

Fruitvale Elementary

Respect Ourselves, Respect Others, Respect the environment



Principal's Message:

November is already here and winter is just around the corner! With two months of the school year behind us, this is a perfect time for parents and teachers to take a moment to connect and discuss your child's/ children's learning goals.

Please note that parent-teacher interviews have been scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, November 7th and 8th, across School District #20. If you have not already done so, please RSVP regarding your scheduled time. Students will be dismissed from school at 11:45 a.m. on both days. Busses will be running to transport bus students home.

Board Game Club - DONATIONS?

Mr. Lowe and Ms. Reid are planning on starting a board game club. They're wondering if anyone has gently used board games that aren't being used at home. For anyone who would like to donate a board game, they can be dropped off at the office any time.

Thank you!

Breakfast Program

Thank you to Ms. Skarbo for ensuring our students are receiving a healthy breakfast to get ready for learning. The breakfast program runs from 8-8:30 a.m. each morning in the multi purpose room. All students are welcome!

FES will be holding its annual Fall Book Fair in conjunction with Parent Teacher



Interviews. The Book Fair will take place in the library from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7th and 12:00-4:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8th

Remembrance Day



FES will hold a Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, Nov. 9th at 10:45 am in the gymnasium. Please

note school will not be in session on Monday, Nov. 12th, as it is the Remembrance Day Stat.

**We are almost ready to launch our
Brand New School Website!**

Stay tuned for more information

Volleyball Tournament

Grade 6+7 students from FES will be participating in the District Volleyball Tournament being held at Selkirk College in Castlegar on Thursday, November 29th beginning at noon. Thank you to Mrs. Morissette for coaching!



COLDER WEATHER

A friendly reminder to make sure your child is dressing appropriately as the weather gets colder. While we do open the gym when weather is extreme (i.e. it is pouring rain or the temperature really drops), students are expected to remain outside until the bell rings in the morning and at recess and lunch.



A friendly reminder FES is a Nut Aware School. Thank you for refraining from sending any foods containing nuts to school. Much appreciated

FRIENDLY REMINDER

If your child is to be absent from school, please call 250.367.7541 the night before or first thing in the morning. In order to ensure the safety of all students, Mrs. Tingley, Administrative Assistant, will complete our Safe Arrival Program by phoning the homes of all students who are not accounted for. If you wish to opt out of the Safe Arrival Program, please contact Mrs. Tingley at 250.367.7541. Thank you!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER:

Wed. Nov. 7th & Thurs. Nov. 8th - Early Dismissal - Parent-Teacher Interviews

Wed. Nov. 7th & Thurs. Nov. 8th - Scholastic Book Fair

Fri. Nov. 9th - Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45 a.m.

Mon. Nov. 12th Remembrance Day Stat.

DECEMBER:

Thurs. Dec. 6th First Report Issued

Mon. Dec. 10th @1pm Christmas Concert for Primary Divisions (K-Gr.3)

Tues. Dec. 11th @1pm Christmas Concert for Intermediate Divisions (Gr.3/4 - 7)

Sat. Dec. 22nd- Sun. Jan. 6th Winter Break

JANUARY:

Mon. January 7th First Day Back

Fri. Jan. 18th PAC Family Ski Night in Salmo

Fri. Jan. 25th & Fri. Feb. 1st Intermediate Ski Days at Red Resort

School Fees

We continue to collect school fees at the office. If you have not already done so, please submit your child's fees to the office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) NEWS

The FES PAC is excited to announce the Christmas Basket Fundraiser. Proceeds will help support numerous FES initiatives and projects, such as 'Swim to Survive', skating programs, creating an outdoor learning space and more!

Each classroom is being asked to donate items for a themed basket. We really need your help filling these baskets so please consider donating. No item is too small!

Your child will be sent home with a letter providing more information and the theme for their classroom basket. Your child can bring their donations to their classroom between November 19th and 23rd.

Raffle tickets will be sold for the baskets during this year's Christmas concerts! Thank you in advance for helping make this wonderful event a huge success.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

HOW YOU CAN HELP FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET AT HOME

FES continues to work on developing growth mindsets within our school community. A growth mindset is the belief that abilities can be developed through practice and effort. We challenge students to demonstrate persistence, take risks in their learning, to ask questions, and to understand mistakes are part of the learning process. Parents can foster growth mindset at home by:

Paying attention and verbally praising kids for skills that don't sound predetermined: hard work, persistence, rising to a challenge, learning from a mistake, etc., rather than praising them for being "smart," "brilliant" or "gifted."

Being a growth mindset role model. How often do you say "I can't!" or "I'm terrible at..." as if there's no hope for you? Make sure you're sending the right message – maybe even take on something new! Try finishing any sentence about something you are currently unable to do with the word "yet!"

Encouraging your child to embrace challenges. A sheet full of questions he/she already knows the answers to won't "grow the brain" like one deeper problem to solve (even if he/she doesn't get the correct answer).

Remembering growth mindset isn't just academic; it applies to many areas of life (athletic, musical, social). Having trouble getting the basketball into the net? Keep making mistakes on a guitar chord? Tried to initiate play with someone but it didn't go well? Discuss the next step for improvement.

For more information on growth mindset check out: <https://www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents>



FES November Calendar



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Family Planner

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Grade 6 Vaccinations	6	7 Parent-Teacher Interviews (Early Dismissal at 11:45am) Book Fair! 12-4pm	8 Parent-Teacher Interviews (Early Dismissal at 11:45am) Book Fair! 12-4pm	9 Remembrance Day Assembly for All Students (10:45am)
12 Remembrance Day (School Not in Session)	13	14	15 Grade 6/7 Dance at Webster Elementary (6-8pm) Pizza Lunch Fundraiser	16
19 PAC Meeting 6-7pm	20	21	22 Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser	23
26	27	28	29 Pizza Lunch Fundraiser	30