



# Ferris Flyer

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Ferris Newsletter - Oct. 31, 2022



**W.D. Ferris**

**Elementary**

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Richmond, BC

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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 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,

October has flown by and we are well into our first term of learning. There have been many recent opportunities for students to show their school spirit. Many of our grade 7 students are playing on the school volleyball team and are doing a wonderful job representing our school. We have done fund-raising for cancer research through our Terry Fox Run campaign. The run has been rescheduled for Nov. 3. On Halloween, many students will dress up and participate in our Costume Walk at Recess.

Remembrance Day is coming up. This is an opportunity to teach students about conflicts from the past as well as those that are occurring in the present. This is a time to honour those who have sacrificed in times of war and to hope for a peaceful future. On Nov. 10, students will participate in a Remembrance Day assembly that will feature musical performances led by Mr. Kruk as well as moments of reflection.

Sincerely,

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

## Important Dates

Oct. 31	Halloween - Costume Walk at Recess
Nov. 3	Photo Retake Day Terry Fox Run
Nov. 4	Hot Lunch - Sushi
Nov. 7	PAC Meeting @6pm
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day - No School

**Ferris Spirit Wear - Last Day to Order is Oct. 31**  
Please go to [SchoolCashOnline](#) to order



## Terry Fox Run - Nov. 3 (Rescheduled)

Our Terry Fox Run was postponed due to an air quality health advisory. We have rescheduled for Nov. 3.

## CASEL Wheel SEL Framework



## SEL at Ferris

SEL (social/emotional learning) will continue to be the focus of our School Story at Ferris. We have once again received an innovation grant from the school district to support our learning in the areas of explicit SEL instruction and parent/school partnerships. Connie Easton (Curriculum Coordinator for SEL and Mental Health) will continue working with our SEL team.

We have had some encouraging results in the past few years. DESSA Mini Assessments in 2020 and 2021 showed an increase in the number of students falling in the typical range for SEL skills. In June 2022, Connie Easton interviewed focus groups from four classes engaged in regular SEL instruction. We found that students in these classes could articulate a strong understanding of the importance of SEL and their own efforts to identify and regulate their emotions. We know from research that students with strong SEL skills have increased resilience and experience greater success in all areas of life. We believe SEL to be foundational to all learning.

**H - Helpful & Safe**  
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.

**E - Empathetic**  
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.

**A - Accountable**  
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.

**R - Respectful**  
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.

**T - Truly Kind**  
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.

## SEL and the Ferris HEART Matrix

For many years at Ferris, we have used our HEART Matrix to provide common language in our school community. This reflects the social responsibility aspect of social/emotional learning. In the CASEL Wheel framework, this is referred to as "Responsible Decision Making." Students and staff regularly use the language of HEART when learning about making good choices. We encourage parents to use some of this language at home with their children e.g. "How can you show Ferris HEART?" or "How can you be truly kind?"



## Ferris PAC Meeting - Monday, November 7 @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](mailto: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!

