

FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am so delighted to be the acting principal here at Fairview, as Mrs. Watkins will continue to be off on extended leave. I have been both a secondary and elementary teacher in our district and have an interest and expertise in special education, as that is the area that I studied for my Master's degree. Since I was appointed acting principal on October 15th, I have been busy getting into classrooms and I am so impressed by the excellent teachers we have here at Fairview. There are so many enriching learning opportunities for our students who I am so happy to get to know. In addition, I am delighted to have met so many of the parents over the past few weeks and I am looking forward to working closely with you in the future.



Well, here we are again in November, Hallowe'en is past, and we are quickly closing in on the end of the first term. Part of what made October fly by is that it was a month full of events that demonstrate how much we have to be thankful for here at Fairview. Fairview participated in the district wide emergency release drill, which was incredibly successful and important. Our very own choir went to The ACT to perform with Norman Foote. Our teachers fielded highly successful teams at the primary and intermediate cross-country meets at Alouette Lake and Albion Sports Field, and of course all of the day to day events such as volleyball games, choir practices, cross country practice, field trips, and breakfast club!

This month is also busy, and includes our Remembrance Day assembly, the most important of the year, which encourages us to take time to remember the value of peace and what it has cost.

Please remember that student-led conferences are at the end of the month, and there are only seven weeks left until the winter break!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OUR OFFICE

Student Inclusive Conferencing

Thursday, November 28, 2019 (afternoon-no classes) and Friday, November 29, 2019 (all day-no classes)

Fairview follows the Student Inclusive Conferencing model for reporting. This model of reporting involves the classroom teacher, the parent(s), and the child having an in-depth, meaningful discussion about the child's learning. If you have not had a chance to visit the district website and learn about our new student inclusive reporting, please do so at www.sd42.ca and click the PARENT tab and then Reporting and Assessment. Here you will find that there are questions and answers, videos, report/conference templates and other information. Please arrive on time for your conference.

PARENT/STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 28 -

Early dismissal at 11:00 for afternoon conferences

Friday, November 29 -

No school as conferences will be taking place throughout the day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

We will have a very important and reflective Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday, November 7th.

CONCERT PERFORMANCE

Both performances are the same and will be approximately 45 - 60 minutes in length:

Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm and Thursday, December 18 at 12:30 pm

All students in the school will see the full performance at the
Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday morning.

Dress for the Weather

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

Student Verification Forms

Your child should have brought home a blue two sided form with all of your demographic and emergency contact information. If you have returned this to the office already, thank you. If not, it is very important that we have your most up to date information in the event we need to contact you during the school day. If you did not receive a copy of the Student Verification Form, please contact the office for a new one.

Book FEST

Since the beginning of September, the grade 4,5,6 and 7 students have had the opportunity to be involved in the "Book Fest" program. Book Fest is where all the district teacher librarians have chosen a specific selection of books to read. There are eight books this year from a variety of authors. Also, on November 27th, the Fairview Book Fest team will have the opportunity to challenge other school teams about the books that have been read. In order to go to Book Fest at the ACT, students are required to read at least the number of books matching their grade (eg. grade 5 = 5 books), but reading more would be great.

Volunteering or Visiting?

We are so fortunate to have such an active group of volunteers in our community to offer support in our schools. Whether it is to help with reading to our children, handing out hot lunches, supporting our teachers with crafts and lessons, there are so many wonderful people coming in to help make our school a better place. We do ask that anyone visiting or volunteering in the building please come into the office to sign in and pick up a visitors tag to help identify you as a safe person for students and staff in the building. This not only helps students to identify you a safe adult, it helps to ensure we can account for you in the event of a fire drill or emergency situation.

Parking

A reminder that due to our increasing number of staff, we are often short on parking so we ask that parents please respect that 'staff only' parking lot. We do recognize that parking is challenging in the morning in general and appreciate your support with this.

PAC NEWS...

Please take a look through the PAC's latest Newsletter, sent out October 31st, 2019!

Meeting - Next Meeting is on Monday November 18th. Refreshments start at 6:45pm. Please come and join us!

