



FERRIS FLYER

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Helpful Empathetic Accountable Respectful Truly Kind

September 8, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

All Ferris students will be placed into their new classrooms on Monday! To help avoid confusion, if your child is grades 1 to 3, please go to the **gym** to pick up your child after school Monday. **The grade one to three teachers will be taking their entire class to the gym at 2:50 pm on Monday.**

If your child is in **grade 4 to 7**, please preplan a meeting place outside to connect with your child after school Monday.

Any child or parent who is unable to find their child will be instructed to go to the gym to be reunited.

Understanding Combined Classes

There are many factors that we consider when placing a student in a particular classroom. There are academic considerations which involve student learning styles and needs. In addition, there are different teaching styles of each teacher. We try very hard to meld these two considerations together.

Social considerations are extremely important. We strive to have each child with a least one of their friends to ease the transition into a new year. Many hours of discussion with classroom and resource teachers and administration are involved in each class placement.

Often, the philosophy behind combined classes is misunderstood by parents. Children who are placed in the upper grade of a combined class are not placed there because they struggle in school. In a combined grade 4 and 5 class, we do our very best to ensure that for each grade, we have students who encompass a range of learning styles and abilities. **We do not place all of our strongest grade 5 learners into a grade 5/6 when grade 4/5 classroom is also available.**

Teachers are trained to provide instruction to diverse classes of students, looking at children as individuals, and providing individual educational plans where warranted for students who are slower or faster to develop.

Combined classes offer enhanced opportunities for all students to demonstrate confidence, positive self-concept, and a strong sense of belonging. Students can form broader and more varied friendships. Sometimes the teacher/student relationship can be enhanced if the same teacher teaches a student for more than one year, leading to increased feelings of security for returning students and a smoother transition in September because the teacher already knows the child's learning styles and needs. Teachers in combined classes, like those in straight grades, follow curriculum requirements defined by the Ministry of Education.

FERRIS SCHOOL STAFF 2017 - 2018

Mrs. D. Steele - Principal
Ms. B. Bahd - Vice-Principal

Division Teachers:

Div. 1 Gr. 6/7 Ms. Gall
Div. 2 Gr. 6/7 Ms. Oye
Div. 3 Gr. 6/7 Miss Stene
Div. 4 Gr. 6/7 Ms. Grobman
Div. 5 Gr. 5/6 Mrs. Davis
Div. 6 Gr. 5/6 Mr. Lyseng
Div. 7 Gr. 4/5 Mrs. Ray
Div. 8 Gr. 4/5 Mrs. Rice
Div. 9 Gr. 4/5 Mr. Chan
Div. 10 Gr. 3/4 Ms. Martens
Div. 11 Gr. 3/4 Ms. Westergaard
Div. 12 Gr. 2/3 Mrs. Argao
Div. 13 Gr. 2/3 Mrs. Emery
Div. 14 Gr. 2/3 Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Scott
Div. 15 Gr. 1/2 Mrs. Gallacher and Mrs. Orban
Div. 16 Gr. 1/2 Mrs. Halinen and Mrs. Olson
Div. 17 Gr. 1/2 Mrs. Brown
Div. 18 Gr. 1 Mrs. Ke
Div. 19 Gr. K/1 Ms. Kishi
Div. 20 K Mrs. Whiteside
Div. 21 K Mrs. Young
Div. 22 K Mrs. Black

Learning Resource/ELL Team:

Mrs. Seng, Mr. Quiring,
Ms. Klomp, Ms. Lai, Mrs. Blumel

Teacher Librarian: Mrs. Minosky

Music: Mr. Kruk

Counsellor: Mr. Reid

Speech Therapist: Ms. Blackmoore

Hearing Resource: Ms. Berton

Elementary Counselling Support Worker: Mrs. Kumar

Nurse: Ms. Linder

Educational Assistants:

Mrs. Hope, Mrs. Nowell, Mrs. Sallinen,
Mrs. Cheng, Mrs. Neufeld, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Clowes,
Mrs. Turgut, Mrs. Chan, Ms. Berry, Mrs. McCarter

SWIS: Mrs. Li

Secretaries: Ms. Hum and Mrs. Hughes

Custodians: Mr. Alford, Mr. Mok, Mr. Raymundo, Mrs. Lee

Noon Hour Supervisors: Mrs. Andrijaszyn, Mrs. Tang,
Mrs. Parrales



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

Important NEWS!

Professional Development Day is scheduled for **Monday, September 25**

Classes are cancelled on this day.
Please make other arrangements for your child.

TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN

The Terry Fox run will take place the afternoon of **Friday, September 29** here at Ferris. All students will dedicate their run for Terry or others that they know whose lives have been affected by cancer

We will be collecting donations the week of the run. All of these donations will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research. Our goal this year at Ferris is to raise \$1,000.00.

Ongoing Events



TRAFFIC CONCERNS

There are MANY, MANY cars that deliver and pick-up our students every day in the Ferris neighbourhood. This creates a number of problems for our neighbours and for everyone:

- More cars make it less safe for students on the street
- Driveways are blocked for residents (this MUST stop or people will be ticketed and fined)
- People park/stop illegally creating unsafe situations
- A great deal of time is spent by people in vehicles putting much pollution into the air and generally worsening air quality for all.

We hope that you are able to walk to school. The rainy season is just ahead so preparing yourself with a good umbrella would be helpful!

When your child walks they will be "dressed for the weather" in order to play outside comfortably for the rest of the day.

If you drive from other areas in Richmond, consider agreeing to park at one of the farther away spots and walking to the school. This will have the added benefit of exercise for you and your child.

Every Wednesday the parking loop will be closed off to encourage our families to walk to school.

PLEASE REMEMBER.... Cars should not be parking in our Drop Off Loop or in the Staff Parking Lot!

IMPORTANT: IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL, PLEASE CALL OUR 24 HOUR EARLY WARNING PHONE!

If your child will be absent from school, please inform the school that your child will be away.

EARLY WARNING can be called at any time, day or night. Please call **604-668-6546** and leave a message with your child's name, grade level, division number or teacher's name and the reason for the absence. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe!

The Weather is Changing!!

Please don't forget to make sure you dress your child for the weather! We go outside every day and we need to be sure your children are prepared. Jackets, boots and a change of shoes/socks are a good idea for preparing for the school day! If your child wears boots to school, please ensure he/she has running shoes to change into once at school.

Ferris Family Night Magic & Illusion Show! Friday, September 22

Our Ferris PAC is proud to present our first ever Family Night Magic & Illusion Show.

Doors will open at 5:30 pm and the show begins at 6:00 pm.

We will have magician Donald Dunphy present his exciting magic show for all of our Ferris students and families on this evening.

Tickets are \$4.00 each or 4 tickets for \$15.00. More information will follow, but make sure you save the date for this fun family and school event!

All proceeds from ticket sales will go towards continuing to expand our playground.



MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

**Thursday, September 14
5:00 - 6:00PM**

Classroom Meet and Greet: 5:00 - 5:45 PM
Staff Introductions in the Gym: 5:45 - 6:00PM

We invite all of our parents to come and meet your child's teacher. Learn about classroom expectations in your child's classroom. Students are welcome too!

Visit with ELL teachers in Room 26 and Learning Resource teachers in Room 13. You're also invited to drop into our library to see Mrs. Minsky.

Remember to visit with Mr. Kruk in the music room.