

F E B R U A R Y

# 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. 10<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.

Mrs. Young



### Reporting information for parents

SD 68 has created a "Reporting Video for Parents" that will be available on the school district website. Click on "Reporting Information for Families" to view the video or see the link below.  
<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/student-progress-reporting/>

### FSA's

The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. Grade 4/7 FSAs are between **February 15<sup>th</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup>**.

## Save the Date!

**February**  
**Acts of Kindness Month**

**February 4-** Sweater Day

**February 10-** Progress Reports Go Home

**February 11/12-** Pro-D Days- No School

**February 14-** Happy Valentine's Day

**February 15-** Family Day- No School

**February 22-** PAC Meeting

**February 24-** 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 24

All across B.C. the Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day will be observed on Wednesday, February 24. 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.

## 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.

## Code of Conduct

If you haven't had the opportunity to review our school Code of Conduct, it can be found on our website at <https://fv.schools.sd68.bc.ca/> or

<https://fv.schools.sd68.bc.ca/documents/2020/09/2020-2021-code-of-conduct.pdf/>

## Student Learning Survey (Grade 4/7 parents)

Please complete the Student Learning Survey for Fairview. The information you provide is collected by the Ministry of Education in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA, BC) sections 26 (c) and (e), and will be used to assess the effectiveness of educational programs, to improve educational program delivery, and to report on student performance and achievements toward system goals such as Human and Social Development and Career Development. Electronic surveying is available until April 30, 2021. For direct access use the following website: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)

Parents may access the survey through the **Parent Direct Access** from the website listed above by selecting their child's district, school's name and language of preference.

## Student Registration

Registration is in full swing for the **2021-2022 school year**. Central registration will be starting the process of pre-registering kindergarten to grade 12 students for September 2021. At this time all incoming K-12 students will be registered at their catchment schools.

### **Important Registration dates:**

- Jan 31 - registration deadline for Kindergarten and Grade 1 French Immersion lottery
- March 1 – registration deadline for District Secondary Academies
- March 31 – out of catchment applications are due
- June 15 – registration deadline for guaranteed placement at your catchment school

## 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.
- 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.**

## Parent Workshop

You are invited to **Un-Stuck! Increased aggression and alarm in our children during COVID.**  
**What can we do?**

When: Feb 9, 2021 06:30 PM Vancouver Time Zone

Register in advance for this session:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAodOGgqTstHNRMwJn-eZML9XTjrEX3X0qc>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the session. We look forward to learning with you.

## Student Daily Health Check

Please complete the Daily Health Check with your child prior to school every morning. If your child has symptoms, please keep them home for 24 hours until they no longer have symptoms. If you are unsure, contact your health care provider or call 811.

## Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is coming soon and students love to share cards with their peers and teachers. This year, circulating Valentine's Day cards is okay; unfortunately due to safety guidelines, we are unable to accept treats from home, even if they are packaged. Teachers may provide healthy snacks, if they are commercially prepared and packaged. Thank you for understanding.

## February- Acts of Kindness

Great news from Mrs. Kukta's class. After doing a fabulous job on the EDAS cards and envelopes, students thought they would keep writing and decorating. When the class talked about how much Covid had changed their lives, it was easy to see how much worse it was for seniors who could not get out or have family come in. The students decided it would be good idea to write letters and make positive word art pieces for them. Mrs. Kukta's class letters are being delivered to Nanaimo Seniors Village and they are hoping to get responses. Several other classes have taken on the challenge and will be sending letters to various seniors' care homes. (LaBounty, Renneberg, Keen, Cradock) Mrs. Muir also suggested that classes could make valentine cards for the seniors, so we can keep spreading the love and 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)