



December 6, 2017

NEWSLETTER #4

Principal's Message

The past month at Fraser Wood has truly been a busy, yet amazing one and it is hard to believe that we are now in the middle of December!

At this point in the year, Tina and I would like to thank our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for their continued support in providing additional resources for our students and school. Through PAC support this year, we have been able to build our library collection, purchase more technology, book art performances, go on a greater number of field trips, and update our Physical Education equipment. Thank you PAC!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for the countless hours they voluntarily give, inside *and* outside of their school day, to support the students & families of Fraser Wood. From the bottom of our hearts – we thank you.

Finally, I would like to thank the children. Every child at our school has the opportunity to be a leader and so many of them have stepped up to this challenge. Your children are a joy. Thank you for entrusting us with them.

As we enter the holiday season, I encourage everyone to take quality time with their families, share a good book, eat a family dinner together and....talk. Our children are the most precious gifts we have!

“Other things may change us, but we start and end with the family”.(Anthony Brandt)

Have a happy holiday and we will see everyone back and ready to learn on January 8th, 2018!

SUCCESSFUL LEARNER TRAITS

At Fraser Wood we have been working very hard at being successful learners. Research has shown us that success later in life is largely due to

qualities (or traits) that we all need to develop as human beings. We call these "Successful Learner Traits" and they are closely linked to the Core Competencies of the New Curriculum. We know we need to learn how to:

- Understand and manage our emotions
- Set and achieve goals
- Demonstrate empathy and understanding for others
- Establish and maintain positive relationships
- Make good decisions

Over these past few weeks we have been looking at the trait of...COMPASSION.

Compassion means that you care about others and act on their behalf, it means you include others in your games, it means you try to be fair, and that you are helpful and willing to share. Students caught showing compassion at the school will receive a ticket that will be stapled to the bulletin board in the foyer. During the last week before Winter Break Mrs. Saito and I will draw 10 names to share a hot chocolate and treat with us. Thank you for discussing compassion with your children at home.

LEARNING STORIES

Now on our website and also distributed via electronic newsletter communication, Fraser Wood will be highlighting some of our "Learning Stories". Look for a sharing of learning moments and experiences from a variety of students throughout the school. It is our hope that by sharing these incredible stories, the parents in our community will have another 'window' into the classroom and will be able to share in our excitement for learning. Check them out on our website today!

IT'S GETTING COLDER!

As our weather begins to turn colder, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed to spend some time outdoors. Students need fresh air during the day so students will be outside in the mornings at recess and lunch.

LOST AND FOUND

We have a large number of items in our Lost and Found right now. Please check with your child to see if they have their belongings and we suggest that you check in the Lost and Found if you feel they've lost something.

WINTER ASSEMBLIES AND BAND CONCERT

As always, we look forward to hearing our students sing and to listen to all of our Grade 7 band as they perform in our December assembly.



Wednesday Dec 20th 1pm - odd divisions
Thursday Dec 21st 1pm - even divisions and band

Doors will not open until 12:50pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

PAC UPDATES

Our next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, December 13th, at 8:45 a.m. in the staffroom. Everyone welcome!

Reminder: You can always donate your Nestors points to the school! Just let the cashier know at checkout.

SCHOOL SAFETY

To help make Fraser Wood safer, we offer the following BCAA safety tips for students, parents and drivers:

- Slow down and watch out for kids
- Expect the unexpected – don't drive distracted.
- Let kids out on the side of the car closest to the sidewalk.
- Follow the rules of the road – yield to pedestrians and do not make U-turns.
- Use extra caution in adverse weather conditions.

- Teach your kids to find a safe place to cross the road.
- Make it a rule for kids to stay off their cell phones or electronic devices while crossing the street.
- Teach your kids to look out for parked cars – as cars may pull out or start moving when they don't expect it.

The "TEN DAYS OF GIVING"

It is that time of year again – time for giving! On Monday, Dec. 11, we will have some empty boxes in our front hall. We will need to fill them up! Our Spirit Leaders (with a suggestion from Ms. Bonnie Jenkinson) have paired up with the Surrey Food Bank for our **10 Day of Giving**. Any or all donations are accepted at any time, but it is also fun to try and bring different items in.

