



# 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

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In October, we pause to give thanks and gratitude for all that we have. As I reflect on the month of October, I am so thankful for this incredible FRMS community. It was wonderful to have had the opportunity to meet many of you on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for our Student-Led Conferences. Student Leadership completed their first fundraiser of the year for Grade 8 Year End Activities. Thank you to Sheryl Laine and Candy Alley for their support of the fundraiser. We will also do our first Spirit Days on October 31<sup>st</sup> where we invite our students to wear their costumes to school for our Halloween activities and then follow with a PJ day on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

At FRMS, we are well underway on our technology journey. We must teach our students the skills and competencies that are required for them to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Developing an understanding of how to utilize technology as a learning tool is essential for our students and has formed the basis of our Cell Phone Policy where phones are to be away in lockers from bell to bell.

As a school, we provide technology use opportunities in the classroom. FRMS participates in the BYOD program, and we encourage students to bring their device that they are comfortable working with to school. A BYOD program improves access to online resources, digital tools, and assistive technology, it enhances learning of digital collaboration and communication skills, increases opportunities for digital projects, timely feedback and assignment revision. We are happy to answer any questions regarding BYOD.

We welcome Children of the Street on October 13<sup>th</sup>, who did their Safer Spaces presentations to our grade 6 and 7 and grade 8 students. The intention of the presentations is to support our students in staying safe online and safely navigation online applications and social media. We invite all families to join us in person and online for our Family Presentation on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room. FRMS is hosting this event for all three Middle Schools. The date has changed due to the presenter's availability. I have included a link with resources to support conversations at home. <https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/resources/>

Yours in learning,  
Ms. J. Davis

### Important Dates

#### PAC Meeting

**When:** Monday, Nov 6  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Where:** FRMS Learning Commons or on Zoom.



Oct. 31 Halloween Costume Day—Spirit Day

Nov. 1 PJ Day—Spirit Day

Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov. 13—Remembrance Day Holiday (no school)

Nov. 14—Pro D Day (no school)

Dec. 12—Winter Band Concert

Dec. 15 Report Cards available on My Ed

Dec. 22 - Last of classes before winter break



### Halloween Costume Guidelines

- ◆ Students in costume at school should be easily recognizable. No full-face masks permitted.
- ◆ No replica weapons (guns, knives, etc) are allowed on school property
- ◆ We celebrate diversity and inclusion in New Westminster schools. Costumes that are offensive or in poor taste are not permitted ... when selecting a costume, please consider whether it violates rights or appropriates identity, based on rights maintained under the Canadian Human Rights Act: race, ethnicity, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic characteristics, or disabilities.
- ◆ School codes of conduct must always be followed. This means acting respectfully to peers and staff and maintaining good care of school property.
- ◆ Vandalism is never acceptable and is a crime.
- ◆ The possession or use of firecrackers or fireworks at school is strictly and always prohibited.

## Spirit Days

- ♦ Monday Oct 31st—Halloween Costumes and Parade at 9:30am
- ♦ Tuesday Nov 1—PJ Day

### Parent Volunteer—Coaching

We are looking for some parent volunteers to help coach some of our grade 6 teams.

If you are able to help please reach out to

Mr. Ruus—Athletic Director  
[mruus@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:mruus@sd40.bc.ca)



### Homestay Families

*New Westminster Schools International Education Program is recruiting new homestay families who are interested in offering welcoming homestay accommodation for our visiting international students aged 14 to 18 studying at New Westminster Secondary School.*

*Being a homestay family is not the right fit for every household but for those who would like to welcome a young person to experience our country and community it can provide lasting friendships and opportunities for families to see the world in a new way.*

*To submit a homestay family application, please visit our website <https://mytruenorth.ca/hportalindex.php?db=newwestminster> For more information, please contact the Homestay Manager Eva Shen at [eshen@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:eshen@sd40.bc.ca) or 604-517-6280.*

### K-12 Student Reporting

In 2016 the Ministry of Education and Child Care began implementing a redesigned provincial curriculum that is flexible, focuses on literacy, numeracy, and the First Peoples Principles of Learning, and supports deeper learning through concept-based and competency-driven education. This educational shift to how and what students learn in the classroom requires a corresponding change to student reporting policies and practices.

For more information visit:

[Resources for Parents](#)

### Ski and Snowboard Club

Whether it is, your first time or you are an experienced skier or snowboarder you will have the opportunity to learn at Mt. Seymour in North Vancouver.

For more information please check out [fraserriverschool.ca](http://fraserriverschool.ca) on Nov 3rd.

### New West Youth Services

#### After School Drop In

Fraser River Middle School  
Monday and Wednesday 3:15-5:00  
Friday 3:15 -9:00  
Cost: \$1.00 or your membership

### FRMS Spirit Wear

The PAC will be selling FRMS Spirit Wear Oct 24—Nov 3

Items can be purchased through [schoolcashionline.com](http://schoolcashionline.com)

There are t-shirts, crew neck sweat-shirts and hoodies.

You have a choice of Grey or Burgundy.

### Reminder

FRMS Parking lots are for Staff ONLY

Cold and flu viruses spread easily in the late fall and winter. Wash your hands often to protect yourself from catching and spreading a cold or the flu. If you do catch a cold or the flu, try to stay away from others to avoid spreading the disease.

### **Moody Park Mysteries (Scavenger Hunt) (11-18 years) (Youth Centre / Moody Park)**

New West Youth Centre  
Friday, October 27  
6:30pm—9:00pm  
Registration Fee: \$2.00

Help us get to the bottom of what is going on by scanning the QR code clues and other spooky activities! We will have s'mores and some glow in the dark fun!