W.D. Ferris Elementary

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Neal Campbell

Principal

Julianna Ng

Vice Principal

School Schedule:

8:45 - Classes Begin 9:55 - 10:10 - Recess 12:00 -12:50 - Lunch 2:45 - Dismissal

Important Dates

Sept. 27	Individual Photo Day
Sept. 29	Moment of Reflection for Truth and Reconciliation
Sept. 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - No School
Oct. 6	Early Dismissal (12:00)
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving - No School
Oct. 14	Terry Fox Run



Ferris Newsletter - Sept. 26, 2022



Important Reminders

Daily Health Check	Students and staff need to check their health each day before coming to Ferris and must stay home if feeling ill.
Student Absences	Please call the Early Warning line and state the reason for your child's absence: 604-668-6546

Dear Ferris Families,

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at our Meet the Staff event on Thursday, September 22. For many families it was the first time they had seen the inside of the school in a long time. Our seismic renovation was completed almost two years ago and there have been many upgrades. You may have noticed new paint, flooring and lighting, as well as completely renovated bathrooms and a remodelled library and maker space. Most importantly, our school is much safer structurally.

Teachers will be sending information to families about first term conferences. There is an early dismissal day on October 6; however, conferences can be scheduled at a variety of times in addition to this date. Families from Div. 22, 23 and 24 have already had Welcoming Conversations and therefore will not be having a conference in October. Conferences are a very important way for families to connect with our staff and discuss the progress of our students. We look forward to seeing you at Ferris again soon.

Sincerely,

Neal Campbell (Principal) and Julianna Ng (Vice Principal)



Individual
Photo Day
September 27

Thursday, September 29 Moment of Reflection in Observance of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th marks an annual day of remembrance for the children found in the unmarked burial sites of residential schools and for the survivors of the Residential School System. Ferris students have been learning about the importance of this day and the commitment all Canadians must make to truth and reconciliation.

On September 29th, students at Ferris will engage in a moment of reflection on our back field. We encourage our students to wear orange shirts on this day.





Terry Fox Run - October 14

Ferris students will be participating in a Terry Fox Run on Oct. 14. Fund raising for cancer research will take place from Oct. 11-14. Details to come.



PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY

Parking Lot Safety

The parking lot is reserved for staff. The only parents accessing the lot have permission from the school.

Walking Paths in the Parking Lot: For safety reasons, families need to use the designated walking paths when crossing the parking lot. Please remind your children that it is unsafe to walk through the area where cars drive.



Family Affordability Fund

Recently, the provincial government announced a new, one-time Student and Family Affordability Fund. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips, and other school-related charges and costs.

At this time, we are requesting that families reach out to Neal Campbell (Principal) or Julianna Ng (Vice Principal) if you are in need of assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



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 the date indicated on the form.



FROM TECH INDUSTRY PROS



Middle Years Program (Grades 6-9)

Game of Apps Opportunity:

Game of Apps is an after-school program that empowers students with practical technical and life skills to help them succeed in 21st century careers. We offer both high school and middle years programs.

Middle Years Program (Gr. 6 to 9): We introduce students to core coding concepts using Swift Playgrounds. The fun and supportive environment encourages all students, regardless of background or interest, to acquire coding skills that will help them in whatever future field they pursue. There are 3 levels to this program.

Follow us on social medial for more information.

Promo video: https://goa.fyi/promo
Season 5 championships recap: https://goa.fyi/finalsrecap



Ferris PAC Meeting - Monday, October 3 @6:00pm

All Ferris parents are members of the Parent Advisory Council. We hope to see many of you at the online PAC meeting. The meeting link will be sent through school email.

Updated Website

Have a look at our updated website: ferris@sd38.bc.ca. You can choose your preferred language on the homepage and it will translate attached documents such as this newsletter for you!

