

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In November, we have the chance to press pause and give a moment of acknowledgment to the brave people who have sacrificed their lives for the freedom that we enjoy here in Canada. On November 10th, FRMS gathered as a school community to pay tribute. Thank you to Scott MacNeil, who is a former FRMS parent who played the bagpipes along with Guest Speaker, Terry Leith who delivered a moving presentation to our students. Thank you to the FRMS Band, Choir, and Flute Ensemble for their hard work and beautiful performances at the assembly. This is all thanks to Mr. Colish, Ms. Dowdell, and Ms. K.

This month, I spent some time with Ms. Liocce's Division 20. When asked about their identities as learners, the students shared information around being aware of what helps them learn, what they are good at, and what they need to work on. When asked about classroom identity, they shared highlights such as being the "only" Div 20, the classroom being made up of different ethnicities and backgrounds, bold and diverse personalities, enjoying singing, everyone getting along, and shared ambition and confidence.

We look forward to exploring the idea of self-regulation this year along with resilience, meaning, the ability to control thoughts and actions to achieve personal goals and respond environmental demands. It is a term that is broadly applicable and can be used to describe and individual's engagement in any sort of activity. Developing an awareness of this is a key aspect of social-emotional learning which is the foundation of Middle School philosophy and the developmental window of our learners.

Lastly, we hosted the Vancouver Warriors and their presentation on lacrosse and its origins, wrapped up girls and non-binary volleyball, had a spirit assembly, and started basketball season. As winter break approaches, we look forward to festive events like the December 13th Band Concert, First Team Report Cards, and the holiday season. FRMS supports those in need over the holidays. If you can donate to help these families, please contact us at fraserriver@sd40.bc.ca.

Yours in learning,
Ms. J. Harrison



Student Absent Reminder

If your child is going to absent please call the school—604-517-1800 or report online

<https://fraserriverschool.ca/report-a-student-absence/>

Please wash your hands regularly and stay home when unwell

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 5 - PAC Meeting (7pm) In person and zoom
- Dec. 9 - First Term Report Card available on MyEd
- Dec. 13 - Band Concert
- Dec. 16 - Last Day of School before Winter Break
- Jan. 3 - First day of school after Winter Break
- Jan. 17 - Collaborations Day—Early Dismissal for grade 6/7 -12:10, Grade 8 Dismissed at 3pm
- Jan 25/26- Early Dismissal—12:10
3 way interviews / student lead conferences
- Feb. 20 Family Day
- Feb. 21 Professional Day (School closed for Students)

Student Leadership Fundraiser

\$5.00 will go toward purchasing warm clothing, and your child will get a cup of hot chocolate with marshmallows and a cookie to enjoy on Dec 13th.

Please purchase through [school cash](#).

Safety to and from School

We want to stress the importance of using sidewalks and crosswalks and following safe traffic and road rules. Please talk to your child about taking extra caution near busy intersections and corners.

Students should be cautious and fully aware of their surroundings and avoid using their cell phones and listening to loud music.

We would also like to stress how important it is to ALWAYS wear a helmet if riding a bike, scooter or skateboard.

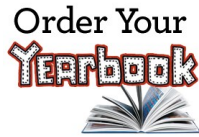
We would like to remind all drivers to adhere to the 30 km/h speed in school zones.

We ask all drivers to not pull U-turns on Queens Ave., and not use the staff parking lot.

We also ask all drivers to please keep the school bus parking area clear in the morning.

The FRMS Yearbook is on sale!

Early bird price - \$30
Nov 15, 2022 - January 31, 2023



Regular price - \$35 by February 14, 2023

You can place your order online through
<https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>

TERM 1 REPORT CARDS



Term 1 report cards will be available online on Friday, December 9th

www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do

Please consider logging in before December 9th to confirm your user name and password are still working. You can find instructions at:

<https://fraserriverschool.ca/access-report-cards-online/>

PAC MEETING

The next PAC Meeting is on December 5th at 7:00 pm in the Learning Commons. Please enter through the Front Door entrance.

or on zoom:

Meeting ID: 873 6007 3077
Passcode: 170479

You can find previous PAC meeting minutes at

<https://fraserriverschool.ca/parents/parent-advisory-council/pac-minutes/>

FRMS PAC Winter Fundraiser

You have your choice of Red or White Poinsettia, Indoor tropical Planter, Succulent Bowl or 6" Winter Foliage Ceramic (2pk).

Purchase through
[School Cash Online](#)



DPAC

Questions for Hon. Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education

The Honorable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education will be attending our January 19th DPAC meeting, taking place virtually and in person at NWSS. We are collecting questions for Jennifer via a google form, linked below. Please send in any questions that your PAC or your school communities would like to ask directly to the Minister of Education (who also happens to be the MLA for much of New Westminster). This form will be open until **December 4th**.

Question submission form --> <https://forms.gle/ZZKkUni9CoNRfaRm9>

LOST & FOUND



There are **MANY** unclaimed items in our lost & found!

Please have your child check before or after school to see if anything belongs to them.

