



# FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

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## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Our school focus this month has been gratitude and being thankful. I am feeling thankful for being able to be at Fairview everyday and working with such dedicated staff members, supportive parents and enthusiastic students. We have been able to accomplish so much already. We have amazing learning underway in classes, had photo day, completed formative assessment conferences, completed three safety drills, started our Student Leadership group, started cross-country, volleyball, and dance clubs, and had successful soup and salad days. I would like to take this time to thank everyone - staff, students, parents, and the larger community for helping to provide so many wonderful opportunities for our students.

There is lots of positive energy and enthusiasm in the building and on the school grounds. We have lots of great things planned, both in individual classrooms and as a whole school, and are looking forward to a fantastic year.

Cindy Haack, Principal

## HALLOWEEN AT FAIRVIEW

On Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> students can wear their costumes to school, or wear orange & black. Regarding costumes, please refrain from excessive gore/blood (disturbing to some students) and no replica weapons (guns, swords, daggers etc..) should be brought to school. We suggest that students leave accessories to their costumes at home so they don't forget them on Friday and don't have them for Halloween. As we are not able to have large gatherings at this time, we will be doing a costume parade with our students in a safe way. Treats can be sent to school this year, please check with your child's teacher about any dietary/allergy restrictions.

## HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN

The following link - It's Time for Ghosts and Goblins to Come Out and Play has been provided to us from the Nanaimo RCMP Media Advisory. There are some great safety tips for children:

<https://nanaimo.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ViewPage.action?siteNodeId=876&languageId=1&contentId=71833>

## Fairview Bell Schedule

8:42	Welcome Bell
8:45-10:15	Morning Session
10:15-10:30	Recess
10:30-11:45	Morning Session Continues
11:45-12:20	Lunch Recess
12:20-2:25	Afternoon Session
2:25	Dismissal

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

We have had a few new and returning staff join our Fairview family. We are pleased to welcome the following staff members:

Ms. Ara Cockram- Kindergarten/Grade 1 Teacher  
Ms. Maria Arias- Child, Youth, Family Support Worker  
Mr. Will Diorec- Educational Assistant  
Ms. Joanne Carter- Library Clerk

### **BC GREAT SHAKE OUT**

Last Thursday, Fairview participated in the Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill. The students practiced "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" and building evacuation. We were very impressed with how quickly our students assembled on the field and remained quiet during the drill. We will continue to practice fire, earthquake, and lockdown drills throughout the year.

### **FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT CONFERENCES**

Last week we held our Formative Assessment Conferences. It was fantastic to see families in the school having the opportunity to meet with teachers. Families will also be receiving ongoing communication (OCSL) from teachers throughout the year. An OCSL will include a sample of work, learning standards, descriptive feedback, and student voice.

### **CLUBS/SPORTS AT FAIRVIEW**

We have started a variety of clubs and sports for our students to take part in. These include:

Cross Country: students in Grades 3-7 have been practicing every Tuesday and Thursday for our cross country meet on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Bantam Girls Volleyball: this team has just started and will have games on Thursdays from now until Winter Break.

Dance Club: meets every Tuesday in the multi-purpose room for interested students in Grades 1-4.  
Student Leadership Group: for students in Grade 7 that want to help with various leadership opportunities around the school.

Recess Peer Helpers: this group will be meeting for the first time this week. Intermediate students interested in helping our primary students at recess times are encouraged to join.

### **SOUP AND SALAD DAYS**

Thank you to the parents that have been helping with our successful soup and salad days. Parents can order through the Munch a Lunch online program or send money to the school. All orders must be in by Monday. Students that have ordered soup are asked to bring a spoon on Soup Wednesdays. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. Even an hour on a Wednesday would be helpful.

### **CROSS GRADE GROUPING ACTIVITY**

We will be having our first cross-grade group activity next Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 7 will work in groups to talk

about Remembrance Day and Peace. In their groups, students will be creating a bulletin board display.

### **BOUNCE**

We continue to do our Bounce assemblies daily through TEAMS. A big thank you to Mavis and Laila who do the protocol each day. Ms. Renneberg's class drums and sings for the school every Monday.

### **VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL**

We are now unlocking our front door but ask that parents and visitors to the school make an appointment through the office. When coming into the building we ask that you wear a mask, hand sanitize, and sign in the binder that is at the front door.

### **HEALTH CHECKS**

Please use the following link to complete daily health checks:

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e2s1>

If your child is going to be absent or late please call the office at 250-753-3418 or email [info.fv@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:info.fv@sd68.bc.ca). The school office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### **PAC NEWS**

PAC held their October meeting last week. Elections were held at this time. Thank you to our PAC team for this year:

Secretary - Leah Lisberg

Treasurer - Troy Turchanski

Vice Chair- Angela Waldick

Chair - Sarah MacGregor

Executives-

Adrienne Mercer Breen

Nicole Antrim

Katie Spencer

Farm to School leads - Jennifer Skogland & Angela Waldick

Playground Committee lead- Nicole Antrim

DPAC rep - Adrienne Mercer Breen (could use another parent volunteer to share the load)

The PAC has the Purdy's Christmas order happening. The link is

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1031948-86185>

Deadline for cash and online orders is November 16<sup>th</sup>. Catalog orders are to be in the office ready for pick up no later than 2pm on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER**

We try our best to have students outside as much as possible, especially during our recess times. We ask that students come prepared for the weather. It is always a good idea to have extra clothing at school to change into if needed.

### **GREAT NANAIMO TOY DRIVE**

Once again, The Great Nanaimo Toy Drive 2021 will be providing toys/gifts for children 0-16 years old in Nanaimo and area, this holiday season. **Children must be registered ahead of time.** Registration will be Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> by phone at: 250.933.3240. For more details, please go to [thegreatnanaimotoydrive.ca](http://thegreatnanaimotoydrive.ca)

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wed., Nov. 3	Soup Day
Thurs., Nov. 4	Photo Retakes
Thurs., Nov. 4	Cross Grade Group Activity
Tues., Nov. 9	District Cross-Country Meet
Wed., Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Thurs., Nov 11	Remembrance Day - schools closed
Wed., Dec. 1	Door Decorating Starts
Fri., Dec. 17	Last day before the Winter Break
Tues., Jan. 4	School Reopens