

FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Happy Holidays, Fairview Families! As usual time flies and we find ourselves on the brink of another winter break. The end of the calendar year is always an important time for celebration and reflection. It is also the conclusion of the longest term of the school year, and a time to look back with thanks on the contributions.

I would like to take a moment to thank our PAC for all of their fundraising and volunteer efforts on behalf of Fairview. We always appreciate all that you do and the time and effort you put in to make our school community a better place. Thank you!

Our staff also deserves a special nod of gratitude for all that they do in the run-up to Christmas. There are many additional activities to undertake, not least of which is the preparation of the Christmas Concert, and then running it three times over.

The charming and cheerful feel of these events belies the many hours of rehearsal and preparation that go into them. So, thank you to all of our staff members who organize and run this production. A special thanks to Dr. Saul, who puts in countless hours to ensure the music, lighting, equipment and kids are top notch.

Keep an eye on the website and Twitter feed for events around the school, we are working on keeping this more current and up to date!

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OUR OFFICE

CHRISTMAS CONCERT PERFORMANCE

All of classes will participate in this year's Christmas performances! Both performances are the same and will be approximately 60 minutes in length. We also ask that despite the concert you choose to attend, we would really like to have students attend both events. There is an incredible amount of work that goes into putting these concerts on and we would love to have children participating in both events is possible



Get your tickets at:

Tuesday December 17th at 6:30pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/fairview-elementary-school-evening-christmas-concert-tickets-82883261065>

Wednesday December 18th at 12:30pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/fairview-elementary-school-afternoon-christmas-concert-tickets-82883870889>

Dress for the Weather

As we are into the cold, wet months, be sure to dress appropriately for the weather: coats, boots, umbrellas, etc. Because we go outside at recess and lunch every day, a spare set of clothes in your child's backpack is a good idea. Getting out in the fresh air keeps us all healthy!

Volleyball wrap up

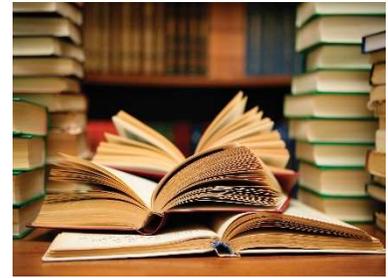
Congratulations to the boys competitive volleyball team for placing 5th this season. They played hard and made huge improvements in their overall skill as the season went on. A big thank you to Mrs. Boyes and Mr. Zielke for volunteering your time and efforts to make this season a success!

Parking

Due to our increasing number of staff, we are often short on parking and would like to remind parents to please respect our 'staff only' parking lot. We do recognize that parking is challenging in the morning and appreciate your support with this!

Fairview Library News

A random survey was conducted at Fairview to find out what students liked about the Library Learning Commons and what they would want/need moving forward. While children appeared to enjoy library class and listening to stories, they wanted more time in the library to research books and to read. Considering this information, a decision was made to have the Library Learning Commons open Monday to Friday from 8:15 am to 9:00 am for open book exchange and for general library use - this is on top of regular scheduled classes. As well, several intermediate book exchanges have been extended to thirty-minute blocks.



During first term, the Fairview Bookfest Reading Club met weekly to prepare for Bookfest 2019. Students were expected to read 6 to 8 novels and they met weekly for book talks. Our team not only demonstrated good sportsmanship at Bookfest, but also did a fabulous job answering questions during the competition. Way to go team! The 2019 Bookfest participants were as follows:

Tony Krenbrink, Ryan Tenhave, Zander Zielke, Gelareh Shakibaei, Andrea Shen, Safiya Purewal, Nina White, Mercedes Grossi, Angelina Dhembu, Brooklyn Nicholson, Rachel Moncey, Teresa Farinha, Shayla Humchitt, Adam Hare, Mary Moges, Eleana Gkousa, Alexis Fisher, Hallie Thoss, Alicia Klassen, Carter Koshlay, Dyllan Krenbrink

Reading Link Challenge Club for grade 4 and 5 students is fast approaching! This fun and interactive Reading Program is sponsored by the Fraser Valley Regional Library. Schools from across the district and the lower mainland read six novels and then compete against each other. Sally Gwyn, Customer Services & Events coordinator, will visit Fairview on December 6th to launch the novels and she will provide a general timeline for the next few months - so stay tuned!

