

Fairview Community School News

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Happy Holidays

It's hard to believe that December is already upon us. We have many special events and activities planned including our famous Door Decorating Competition. Thank you to PAC who will judge and sponsoring prizes for our door decorating. PAC will also be sponsoring a colouring contest and the students whose names are drawn will win a \$25 gift card. Thank you for being so gracious, PAC.

Please review the school calendar as December is a busy month. Enjoy the holiday with your families. I would like to extend warm wishes to everyone this Christmas Season.

All the best,
 Mrs. Young



Save the Date!

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

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| December 1- | Door Decorating Competition /Colouring Contest |
| December 14-18 - | Christmas Hat Week |
| December 14- | Virtual videos etc. sent home this week |
| December 15- | Door Decorating winners announced |
| December 17- | Colouring Contest winners announced |
| December 18- | Christmas Sweater Day/Last Day before Christmas Holidays |
| Dec. 19- Jan. 3- | Christmas Break |
| January 4- | Return to School |

*Please refer to your child's agenda as each class has their own activities/field trips throughout the month as well.



PAC MEETING

Please join us for our next PAC meeting on January 18 from 7pm until 8pm. 😊 **Upcoming meeting dates: February 22, April 19, May 17 and June 14** 😊

CHRISTMAS DOOR DECORATING/ COLOURING COMPETITION

Please stay tuned for the January edition of the newsletter to see which classes won the door decorating competition. The classes will be competing from December 1 until December 11. Check out all of the creative doors. Our students are extremely talented! Thank you to PAC for sponsoring our winners of the door decorating and the winners of the PAC colouring contest.

EVERYONE DESERVES A SMILE

Everybody Deserves A Smile (EDAS) is a Not -For Profit Organization that began as a grassroots project in Edmonton, right before Christmas in 2003. Four friends came together and left 88 homemade care packages on garbage bins in the backstreets of downtown. At the time they hoped to bring a smile to those living on our streets, letting them know that they were not alone and not forgotten that Christmas. Now, several years later, thousands of care packages have been given to the homeless, and this simple yet powerful purpose continues to this day. Although EDAS has focused on helping the homeless, it aspires to help everyone feel significant in some way. We work to inspire hundreds of students, school staffs and community members to come together, to work with one common purpose and to give with open hearts. This year Fairview students and staff have come together and opened our hearts to the homeless in Nanaimo. Please refer to www.edas.ca for more information.

COVID

We understand the importance of keeping our families safe and healthy. Superintendent Scott Saywell and SD69 (Qualicum) Superintendent Keven Elder had the opportunity to ask Island Health MHO for Central Vancouver Island, Dr. Sandra Allison, questions they have been receiving from the community. This video is 40 minutes long and can be watched in its entirety here:

Q&A with Dr. Allison: <https://youtu.be/olFaS6qrL1o>

Dr. Henry: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/b-c-brings-in-sweeping-new-measures-to-control-covid-19-including-mandatory-masks-1.5808617>

VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

Fairview will be hosting its first ever **Virtual Scholastic Book Fair!** You can shop from **Monday, November 23** until **Friday, December 4** at this link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5152325>

Books will be shipped right to your home, in time for the holidays! Scholastic offers **FREE SHIPPING** on all orders over \$35 OR all orders placed on **Wednesday evenings (Nov. 25, Dec. 2) from 6-8 PM.**

SCHOOL CLOSURES

If district 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. As always, whether schools remain open, it is always your right to decide if it is safe for your children to travel to school. The district makes a best decision for all children as a whole, but you can determine what is best for your individual children in any given circumstance.



MOVING

Are you moving? If you are moving to a new address and/or to a new school over the Winter Break, please inform the office as soon as possible.

CURIO READING

Curio reading gives teachers and students streaming access to the best in educational video and audio from CBC and Radio-Canada. You'll find documentaries from television and radio, news reports and more. It's a great tool to help students develop critical-thinking skills.

<https://curio.ca/en/> and <https://curio.ca/en/collection/curioca-tutorials-2125/>

The generic login/password for students to access Curio from home is provided below:

Username: sd68@curio.ca

Password: Curio2020

PROGRESS REPORTS

Formal report cards will be issued **February 5, 2021**. Teachers have been and will continue to provide **Ongoing Communicate Student Learning (OCSL)** to you in a variety of ways through work samples sent home in paper form or electronically, or Celebrations of Learning. Our teachers have been working very hard together to create templates and samples of student learning that will clearly inform you of your students' ongoing progress and achievements at school.

Remember, in OCSL you can expect to see 1) Learning Outcomes (curricular competencies) that the students are practicing, 2) descriptive feedback from teachers regarding student work, 3) student self-reflection, 4) real-time samples of everyday work.

COUNTRY GROCER RECEIPTS

Please remember to drop off all receipts to your child's homeroom teacher. For every \$1000 in receipts collected our PAC receives a \$10 gift card to go towards items such as soup broth etc. for our students.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

We continue to urge parents/families to exercise caution when dropping off or picking up children. When you are dropping off/picking up children, please keep physical distance (2 metres) in accordance with COVID-19 protocols and/or wear a mask. We would ask that you encourage students that are able, to walk independently to the lineup. If you are staying after school for your child to play on the playground, please keep distance and/or wear a mask. Adults without masks should not be in close proximity to other students. Thanks for helping to keep our school community as safe as possible. Because people are standing together for a period of time, we recommend parents/ families wear masks to assist in keeping our school community healthy.



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

FROM our Fairview family to yours!