

May 7 Newsletter



Becoming a mother makes you the mother of all children. From now on each wounded, abandoned, frightened child is yours. You live in the suffering mothers of every race and creed and weep with them. You long to comfort all who are desolate.

Charlotte Gray

Home is Where Mother Is

*A child was asked,
"Where is your home?"
The little fellow replied,
"Where mother is."
Ah, there is home—
"Where mother is."*

Author Unknown

Dates

- May 11-15 Zumba Dance classes for all students
- 12 Mini Track Meet at Bear Creek Park, 3:00-5:15
- 14 PAC Hot Lunch
- 15 Div. 6 & 7 to Playland
- Grade 7 photos
- 18 No School – Victoria Day Statutory Holiday
- 20 Mini Track Meet at Bear Creek Park, 3:00-5:15
- 21 Grade 6 Hep B shots @ 9:00
- Erma's 50th Anniversary Celebration, 5:30-8:00
- 22 Div. 4 to Surrey Children's Festival
- 28 Kindergarten Orientation, 1:00-2:15
- 25-29 Bike to School Week
- 29 Grades 1 & 2 to the Aquarium
- PAC Hot Lunch
- June 2 District Track Meet @ Bear Creek Park
- 4 Grade 7 First Aid Training @ Fr. Hts. (report to your Erma classroom, first)

Items:

1. In the April 9 newsletter, there was an item regarding Ministry of Education 2015 Parent Satisfaction Surveys

It read:

*Dear Parents, You are invited to fill out an electronic satisfaction survey: **the deadline is April 30, 2015.** The survey takes only 5-10 minutes to complete, and can be done at your convenience. You will need to get a very small and individual log on number. Simply call the school and the Office will send the log on number home with your child. You can also come pick one up at the Office; just ask! To participate, simply go to: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm. Thank you for considering.*

I am not sure if anyone filled out a survey, but I don't think so because to my knowledge no one has picked up an individualized code yet. (You have to get one from the Office, or we can send one home with your child if you like)

The deadline has been extended until May 15.

Here is a recent memo from the Ministry regarding the extension:

Satisfaction Survey Extension

The deadline for completing the annual Satisfaction Survey has been extended **until May 15, 2015!**

The survey is available for students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12, their parents, teachers, and all school staff to provide feedback on the BC public school experience. Survey results are broadly used to improve education—not only by schools, districts and the Ministry but also by organizations like the [Representative for Children and Youth, BC Stats](#), and the [Ministry of Health](#).

Each year, feedback from participants is used to improve questions and features. For example, this year the core question list was shortened to make it easier for districts and schools to customize the survey.

School districts and schools can also add questions specific to their communities, a free service that provides you with an inexpensive and flexible source of information.

Higher participation means the results can give a more accurate picture of your school and district. The survey is an invaluable source of information, and can be completed online in only ten minutes.

For more information, visit http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/welcome.htm

Thank you for your consideration of this memo.

2. We had nine parents and children at our recent April 24 Ready, Set, Learn. This is an annual province-wide initiative for 3 and 4 year olds, organizing primarily by the Kindergarten teachers Ms. Lepper, Ms. Yule, Mrs. Boieeie, and our VP Ms. Lomax. The goodie bags were great, and the info/ Q&A provided by Multicultural workers Ki Chung and Selina Wong, as well as Teacher Librarian Kathy Leko was very good. We hope our visiting parents and children enjoyed their afternoon- we hope to see more people out for next year's Ready, Set, Learn event!
3. Our Track and Field Team is off and running! We have a good turnout of students from Grades 3-7 and of coaches to inspire them! Our mini-meets are May 12 and 20 ; the BIG Track Meet for our school is on Tuesday, June 2. All meets are at Bear Creek Park. Thank you to Ms. Sasaki and Mr. Vilio for organizing! Thank you, parents, for your support and encouragement, as well as your driving!

4. Congratulations to our blue ribbon Badminton team!
Rinna Yu, Tina Pi, Tracy Wang, Kitty Li, Sheldon Yu, Kevin Zhao, Jerry Li, Daniel Xiao
Our school competed against Dogwood and Fraserwood. (check with Tammy) Thank you to Coaches Tammy Rosengren (EA) and Ms. Jen Rossi (Grade 6 Intensive French teacher). There are no teams without coaches, and no great teams without great coaches. Well done, everyone!
5. SAIL (Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning), formerly Surrey Connect. Brochures are available at the school office if you require more detailed information on the program.
6. Please do report any suspicious activity to the RCMP. Many parents in our community are very concerned about the amount of crime happening in Fraser Heights. The police cannot do anything about it unless they hear about incidents. Please report and talk with your neighbours about what you can do. Thank you to those parents who are taking action by speaking with local politicians and each other. Thank you also for making me aware of things that have been happening in this neighbourhood.
7. CONGRATULATIONS on a lovely Garage Sale on Saturday, April 25. The weather changed all day long, and so the sale was held inside. There was a lot of visiting and some people actually turned a small profit. For many, it was just a nice chance to do some Spring Cleaning and help raise a few dollars for the school as well. Thank you to Irma Russell for your incredible organization. Thank you also to the numerous Fraser Heights students who volunteered in shifts throughout the day. Thank you to VP Brad Tait of Fraser Heights who personally dropped off the tables the night before. Thank you to the Erma moms, dads, sons and daughters who all chipped in in their own way, to make the garage sale such a nice community event.

*(My mother) died almost fifty years ago but
I have to admit she has never really left me.
Even now I can still remember her vividly.
I remember her voice; the things she told
me. I can see every line and characteristic
of her face. And she has remained the most
important influence on my life. All that I am
and all that I have become is in some
way a tribute to her. It has been a means
for me, as it were, to settle some
unfathomable debt.*

Gary Player, from Reflections of a Champion

