

Ferris Newsletter - Feb. 9, 2023



## W.D. Ferris Elementary

7520 Sunnymede Cr. Richmond, BC V6Y 2V8

### **Neal Campbell**

Principal

#### Julianna Ng

Vice Principal

#### **School Schedule:**

8:45 - Classes Begin 9:55 - 10:10 - Recess

12:00 -12:50 - Lunch

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,

The second term is flying by like it always does, but is also a time when some of the deepest learning happens for our students. It is basketball season for many of our upper intermediate students and they have been representing Ferris admirably with their respectful play against other local schools. We thank the many coaches and parent volunteer drivers who have made this possible.

Ferris is continuing to grow. We added a new grade 6/7 division on Jan. 31. We have welcomed new students from nearby catchment areas as well as some international students. We are proud of the way our students have shown Ferris HEART by welcoming these new students into our community.

#### Sincerely,

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

# **Important Dates**

Feb. 9	RSS Grade 7 Parent Info Night (see below)
Feb. 17	Pro-D Day - No School
Feb. 20	Family Day - No School
Feb. 22	Pink Shirt Day
March 3	Hot Lunch
March 8	Early Dismissal (12:00)
March 10	Last Day of School Before Spring Break

# Pink Shirt Day - February 22

In 2007, two grade 12 students in Nova Scotia witnessed a new Grade 9 student being teased for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school. They purchased 50 pink shirts to give to students and encouraged their classmates to wear pink. By the end of the week, most students in the school were wearing pink shirts to show support for the student who had been picked on. At Ferris, we will be asking students to wear pink on February 22 as a reminder to be kind and empathetic towards other. It is one way to show Ferris HEART. You can learn more about Pink Shirt Day by clicking <a href="https://example.com/here-en/by-clicking-here-en/by-clic







# SEL in Action - Worry Faces (Division 7)

Div. 7 worked with Connie Easton and the book Jack's Worry to create worry faces. The purpose of the lesson was to teach students to be more awareness of their emotions so that they can recognize them and eventually regulate them.











### Eating Disorder Awareness Week was February 1st to 7th

We can all work to prevent eating disorders. As parents, you are the main source of information for shaping your child's attitudes. By modelling healthy behaviours and attitudes, you can help your child evaluate the messages they get outside of the home. Helping your child develop these skills early can help them grow up confident and resilient. This pamphlet from Jessie's Legacy has some positive ways to promote a healthy body image in your child.

https://jessieslegacy.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Raising-kids-with-a-healthy-body-image-WEB-FINAL.pdf



### RSS Grade 7 Parent Info Night on Thursday, February 9

All parents and guardians of Grade 7 students who live in the Richmond Secondary catchment area and those who may apply to attend the school next year are invited to attend an information session on **Thursday, February 9** at **6:00 PM**. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the school, meet the principal and key staff, learn more about Grade 8 at Richmond High and ask any questions you may have. Parents can find out more by calling Richmond Secondary at 604-668-6400, by checking out their school website at: <a href="http://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/">http://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/</a> or following the school on Twitter @RichmondColts



The Ferris PAC has funded the purchase of 10 MacBook Airs that will be added to our laptop cart. Our students and staff greatly appreciate your support. Ferris students are very fortunate to have access to a fully stocked laptop cart as well as three iPad carts.





### Ferris PAC Meeting - Monday, March 6 @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: <a href="mailto:ferris@sd38.bc.ca">ferris@sd38.bc.ca</a>. You can choose your preferred language on the homepage and it will translate attached documents such as this newsletter for you!