Thank you for sending in Ziplock bags to help protect our library books. Your help with this is much appreciated!

Mrs. Holmes
FV Teacher Librarian

Cold and Flu Season

If your child is ill, please phone and leave a message with the office staff, log an absence through the parent portal or send an email to fv_reception@sd42.ca. We are asking that you also let us know if they are suffering from flu like symptoms, as we do report to the Fraser Health Authority if the number of absentees is unusually large. We would like to remind you that hand sanitizer is not a recommended replacement for hand washing. Please remind your children to wash their hands regularly with soap and water, to cough or sneeze into a tissue or into their sleeve rather than their hands, avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth, and to not share drinks with other children.

Toy Hamper

This year Fairview Elementary (led by grade 2/3 students in Div. 10 and the Fairview Leadership Team) would like to sponsor children registered with the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Christmas Society. The society is a registered, non-profit organization operated entirely by volunteers that collect toys and cash to provide financially disadvantaged families in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows with food and gifts that many of us enjoy at Christmas time.



Each division of students is invited to participate in helping sponsor a child/children. The class will sponsor a child close to their age. Those students who would like to participate are invited to donate a new toy (unwrapped) or \$5.00/ \$10 which will be used to buy appropriate items for the sponsored child. Some suggested items are: crafts, balls, puzzles, alarm clocks, gloves and stuffies.

If you would like to participate, please send your donation to the classroom teacher no later than Tuesday, DECEMBER 10TH.

Thank you so much for your support! We are teaching our students that:

Little people can make a BIG difference

PAC News...

Meeting - Next Meeting is on Monday, December 16. Refreshments start at 6:45pm. Please come and join us!

Happy
Holidays

COMMUNITY NEWS...

CPR Holiday Train, [Monday, December 16, 2019](#)

The arrival of the festively decorated CP Holiday Train is a favorite tradition in Maple Ridge! Join the hundreds of people that gather in Port Haney to greet Santa Claus, enjoy a fabulous Christmas concert and donate to the Friends in Need Food Bank.

Christmas Haven, [Tuesday, December 24, 2019](#)

Come share Christmas Eve with others in the community. Join us at The ACT Arts Centre for the annual free Christmas Haven dinner, an evening of local entertainment and a visit with Santa.

Winter Fest, [Saturday, December 7, 2019](#)

Winter Fest is a single day event on December 7 that brings together your favorite Maple Ridge holiday activities! Come downtown and enjoy the sights and sounds of the holiday season. There is something for everyone - seasonal crafts, photos with Santa, sparkling Christmas trees, a traditional Christmas market, food trucks and more!

Be sure to take advantage of education savings opportunities

Education Savings Week is from Nov. 18 to 22, 2019.

Almost 80% of job openings in British Columbia over the next decade will require some form of post-secondary education. Families can open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and the Government of British Columbia will deposit \$1,200 into the RESP for their children. No additional money is needed to receive the \$1,200 B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant. Families can ask their local financial institution if they are one of the 56 official promoters of the grant and are urged to not be part of the 40% who leave this grant unclaimed.

The grant allows parents and families who may not be able to currently afford to put money aside to start a RESP. Studies indicate that children with RESPs are more likely to pursue higher education. Students can use the money to pay for their education expenses (e.g., books, tools, rent or transportation) in an apprenticeship program, a trade school, college or university.

Applications are open to eligible children between six and nine years old. Eligibility deadlines:

- Children born in 2010 have until the day before their ninth birthday to apply.
- Children born in 2011 have until their ninth birthday in 2020 to apply.
- Children born in 2012 have until their ninth birthday in 2021 to apply.
- Children born in 2013 have until their ninth birthday in 2022 to apply.
- Children born in 2014 can start applying on their sixth birthday.

The Government of Canada also offers eligible families with modest incomes up to \$2,000 for each child's RESP from the Canada Learning Bond. As well, the Canada Education Savings Grant matches RESP contributions up to a maximum of \$7,200 per child. More information can be found at: www.Canada.ca/education-savings

Learn More: B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant: <https://www.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG>

StrongStart

Mon/Wed/Fri: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. **Tue/Thu:** 11:30-2:30 pm

StrongStart is a free program for parents with children aged infant to five years old.

