family and our staff is our high priority.

As part of those modifications, we are asking you to use our new online payment system (School Cash Online) to purchase school items when you can. Cash can play a significant role in virus transmission, and we are working toward following the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations to use contactless payments to mitigate virus spread.

Paying school fees and signing school forms online is fast and easy and can be done from any computer or smartphone.

Get setup in three simple steps:

1. **Create Your Profile:** Go to <https://nlps.schoolcashonline.com> and click on "Register" and fill in all appropriate fields.
2. **Confirm Your Email:** Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside.
3. Sign in with your new login details.
4. **Add a Student:** Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

More information and instructions on how to sign up and use School Cash Online are available here <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/schoolcashonline/>.

**We look forward to a year of learning, successes and great experiences. ☺**

**See you on Monday!**

**Sincerely,**

**Colette Young, Chris Paugh and all Fairview Staff**