



# FERRIS FLYER

Respect Ourselves. Respect Others. Respect Our ENVIRONMENT

**H**elpful **E**mpathetic **A**ccountable **R**espectful **T**ruly Kind

September 21, 2021

Dear Ferris Families,

The staff and students at Ferris are settling into their new classes and are excited about what the new school year will bring. The purpose of this Ferris Flyer is to provide families with key start of the year information.

### All About Ferris

Ferris is a diverse school community with over 550 students and over 60 staff. Our school focus is Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and we strive to build connectedness and a sense of belong amongst the members of our community. Our goal is to support students in the area of personal awareness and responsibility. Our "Ferris has HEART" Matrix is posted throughout the school and is used to guide students in this area.

#### Are we being helpful and safe?

1. We move and play safely.
2. We use our school equipment properly.
3. We help our friends make good, green light choices.

#### Are we showing empathy and caring for others?

1. We notice how other people feel.
2. We care about other people's thoughts and feelings.
3. We do or say something to make them feel better.

#### Are we accountable for our actions?

1. We are honest about our mistakes and take responsibility for how we treat others.
2. We take ownership for our learning and our attitude.
3. We take care of our school environment and we problem solve.

#### Are we treating others with respect?

1. We show respect for others and use our best manners.
2. We care about doing what's good for our environment.
3. We treat others the way we want to be treated.

#### Are we thinking of others and being truly kind?

1. We accept everyone and include all in a friendly way.
2. We act and learn in ways that create a positive classroom and school.
3. We are kind to ourselves and others.

Ferris has recently undergone a seismic upgrade. Our school is now structurally safer and has had numerous upgrades. The students have been enjoying the new outdoor PE space and our renovated library learning commons. In addition, a new intermediate playground was installed on Sept. 18 and will be ready to go soon. A huge thank you to the PAC who fundraised for 5 years and to the volunteers who helped with the installation.

### FERRIS SCHOOL STAFF 2021-2022

Mr. N. Campbell – Acting Principal

Mr. D. Dixon – Acting Administrator

#### Office Staff:

Mrs. Ruan, Senior Admin Asst.  
Ms. Tang, Admin Asst.

#### Division Teachers:

Div. 1	Gr. 6/7	Ms. Johal
Div. 2	Gr. 6/7	Ms. Kim
Div. 3	Gr. 6/7	Miss Stene
Div. 4	Gr. 6/7	Mr. Wong
Div. 5	Gr. 5/6	Mr. Lyseng
Div. 6	Gr. 4/5	Ms. Oye
Div. 7	Gr. 4/5	Mrs. Ray
Div. 8	Gr. 4/5	Ms. Brittain
Div. 9	Gr. 4/5	Mr. Chan
Div. 10	Gr. 3/4	Ms. Westergaard
Div. 11	Gr. 3/4	Ms. Gall
Div. 12	Gr. 2/3	Mrs. Murao
Div. 13	Gr. 2/3	Mrs. Argao
Div. 14	Gr. 2/3	Ms. Quiring
Div. 15	Gr. 1/2	Mrs. Gallacher/Mrs. Orban
Div. 16	Gr. 1/2	Ms. Wong
Div. 17	Gr. 1/2	Mrs. Brown/Mrs. Scott
Div. 18	Gr. 1/2	Ms. Aldaba
Div. 19	Gr. 1	Ms. Tsai
Div. 20	Gr. K/1	Ms. Douglas
Div. 21	Gr. K	Ms. Lund
Div. 22	Gr. K	Mrs. Young
Div. 23	Gr. K	Mrs. Black

#### Learning Resource/ELL Team:

Ms. Grobman, Mrs. Lai, Ms. Sei, Ms. Watanabe, Ms. Smith, Ms. Lai, Mrs. Blumel, Mr. Carrigan

**Relief/Support:** Ms. Chan

**Teacher Librarian:** Mrs. Martens

**Band/Music/PE:** Mr. Kruk

**Counsellor:** Ms. Flores

#### Education Assistants:

Mrs. Hope, Mrs. Nowell, Mrs. Cheng, Mrs. Neufeld, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Clowes, Mrs. Turgut, Mrs. Chan, Ms. Berry, Ms. Gross, Ms. Starchuk, Ms. Geng, Ms. Foster, Ms. Grabi, Ms. Wong

