



# FRASER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 604-517-1800

*Fraser River Middle School recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nation, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.*



*We recognize the sadness and grief associated with the tragic announcement of the remains of 215 children found at a residential school in Kamloops.*

*In June, Canadians celebrate National Indigenous History Month to honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. It is also an opportunity to recognize the strength of present-day Indigenous communities.*

### Principal's Message

Articulation for grade 5 students transitioning to Fraser River is well underway. Staff from the feeder schools and the Fraser River school based team met via teams to discuss every child and their unique needs. As well, the school base team at NWSS met with our team to discuss all of our grade 8's transitioning to grade 9. These are important transitions and we want to make sure it is as smooth as possible. We usually have in person tours, but again this year the tours will be virtual.

Our grade 8 certificate event will be done virtually this year. We are unable to have our usual leaving ceremony with spectators or any kind of gathering as per public health orders. The students will be filmed walking across the stage and receiving their certificate from their teacher. This will be done on teams and will be taped so that you will be able to watch your child receive their certificate. Students will also have professional photos taken for a keepsake.

You may have heard by now that this is my last year, after five, at Fraser River because I am retiring. I am leaving with mixed emotions, but having the opportunity to open Fraser River and be involved with the consultation committee prior to ground breaking, has been one of my best and most fulfilling experiences. My career spans 31 year in the New Westminster School district. Seventeen of those years was as an administration (two as a Vice-Principal and 15 as Principal). I was fortunate to be a principal at three schools over this time; Lord Tweedsmuir for 6 years, Queensborough Middle for 6 years and most recently Fraser River.

There are many things that I will miss, and I wanted to highlight a few. I will miss:

- greeting the students in the morning and saying goodbye at the end of the day
- laughing with staff and students
- our amazing staff
- our PAC that goes above and beyond
- the always supportive parent/guardian community
- beautiful Fraser River Middle School

I think one of the biggest things I will miss is when a child smiles your way, it brightens up your day and fills your soul.

I know this year and the end of last year has been difficult for everyone. I truly want to thank you all for all of your support over the past 5 years but especially during this difficult time. I will never forget the kind words, the encouragement and the support I received. Thank you everyone and I hope the years to come are filled with lots of joy, laughter and much learning.

Take care and be safe,  
Debbie Jones  
Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 17.... Speaker for Pride Month, Mason Meghi
- June 21.... School Wide Assembly on Indigenous Art, Cori Denofreo  
(National Indigenous People's Day) and activities throughout the week
- June 22.... Children of the Street Presentation for Grade 8's
- June 22, 23, 24 Grade 8 leaving activities (more details to follow)
- June 25.... Final Term Report Card available online
- June 25.... Yearbook Distribution and Year End Assembly
- June 28 Community Activity: Escape Room, school wide pizza and cookie, Parks and Rec activity
- June 29.... Last Day of School

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## YOUTH ONLINE STUDY



Parents and Students in Grades 6 to 12:  
What do you and your child think about technology and social media?  
How do you and your child use technology and social media?

You and your child will each receive a \$10 Amazon gift card  
Your child will also be entered into a draw to win an Apple iPad

To complete the survey, please click on the following links:

PARENT SURVEY: <https://www.jitsutech.ca/YOS2021parentSD40>

YOUTH SURVEY: <https://www.jitsutech.ca/YOS2021youthSD40>

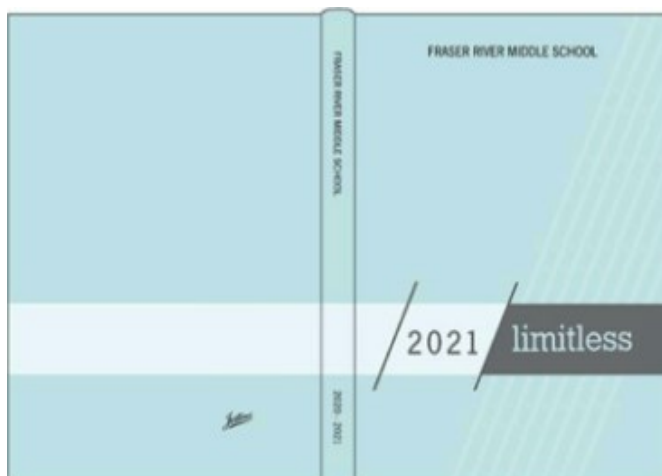
Please do not forward the survey links or post to social media.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Dr. Zina Lee at [Zina.Lee@ufv.ca](mailto:Zina.Lee@ufv.ca)

## FRMS Yearbooks

Yes, the yearbooks are on the way. They will be distributed on Friday, June 25.

If you missed out purchasing in the fall, there will be a few extra on hand. Each book is \$30 cash, please see the office on June 25th.



The following staff members are leaving Fraser River Middle School:

Principal: Debbie Jones,  
Gr. 6/7 Teacher: Delaney Bloudell,  
Gr. 8 Teacher: Valentina Golescu  
EA: Carmond Bell  
EA: Diane Thomas

We wish them all the best!!