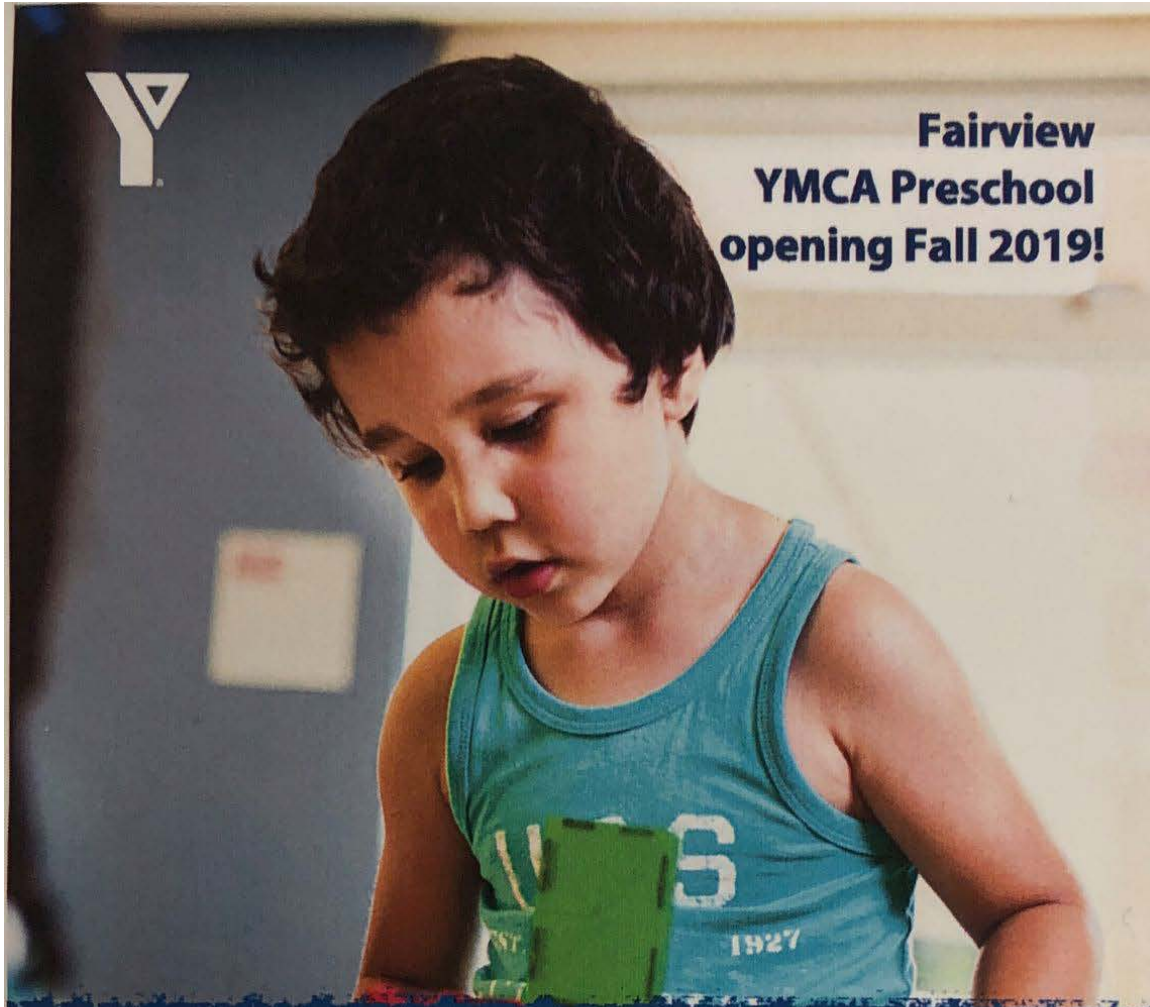
November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Hot Lunch
4	5	6	7 Remembrance Day Assembly	8 Non – Instructional Day 
11 Remembrance Day Holiday 	12 ROCKS Assembly	13	14 Treat Day	15 Treat Day Purdy's/Poinsetta Fundraiser due
18 PAC Meeting	19	20	21	22
25	26	27 Bookfest at the ACT	28 Conferences- Early dismissal at 11:00am	29 Conferences

2019 Fairview Elementary



**Fairview
YMCA Preschool
opening Fall 2019!**



The YMCA of Greater Vancouver is excited to expand its preschool program into the Fairview Elementary School community. The preschool years are exciting times—children are growing quickly and elementary school is just around the corner! Children in our preschool programs receive vital learning opportunities in a safe, nurturing environment, spend time outside each day and enjoy delicious, healthy snacks.

**Fairview YMCA Preschool
12209 206 Street
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gv.ymca.ca/childcare
Questions? Contact us at 236.889.2556**

The Redesigned Curriculum at Fairview

What role does social awareness and responsibility play in the education of children?

When teachers provide opportunities within our classrooms and community to develop social awareness and responsibility, students gain the skills they need to become compassionate citizens. Building relationships, contributing to society, caring for the environment, resolving problems, and valuing diversity are facets of social emotional learning that exemplify a thriving child. Embedded within the social awareness and responsibility competency is the First Peoples' belief that we have commonalities with all people in our community, and a strong connection and responsibility to the land. When students advocate for themselves, others, and the environment, they develop a strong sense of self.

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

Coming in December – Formative Assessment



At Fairview our intermediate and primary students connect through a joy of reading. We continue to support a culture that engages and fosters connections and community.



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.