**SWIS:** Ms. Huang

**Custodians:** Mr. Azu, Mr. Alford, Mr. Ramos, Mr. Villanueva

**Noon Hour Supervisors:** Ms. Abdi, Ms. Rodrigues, Ms. Pinales



## NO PARKING AT FERRIS

Ferris has a large staff and 556 students. Therefore, it is not possible to accommodate parent parking. Our drop-off loop has been closed during COVID to allow for greater spacing of students who are coming and going from the school. We encourage students to walk or bike to school because of the health and environmental benefits and in order to decrease congestion on Sunnymede Cr. If families need to drive, we ask them to park outside of the no stopping zones and to walk the rest of the way.

### Upcoming Events

Friday, September 24 – Pro-D Day



**W.D. Ferris Elementary School** 7520 Sunnymede Crescent, Richmond, B.C. V6Y 2V8

Tel: 604-668-6538 Fax: 604 668-6544 **Early Warning Answering Machine: 604-668-6546**

Mr. N. Campbell, Acting Principal Mr. D. Dixon, Acting Administrator

School web page: <http://ferris.sd38.bc.ca>

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

No School for students as staff will be participating in professional learning.

### Thursday, September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – No School

For several years, September 30th has been recognized as Orange Shirt Day – a day for Canadians to remember the survivors of the Residential School System. Long known by survivors, Elders and First Nation communities, the unmarked burial sites of children continue to be found at residential school sites across the country. As a result, 2021 marks the first National Holiday of remembrance, but also a commitment of all Canadians to truth and reconciliation.



Ferris students will be learning about the significance of this day and we are encouraging all students to wear orange on September 29.

### Thursday, October 7 – 12:00 Dismissal for Conferences

### TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN



Ferris will hold a Terry Fox run in **October (Date TBD)**. Students will dedicate their run to Terry or others they know who have been affected by cancer. Donations will be online.

#### Hours of Instruction

8:40	Warning Bell
8:45	AM Classes Begin
9:55 – 10:10	Recess
12:00 – 12:52	Lunch
	12:00 – Outside Play
	12:27 – Bell to Come In
12:52	PM Classes Begin
2:45	School Dismissal

### Early Warning: 604-668-6546

**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!!

At Ferris, students go outside every Recess and Lunch unless there is very extreme

weather. This helps build an appreciation for the outdoors and teaches students the value of preparedness. Spending more time outside is especially important during COVID. Please help your child prepare for rainy days by sending them to school with appropriate footwear and a rain jacket.

#### School Start Up Forms

As we begin our new school year a number of forms have been sent home for parents to complete. It is very important that these forms are reviewed, signed and returned to your child's classroom by **Thursday, September 23, 2021**.

#### School Cash Online – School Fees

All of the elementary schools in Richmond charge the same general school fee of \$38.00 per student (School Supplies and agenda for gr. 1-7), and \$50.00 per kindergarten student (School Supplies and Cooking/Craft fee). All fees are to be paid online through the School Cash On-line system. We request that all start up fees are paid by Monday, September 27. For new families, instructions on how to create an account will come home in your school start up forms package.

#### Social Media and Internet Use – Key Reminders

1. Ferris School does not endorse the use of **social media** for our students. Most platforms require users to be at least 13 years old.
2. At school, students must be supervised by a staff member when using the **internet**. At home, it is the responsibility of parents to monitor student internet use. Parents should know passcodes and should be able to access devices and accounts.
3. During the day, **cell phones** must be turned off and kept in lockers/backpacks at all times, including break times. The school cannot assume responsibility for the safety of these items. Students may only use their electronic devices under the direction and supervision of school staff.

#### COVID Protocols – Keeping Ferris Safe

1. The Mandatory Daily Health Declaration must be completed by anyone entering the school.
2. Masks are mandatory indoors for staff and grade 4-7 students. Masks are encouraged for K-3 students.
3. Movement of students is coordinated and students are spaced out as much as possible.
4. Windows are opened to increase ventilation and outdoor activities are encouraged.
5. Proper hand washing and respiratory etiquette are practiced.