

Ferris Newsletter - April 22, 2023



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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

April 26	Class Photos
May 1	PAC Meeting
May 1 - 3	Outdoor Education - Grade 6/7
May 5	Hot Lunch - Sushi
May 18	Welcome to K Event (in afternoon)
May 18	Parent Session with Saleema Noon Educators
May 19	Pro-D Day - No School
May 24	Track and Field at Minoru - Grade 4-7
May 25	Ferris Fun Fair (organized by the PAC)

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,

Happy Earth Day! Students at Ferris have engaged in a variety of activities leading up to this day. They have shown Ferris HEART in the way they have cared for our environment. With Spring weather on the way, students will have many opportunities for learning outdoors. Upcoming events include Outdoor Education (Gr. 6-7), Track and Field (Gr. 4-7) and The Ferris Fun Fair (All students).

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







EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES AT FERRIS

Golden Shoe Award: In the month leading up to Earth Day, Ferris students participated in an active transportation initiative. We are pleased to announce that Div. 4 (Mr. Wong's class) and Div. 24 (Mrs. Black's class) are winners of the **Golden Shoe Award**. Both classes had 71% of their students use active transportation to come to school on the survey days. Congratulations to these two classes! As a school, we had 56% of students use active transportation. We hope that some new habits have been formed and that this number will continue to rise.

Miyawaki Pocket Forest: Div. 4 and 24 helped Div. 5 with the planting of the Mini Miyawaki Pocket Forest on April 21, on the back field. Thanks to Mr. Lyseng for all of the organization. The Miyawaki planting method involves high density planting of native species and results in a short maturation period. At Ferris, we planted in a 1 meter cubed space to experiment with this technique. A full Miyawaki Forest is at least 100 cubic meters. A full Miyawaki Forest was recently planted at Richmond Secondary School, close to Moffat Road.

Litter Free Day: In celebration of Earth Day, students at Ferris were encouraged to have a litter free day on April 21.

Saleema Noon sexual health educators Saleema Noon Body Science Sessions for Parents and Students

May 18th (6:30 - 8:00pm): There will be an online session for parents. The Zoom link will be sent closer to the date. Please see the <u>attachment</u>.

May 23rd, 24th, 25th: In Person Body Science Sessions for Students. Please see the <u>attachment</u>.



Welcome to Kindergarten Event - May 18

Ferris will be welcoming 80 new Kindergarten students in September 2023, and we are hosting our Welcome to K Event on the afternoon of May 18. We will be holding two separate sessions with about 40 families in each group. Details will be sent to families soon.



Summer Learning with the Richmond School District

Attention Richmond families! Did you know that Richmond Continuing Education Summer Learning Program is **FREE** for BC students who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents and students who have Refugee status? With an array of exciting and enriching courses and camps to choose from, your child is sure to have a memorable summer. Choose from Elementary Enrichment, Summer Exploration, Summer Fine Arts, Academic Full Credit, Academic Completion, Secondary Enrichment, and Secondary Enrichment Skill Building Courses. We also offer Summer Camps for both elementary and secondary students, with options for ages 6-16. Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow and learn in a fun and engaging way! Keep your child's learning journey going strong this summer and sign up now for Summer Learning 2023. For more information go to our website at <u>www.RichmondCE.ca</u>

Student Learning Survey - Open Until April 29

We encourage parents/guardians to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. Here is the link: <u>http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey</u>.

You will need to click "Take the survey" and select the school district and school name. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.



Updated Website

Ferris PAC Meeting - Monday, May 1 @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.

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

