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Fairview News

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Principal's Message

The end of the school year is fast approaching and there are lots of activities and field trips taking place. Please make sure that you regularly look at your child's planner or back and forth book, so you know what is happening and forms are signed so your children may participate.

Preparations are underway for next year and teachers are planning for their next year's teaching assignments and classes. Teachers spend a great deal of time and have a lot of expertise comprising class lists. This process is always done with the students' needs in the forefront, both in terms of academics and social/ behaviour. Please allow time in the fall for their efforts to be appreciated. (Please see last pg. for more details)

Thank you and we look forward to an exciting, event-filled last 2 months.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Young

Save the Date!

May 5	Red Dress Day (May 4 th at FV)/ Free Smoothies for students
May 7	Professional Development- No School
May 9	Mother's Day
May 12	Free Smoothies for students
May 17	PAC Meeting
May 19	Welcome to Kindergarten/ Smoothie and Salad Sale
May 24	Victoria Day- No School
May 26	Smoothie and Salad Sale
May 28	Munch-a-lunch

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

Concerns or Questions

If you have any concerns or questions pertaining to staff, your child or our school, please feel free to speak with the appropriate staff member or administration. We are always happy to work together to keep you informed and resolve matters.

Moving Away?

If you know that you are moving away and will be withdrawing your student(s) from Fairview for the next School Year, please contact the school at 250-753-3418 to let us know as we are beginning to plan for next year. If you know of new families to the area, please encourage them to register their child/ren online at www.sd68.bc.ca
Thank you.

Sports

Even though we have had restrictions due to COVID, our grade 6/7 students have had the opportunity to participate in some noon hour sports. As we wind up the sports season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our coaches and helpers for their dedication and support in making the SD68's Athletic Activities program such a wonderful opportunity for our students to participate in. Congratulations to all the students on their outstanding athletic performances this year!

Sexual Health for Parents

All personal and sexual health resources are posted on the SD68 website at <https://sexual-education.sd68.bc.ca>

PARENTS AND EDUCATORS WILL FIND:

What students are learning at each grade, printable lesson plans and body safety posters, letters home to parents, digital citizenship contract for families, developmental age guides and conversation starters, what SOGI education is about, important policies and procedures and much more!





Healthy Weights Initiative



With health and safety restrictions in place, children may struggle to get outside and exercise. The Childhood Healthy Weights Intervention Initiative, a provincial program, offers the following programs aimed at healthy weight management and exercise.

<https://www.bchealthyliving.ca/announcing-bc-childhood-healthy-weights-initiative/>

- MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do It!) is a free, fun healthy lifestyle program for families with children ages 7 to 13 years.
- Shapedown BC is a multi-disciplinary weight management program for families with children and teens ages 6 to 17 years in need of more intensive support.
- HealthLink BC Eating and Activity Program for Kids is a telephone program offered through 8-1-1 to children and teens from newborn to 18 years and their families.

Bike Safety

As summer approaches and the weather is getting better, here are a few bike safety rules to remember: always wear a safety approved bicycle helmet, always ride in view of your parent or guardian, let your parent or guardian check that your bicycle is in good mechanical shape, make sure your bicycle is safe and has reflectors, lights and a bell, look both ways at intersections and make eye contact with drivers before proceeding, give a warning as you approach walkers/runners to pass them, watch closely for cars leaving driveways, and ride with traffic.

Mental Health and Wellness

As we are all aware, during this unpredictable and challenging time, we want everyone to know that there are mental health and wellness supports available to all families. Please refer to www.sd68.bc.ca, click on the following tabs: Families, Parent Resources, and Mental Wellness during COVID -19 or login directly using the link below.

<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/covid-19/staying-mentally-well-during-covid-19/>

Moonlight Library

We are excited to announce our new outdoor library located in our garden area. Students may take a book or lend a book. Thank you to those of you who have donated books to the library. If you would like to contribute books, please ensure that they are suitable for our K-7 students. We would like to thank Mr. Dick and our grade 7 students who built and decorated the library. We would also like thank the Times Colonist for their generous donation of building supplies.



Fairview Attire

With the warmer weather comes the need to wear lighter clothing. Please remember that school is a workplace for your child/children and what may be acceptable attire at the beach or other places, may not necessarily be acceptable at the workplace. At FV, we follow the SD68 Attire Policy AP 352.

<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/Administrative-Procedures/300/AP-352-School-Attire-Expectations.pdf>

Allergy Season

We have had many students complaining of seasonal allergies such as itchy/watery eyes etc. If your child has seasonal allergies, please contact the office for a Medication Form and provide us with your child's allergy medication (Benadryl/Chloro-tripolon). This will save you a trip to the school with medication. Students must not keep medication.

Class Placement Procedure

We are in the process of planning the next academic year. It is important you trust the school team to build classes, which suit the students' academic and social needs. We take a lot of care in doing classroom composition for each grade. We make up each class list in a way that maximizes the quality of teaching and learning conditions for all students. The decision for placement is based on many factors, such as: balancing academic ability, levels of independence, learning styles, social/emotional maturity, and maximizing the positive learning environment for the whole class. The classroom composition for each grade has to reflect the acceptance of all individuals within an inclusive school as we attempt to provide appropriate educational programming to all children. If you have specific educational information, that you would like us to consider about your child, please contact your school Principal (in writing) as soon as possible, but **no later than May 28th(extension)**. We do consider this request, along with all other pertinent information provided by classroom teachers and support staff. Please note your request will be considered but we do not guarantee it can be honoured. It does become an important part of our planning process. As teachers may change schools and grade groupings are dependent on our enrolment numbers and balancing learning needs, ***please describe optimal learning environments without referring to specific teachers. We are not able to take requests for individual teachers.***

Thank you.