Dec. 11 – On the 1st Day of Giving, we are asking for donations of canned meats and proteins

Dec. 12 – On the 2nd Day of Giving, we are asking for donations of canned fruit

Dec. 13 – On the 3rd Day of Giving, we are asking for donations of a meal in a tin

Dec. 14 – On the 4th Day of Giving, we are asking for donations of whole grain rice

Dec. 15 – On the 5th Day of Giving, we are asking for donations of pasta and sauce

Dec. 18 – On the 6th Day of Giving, we are asking for donations of canned soup

Dec. 19 – On the 7th Day of Giving, we are asking for donations of baby formula

Dec. 20 – On the 8th Day of Giving, we are asking for donations of canned veggies

Dec. 21 – On the 9th Day of Giving, we are asking for donations of dried fruit

Dec. 22 – On the 10th Day of Giving, we are asking for donations of baby wipes and diapers

There are two wonderful Spirit Days ready to go for the community's participation.

Dec. 15th – Holiday Clothing (eg. Christmas Sweaters, Santa hats, holiday dresses, etc.)

Dec. 22nd – PJ and Stuffy Day (eg. Slippers, robes, pj's, comfy clothing, etc.)

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING

Over the next few weeks you will continue to receive updates on your child's learning through their electronic/digital portfolio on Freshgrade. This information is shared to give you a better understanding about your child's learning in 'real time'. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact your child's teacher...AND...we look forward to discussing your child's progress at our Parent/Teacher conferences on Dec. 7th!

Important Document Links for Parents

- [SD36 DRAFT K-7 Reporting Guidelines](#)
- [2017-18 Digital Portfolios Consent Form \(ENGLISH\)](#)
- [2017-18 Digital Portfolios Consent Form \(TRANSLATIONS\)](#)
- [Proficiency Scales – What does the language mean? \(ENGLISH and TRANSLATIONS\)](#)
- [Communicating Student Learning with Digital Portfolios](#)
- [Prompts For Parents](#)
- [Google Translate – A Guide for Parents](#)

Important Links for Parents

- [Parent Survey: **Communicating Student Learning**](#)
- [SurreySchools Vision for Learning - Learning By Design](#)
- [BC's Curriculum](#)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Kindergarten begins in Surrey schools on **Monday, January 15, 2018**. Please spread this information to other families in our community that have a child of age to begin Kindergarten in September 2018. Keep checking the local papers for more information.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Our amazing committee of teacher volunteers for this production have just finished the auditions for the lead roles in the musical. It was a tough decision to determine the leads as there are many talented actors and singers in our community!

Please remember that every single child in the school will have a role to play in this production, even if they didn't get the 'lead' this time. Please commend your child for trying out for a part and remind them that it is a whole-school production. Every part matters!

CALENDAR

Visit our school website and look under the Calendar tab; Click on "View All" for the calendar for this upcoming month!

[school website](#)

CALENDAR

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Holiday Spirit Wear
ALL DAY

Wear your favourite holiday clothing...hats, bells, ugly sweaters, the works. Celebrate the holiday season with Fraser Wood's Spirit team!

[VIEW ALL](#)
Manage calendar + Add new event

WINTER BREAK DEC. 23- JAN 7

Communicating student learning: Digital e-portfolios

Research continues to show the best way to support children's learning is to provide meaningful, timely and ongoing feedback as they learn. It's also well established that parent involvement and support promotes student success.

Our school district has been exploring more meaningful and informative ways to assess student learning, as well as share results with parents so they are more aware and better able to support their child. The initiative is called Communicating Student Learning (CSL).

To this end, CSL includes the use of a new reporting platform called FreshGrade that provides an online portfolio for teachers to electronically share your child's learning with you in an ongoing and continuous manner throughout the school year. Students themselves can proudly share with parents an accomplishment or milestone at school when it happens, or at home after dinner.

Using a computer, tablet or smart phone, parents can also access their child's work and information about his or her progress at any time, rather than waiting for a report card to be issued. This allows you to open up discussions about what your child did at school on any day.

The information parents receive in "real time" include informal notes, pictures or links to video or audio. Initially, you will receive these updates via email. Later, you will have access to your child's password-protected learning portfolio and will be notified when new items are uploaded. Feedback will describe:

- your child's accomplishments,
- evidence of your child's learning, explorations and discoveries,
- areas of learning your child needs to focus more on and
- ways you can support your child's learning.

Parents will be able to comment on student progress and provide support and reinforcement for their child's learning and efforts. Your child's account remains with them year-to-year and is transferable to new schools in B.C. FreshGrade will replace paper reports for your child; he or she will receive a printable summary report at the end of the school year.

More information on FreshGrade, including videos can be found at www.freshgrade.com/ under the "Parent" tab.