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Newsletter #2

TOP TEN (+1) HAPPENINGS AT FALKLAND SCHOOL

Here's how to keep up with the happenings at Falkland School.

1. Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Falkland-Elementary/264923487025152
2. Email: Newsletters and occasional reminders are emailed home. If your email address has changed recently, be sure to contact Janet at the office to update our records. Thank you! If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact Janet at the office as well.
3. School Website: www.fal.sd83.bc.ca

Please have a look at the last page of this newsletter as it contains several important dates that you may wish to update your calendars with.

1. Orange Shirt Day – Friday, September 29th

Students are encouraged to wear orange on Friday, September 29th in support of communities coming together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope because every child matters. If you would like to learn more about Orange Shirt Day please visit www.orangeshirtday.org. Classroom teachers will be providing learning opportunities in classrooms.



2. Terry Fox Run – Friday, September 29th

All parents are welcome to participate in our Terry Fox Run. We are looking for parents to help supervise at a designated post along the run so please contact Shelly Cull at the office in advance of the run if you are available. At 12:45 everyone will gather in the gymnasium for a kick off assembly with the run to follow. We will do the same run as previous years with a turn around point at the end of Lyons Rd.

Students have been asked to bring a loonie or toonie in support of cancer research and this money will be forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation by the school.



3. Student Recognitions

At the end of each term, we formally recognize students in grade 5, 6, 7, and 8 for their hard work with consistent effort and academic achievement.

Our Effort List recognizes students who worked hard to maintain good work habits in all academic areas. The students in term two who achieved high effort standing also had high academic standing so are recognized with Principal's List.

Our Honour Roll recognizes students who have achieved a very good to excellent academic standing of an A or B average.

The Principal's List recognizes students who have achieved a very good to excellent academic standing (A or B average) along with good work habits in all areas.

At the end of the school year, we also formally recognize two students with memorial awards. Social Responsibility and Leadership through the Vivian Buan Award and Personal Excellence through the Wendy VanHoof Award. Please contact the office for this criteria

4. Upcoming Changes with Report Cards

Along with the renewed curriculum, the district is moving towards a different approach to communicate with parents about their child's learning at school. Falkland School will be piloting the new report card along with the new process. The process includes an interim report in late October or early November, a formal report at the end of December with parent/teacher conferences taking place in January to set learning goals. Students will be dismissed early on these days to allow for these important growth focused meetings to occur. An interim report will occur again in March or April with a final, summative report sent home at the end of June, including a student self assessment of the core competencies. If you wish to learn more about the new curriculum go to <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum>. If you would like to learn more about the core competencies go to <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

5. Me to We and Leadership

A big thank you to Miss Minchenko who is working with the district to organize our annual field trip to Vancouver for Me to We. Me to We is for students in grades 7 and 8. If students do not yet have their application in to Miss Minchenko, please contact her at the school to make arrangements. Permission forms and information has been handed out to students. Please contact the office if you have any questions.



Miss Minchenko is also working hard with students interested in leadership opportunities at the school to build school spirit. Spirit Days are in progress. Our first Spirit day is SWEAT PANTS DAY scheduled for Thursday, October 12th. Mrs. Cull will be working towards the establishment of a weekly leadership schedule to promote student leadership opportunities at school. We are looking for student leaders to help out at our school (ie. during eating time, providing outside games for younger students, student secretary

and other opportunities for students at the school). We recently had a small group of girls in grade 5 interested in providing looming lessons for younger students and this is now in place for interested students at lunch time on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

6. Kindergarten Registration



If you know any students in the area entering kindergarten in the 2018-2019 school year, please ask them to register at the office as soon as possible.

Registration starts October 2nd on a first come first serve basis. The sooner we know about our kindergarten numbers the sooner we can determine possible grade configurations for the other divisions.

Anyone from out of our catchment area, will need to complete a cross boundary process and will be placed on a waitlist. **Our Kindergarten Orientation Day will be announced later in the year.**

7. News from PAC

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, October 11th at 2:30 in the StrongStart Rm. PAC is working hard on developing a schedule for Hot Lunch and Popcorn. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jodie Gillman (250-540-6762), PAC President, or Jen Hurren (250-550-4662), PAC Vice-President.

Karoll Brosnan is our hot lunch coordinator this school year. Thanks so much Karoll for taking this on! WE LOVE HOT LUNCH. Our first Hot Lunch will be on THURSDAY, October 12th. Notices will come home soon.

8. School Fees

Just a reminder that School Fees are due today, Wednesday, September 27, 2017. If you haven't yet done so, please pop in to see our secretary Janet or send a check with your child to school. Combined requested and permissible fees are as follows:

Grade 8	\$83
Grade 7 (DIV 1 and 2)	\$80
Grade 5 and 6	\$65
K-4	\$54

If you would like more information about how these fees are determined, please refer to the initial fee letter sent out with the first newsletter in September or contact the office.

If financial hardship is a concern at this moment, please contact Shelly Cull at the school to make arrangements.