Parents and caregivers attending StrongStart BC will participate with their children in organized sessions like story time and circle time.

They will also be able to participate in free play, arts, early literacy, and information sharing, and will help choose and serve healthy snacks.

Parents and caregivers are likely to discover new ways to support their children's learning at home and may make valuable connections with others attending the centre.



Kindergarten Registration - September 2020

Registration dates for the 2020 school year are posted
on the School District Website

A graphic with the text "Look out Kindergarten Here I come!" in a playful, multi-colored font. "Look out" is in red, "Kindergarten" is in a rainbow gradient, "Here" is in red, and "I come!" is in blue.

Sibling Registration - January 8, 2020
Choice Registration - January 22, 2020
General Registration - February 5, 2020
Late Registration - February 26, 2020

Open Registration - Late August 2020

All registration periods open at 12 pm (noon)

Any child who turns 5 years old in 2020 (born in 2015) is eligible to
register for the 2020-21 school year

Grade 8 Registration - September 2020

- Registration for grade 8 for the 2020-2021 school year will be done on the parent portal.
- Online registration starts on **February 4, 2020**.
- There is no "LATE" phase for grade 8 this year. Parents who miss the March 1 online deadline must complete a paper registration form at their catchment school.
- Parents will be notified after Spring Break of their child's high school placement. Parents wishing to transfer schools must complete a transfer request form at the assigned school. A review of these transfer requests will be completed before the grade 7 orientation in May.

The online registration form will automatically populate with your child's secondary catchment school. This is determined by your address (not your elementary school). You can check the School District website

<http://www.sd42.ca> for your catchment school. Please note that new development areas may not reflect accurate results of your catchment school. Please call and confirm with the school if necessary. Families will be able to request their first three choices of schools. Registration numbers are limited by capacity. Details regarding acceptance criteria can be found on the SD42 website.

What is the importance of formative assessment in the classroom?

There are two types of classroom assessment. Summative assessment provides information about student progress for reporting purposes. Formative assessment provides feedback that supports student achievement and moves student learning forward. Clear goals with timely feedback inform students of where they are and what their next steps need to be. Formative assessment is given through written or verbal feedback and does not involve grading. When students are encouraged to act on teacher feedback, they begin to take ownership of their learning. As teachers work to build community and encourage students to take risks with their learning, they understand that mistakes should be embraced as opportunities to become proficient learners. In this way, teaching and learning become cyclical, each informing the other to promote independent and lifelong learning.

For more information about the curriculum, visit <https://www.sd42.ca/new-curriculum/>

Coming in January: Critical Thinking.



During Mrs. VanBuuren's numeracy explorations the children were asked to explore with the materials. They were guided with the question, "What is a Pattern?" They had done a quick little lesson and then they were given time to explore.



Core Competencies: What are they and why are they in the new curriculum?

*The new curriculum centres around the following three core competency areas: **communication**, **personal and social**, **thinking**. They are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. Competencies are evident in every area of learning and in every grade, and come into play when students become actively engaged in their learning. During the school year, students will have an opportunity to self-assess their proficiencies in these core competencies.*

2019 Fairview Elementary



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6 Hot Lunch
Collecting items for Christmas Hampers				
9 Collecting items for Christmas Hampers Crazy Hair Day	10 ROCKS Assembly House colours spirit day Collecting items for Christmas Hampers	11 Twin Day	12 Sports Day (wear your team uniform)	13 Grade 6/7 Entrepreneur Fair Career Day (dress professional)
Spirit Week				
16 PAC Meeting & Social	17 9 am Concert dress rehearsal Leadership Bake Sale 6:30 Concert	18 12:30 Concert	19 Planet Ice Skating Div 3,4,9,10 Planet Ice Skating Div 1, 2	20 PAC Hot Chocolate PJ Day Last day before Christmas Break
23	24	25	26	27
CHRISTMAS BREAK				
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2020 Fairview Elementary



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
CHRISTMAS BREAK				
6 School Re-Opens after winter break	7	8	9	10
13	14 ROCKS Assembly	15	16	17 PAC Hot Lunch
20 PAC Meeting	21	22 Student Voice	23	24 Non-Instructional Day
27	28	29	30	31