



FERRIS FLYER

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June 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are all excited about the end of the school year and all the fun and relaxation that summer brings! We have had a wonderful year at Ferris and have tried to keep you up to date on all of our activities through our newsletters throughout the year. The end of the year will see some of our classes going on various field trips, taking students to the beach and other fun activities! We are also looking forward to the Grade 7 Farewell (June 28 at 10:45 am) and our end of the year assembly (June 29).

At this time of the year, it is also important to acknowledge staff who will be leaving Ferris School. We would like to thank our new teachers on temporary contracts who have added so much to Ferris.

We hope **Ms. Kishi** and **Ms. Martens** are able to be back at Ferris sometime in the future. Both students and staff really have appreciated the hard work, dedication and the friendship they have given to our Ferris community.

We also have some Ferris staff that will be leaving to start new adventures in their lives.

Mrs. Losee is very excited about retirement! Ferris has been so very lucky to have such a wonderfully talented librarian who always is so welcoming to students and staff. We wish Mrs. Losee all the very best in the years to come and hope she will come back and visit us all at Ferris school.

Mrs. Tsougrianis and **Mrs. Mischke** will also be leaving us as well, as they are off to new jobs closer to home. **Ms. Morris**, one of our noon hour supervisors, will not be back in September as well.

Thank you to all those leaving for your hard work, caring and kindness that you have given us all. We will miss you!

Hopefully you have all had a chance to see my welcome letter regarding **Mrs. Diane Steele** who will become the new principal at Ferris school in July. She is lucky to become part of such a great school community.

I will miss the students, staff and families at Ferris very much. Thank you for all your kindness and support during my five years as principal of Ferris school.

All of the individuals who are leaving have contributed much to our Ferris community. We wish them all well as they head off to other roles and other adventures! We know that they will be missed. Please take the opportunity, as you are able, to send them on their way with some kind thoughts and memories.

Once a Ferris Falcon, always a Ferris Falcon!

Sean Harrington
Principal

Benita Bahd
Vice-Principal



Upcoming Events



CANADA 150
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Sports Day!

We are looking forward to a wonderful day – *Rain or Shine* on **Friday, June 16**. We hope some of our families are able to come out and cheer on our staff and students. Sports day is a **Canada 150 "A Canadian Sports D'Eh!"** theme this year. Information was sent home this week regarding the shape of the day.

****Reminder** that lunch will be earlier this day, starting at 11:30 am and that we will dismiss at 1:30 pm.



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Parent Appreciation Tent

During our Sports Day, Ferris School would like to take the opportunity to thank our parents and guardians of our Ferris students. Coffee and a small snack will be complimentary during our sports day as a small token of appreciation from the staff and students of Ferris for all the support parents/guardians give to our school community.

IMPORTANT!

Last Day of School
Thursday, June 29
Students dismissed at 11:10 am

Ongoing Events



Lost and Found

We will have all of the clothing from the Lost and Found box on display in the hallway in the new wing of the school. **Please take**

a moment to look for any items that might belong to your child. Any items left behind will be donated to a local charity during the summer break.

PAC News



I want to extend a heart-felt thank you for your support of this year's Ferris Family Fair. The Fair and Raffle generated \$7,500 profit for our school and playground project, a tremendous benefit! Putting on the Fair is a complex endeavour, and it **could not work without each of your efforts!**

Thank you to all 35 of our parent volunteers who showed up at the Fair to sell tickets, serve food, staff the game stations, paint faces, and oversee the Dunk Tank and Bouncy Castle! **We needed each and every one of you!** The event ran smoothly for such a large endeavour and clean-up was efficient and complete. **Marife, Joanna, Nami, Hedy, Zhe, Saima**--thank you for your ongoing and long-term volunteer support. Thank you to **everyone** who has helped out for the **First Time!**

Thank you to our organizers for your tireless work over the past three months: **Naoko Watanabe, Rebecca Soronow, Daisy Quon, Lynsey Stock, Kiersten Moore, Lisa Wong, Martin He, and Kara Keung.**

Thank you also to **Rebecca Soronow, Bonnie Lam, Phil, Saima, Aida, Jenny** and other parents who showed up each school morning to collect raffle tickets and to record sales. The raffle would have fallen to pieces without your help and organization!