9. FSA – Foundation Skills Assessment Gr. 4 & 7

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is an annual assessment of students' reading, writing and numeracy skills. FSA is B.C.'s earliest provincial indicator of student performance and provides strong evidence of future student achievement. The FSA is the first of four times in a student's K-12 education when they participate in provincial assessments: Grade 4, Grade 7, and twice during the graduation years in Grades 10-12.



The purpose of the FSA is to:

- Provide system level information on student performance
- Provide districts and schools with information on student performance.
- Support decision making (interventions, planning, resource allocation, curriculum, policy, research)

The new 2017 FSA will be administered in the fall (October 2 – Nov. 10), which means teachers will have student results earlier in the school year. This information will support decision making in the classroom and at the school and will provide districts and the Ministry of Education with important information on how well students are progressing in reading, writing, and numeracy.

FSA is meant to complement the information teachers collect on student performance through ongoing methods of assessment.

Please contact Shelly Cull if you have any questions or concerns. As usual, the decision to exclude a student from the FSA is made by the Principal.

10. Volley Ball



We are excited to offer volleyball again this school year to students in grades 7 and 8. We have a lot of interest at that level. Thank you Mr. Clarke for providing this opportunity for our students. Practices will be at lunch on Friday, October 6th and subsequent Wednesdays. Games will be announced once they are finalized.

Also, if you are planning to transport other children than your own, you must complete a current Use of Private Vehicle form AND Criminal Record Check. Please read below on the new practices around Criminal Record Checks in North Okanagan Shuswap School District No. 83.

11. Parent Volunteers

In order to volunteer in schools, a criminal record check must be conducted. Please obtain a letter from Janet at the office. This form is then brought to the local RCMP office. A search is conducted and information is provided to you. The information you receive from the RCMP is then brought back to the school and kept on file. There should be no cost associated with this process. We thank you for your understanding and continued support of our students.

Important Dates

Fri., Sept. 29	Terry Fox Run Orange Shirt Day
Mon., Oct. 2	Registration opens for 2018-2019 School Year: Kindergarten and New Students Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1 Session 2 Food Studies and Visual Arts Clay Crew Pottery Workshop 2:15 – 4:00
Wed., Oct. 4	Fire Drill #2
Mon., Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Day Holiday – students do not attend school
Wed., Oct. 11	Kindergarten Vision Screening – 8:30
Fri., Oct. 13	Outdoor Awesome – TENTATIVE
Mon., Oct. 16	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1 Session 3 Food Studies and Visual Arts Clay Crew Pottery Workshop 2:15 – 4:00
Tues., Oct. 17	Mother Goose Program visit to StrongStart Baby Carrots and Milk delivered
Wed., Oct. 18	WE DAY – more information to come
Thurs., Oct. 19	Earthquake Drill
Fri., Oct. 20	Pro-D Day – students do not attend school
Mon., Oct. 23	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1 Session 4 Food Studies and Visual Arts Lockdown Drill #1 Clay Crew Pottery Workshop 2:15 – 4:00
Tues., Oct. 24	School Photos Mother Goose Program visit to StrongStart
Wed., Oct. 25	School Photos Mother Goose Program 8:30 – 9:30, Room 29 SESSION 1/5
Mon., Oct. 30	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1 Session 5 Food Studies and Visual Arts Clay Crew Pottery 2:15 – 4:00
Tues., Oct. 31	Halloween Costume Party Div. 4 to Regional Library 12:45 – 1:45 Apples and Milk delivered
Wed., Nov. 1	Mother Goose Program 8:30 – 9:30, Room 29 SESSION 2/5
Mon., Nov. 6	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1, Session 6 Food Studies and Visual Arts Fire Drill #3 Clay Crew Pottery Workshop 2:15 – 4:00
Wed., Nov. 8	Remembrance Day Assembly – time to be announced Mother Goose Program 8:30 – 9:30, Room 29 SESSION 3/5
Thurs., Nov. 9	Pro-D Day – students do not attend school
Fri., Nov. 10	District School Closure – students do not attend school
Mon., Nov. 13	In lieu of Remembrance Day Holiday – students do not attend school
Wed., Nov. 15	Mother Goose Program 8:30 – 9:30, Room 29 SESSION 4/5
Mon., Nov. 20	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1 Session 7 Food Studies and Visual Arts Clay Crew Workshop 2:15 – 4:00, Room 29
Tues., Nov. 21	Anjou Pears and Milk delivered
Wed., Nov. 22	Mother Goose Program 8:30 – 9:30, Room 29 SESSION 5/5
Fri., Nov. 24	Fire Drill #4
Mon., Nov. 27	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1 Session 8 Food Studies and Visual Arts Clay Crew Pottery 2:15 – 4:00 Poinsettia Fundraiser Orders Due
Tues., Nov. 28	Div. 4 to Regional Library 12:45 – 1:45
Fri., Dec. 1	Vancouver Theatre Sports League Cultural Performance – 9:00
Mon., Dec. 4	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1 Session 9 Food Studies and Visual Arts
Tues., Dec. 2	Christmas Concert – Rehearsal 12:30, Concert 6:00