A very special thank you and recognition to Naoko Watanabe. She helped keep us all on track, thought of many little details, and did much of the leg work to pull in \$2,200 worth of donated prizes for our Raffle.

Lynsey Stock made her Ferris PAC organizing debut a huge success in securing and running the games and prizes: **Thank you so much,** and we were much relieved you were able to secure the day off! What a blessing to us.

Thank you **Daisy Quon,** for ensuring we had food to serve and securing such a wondrous **donation of food by Price Smart.** We also benefit so much from your many years of experience leading PAC--one of our original Fair organizers!

Martin He, you have been a mainstay this year at PAC meetings, thank you for organizing and overseeing our ticket sales this year!

Jenny Ma, thank you for your continued support as treasurer, keeping our records, and managing our bank account! Thank you also for connecting the PAC communications, efforts, and endeavours with our Chinese parent community.

Our final PAC meeting of the year is Tuesday, June 13, 7:00-8:00pm. We usually include a social potluck beforehand on the last meeting of the year--details to follow. I hope to see many of you there.

Sincerely,
Kiersten Moore
PAC Chair

VERY IMPORTANT

Moving? Returning Late?

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If you are planning to move over the summer months and your child(ren) will not be in attendance at Ferris in September, please advise us in the school office. **If your child will be returning to school after September 5,** please drop by the office and complete a **Late Return Form** so that a place can be held for your child. This form is VERY important for families who will not be in attendance on September 5.



School Report Cards

Just a reminder to our Ferris families to hang onto your child's report card. These documents are often needed to prove attendance in a Canadian school. They are also a great keepsake of your child's progress as they grow up.



Ferris Bell Schedule for September

8:30 am	<i>Welcome Bell</i>	Students are Welcome to Enter into the School
8:45 am	<i>Warning Bell</i>	Students should be in class
8:50 am		Classes Begin
10:15-10:30 am		Recess
12:10 – 12:37 pm		Lunch (play first)
12:37 – 1:02 pm		Lunch (eating in rooms)
2:50 pm		Dismissal

Plans for September Tuesday, September 5, 2017

8:50–9:50 All returning students will go to the classes that they were in this year and remain there for the hour.

All **newly** registered Primary and Intermediate students will meet in the gym for an orientation, short tour and introduction to the school. Parents are encouraged to stay.

1:00–2:00 New **Kindergarten** students attend for a review of the school (details of this and the gradual entry schedule will be sent to the parents of Kindergarten students.)

A short Ferris newsletter will come home on Tuesday, September 5 letting you know further plans for these first few days of school.

Information and updates will also be provided on the Ferris Web Page and our Twitter account regarding the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year:

Website: ferris.sd38.bc.ca

 [@Ferris_Falcons](https://twitter.com/Ferris_Falcons)

Dates to Remember

Important Upcoming Dates to Note:

We are already well into third term, and wanted to keep you updated on the various events/activities going on during the last month of school. Please note that this list is not complete, as more field trips/activities may be added at a later time.

- ◆ Tuesday, June 13 PAC Meeting, 7:00 pm
PAC Potluck, 6:00 pm
- ◆ Friday, June 16 Sports Day!
1:30 pm Dismissal
- ◆ Wednesday, June 28 Grade 7 Farewell Assembly; 10:45 am
- ◆ Thursday, June 29 Report Cards Go Home
- ◆ Thursday, June 29 Last Day of School
Students Dismissed at 11:10 am
- ◆ Friday, June 30 Administrative Day at school.
Students do not attend.
- ◆ Tuesday, September 5 First Day Back!
(for one hour only)
8:50 – 9:50 am



Ferris School Office Hours

The school office hours during the summer break are as follows:

June 30	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
July 3	Closed for Canada Day
July 4-7	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
July 10 - August 25	School Closed for Summer Break
August 28	School office Re-Opens 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

