

Happy
New Year

JANUARY 2019

Fruitvale Elementary

Respect Ourselves, Respect Others, Respect the environment



Principal's Message:

Hope you all had a great winter break! We are looking forward to the several winter learning experiences planned for the upcoming months!

A friendly reminder to parents to **please refrain from driving into the parking lot at the front of the school.** Front parking lot access is for staff, busses and pedestrians only. Thank you for your understanding in trying to keep everyone safe.



WINTER WEATHER

Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather each day, wearing snow pants, a warm jacket, and a hat and mitts as we enjoy playing outside at recess and lunch in our winter wonderland!

WINTER BREAK

All students at FES will enjoy **skating** sessions at the Beaver Valley Arena during the month of January and February. The skating schedule is attached at the end of this newsletter. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately and brings his/her helmet and skates on skating day. Much appreciated!



Kindergarten Registration

It's that time already! Parent(s)/Guardians(s) of children who are planning on registering for Kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year, please read the Kindergarten registration information page attached to this Newsletter.

Get ready for
Kindergarten!

PAC FAMILY SKI NIGHT

PAC will be hosting its annual Family Ski Night at the **Salmo Ski Hill** on Fri. January 18th from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. More information to follow!



Winter Health/Safety Tips

Hand washing... the simplest, most effective way to stay healthy!

Germs can be spread by contact with virtually any surface, from doorknobs to railing to money. Once you get germs on your hands, they are easily spread, even by simply rubbing your nose or your eyes.

As the flu season continues, **hand washing** can help you stay healthy.

Interior Health offers these simple steps to help you stay healthy:

- ✓ Wash with warm soap for 15 seconds then rinse for 15 seconds
- ✓ Dry with a clean towel
- ✓ Turn off the taps with something other than your clean hands
- ✓ Wash before you eat, drink, make meals, put in contact lenses, treat a cut, or anytime you feel the need.
- ✓ Wash after you blow your nose, cough, play with pets, change diapers, handle money, or use the restroom.
- ✓ Teach your children to sing happy birthday or the alphabet song - once for washing and once for rinsing.

Pay attention to washing your finger tips - they touch everything!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

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 for Grades 4-7

FEBRUARY:

Fri. Feb. 8 and 15 District Pro-D Days

Mon. Feb. 18th Family Day

Tues. Feb. 14th Valentine's Day

MARCH:

Thurs. March 7th Second Report Card Issued

Fri. March 15th Last Day Before Spring Break

March 16th-31st Spring Break

APRIL:

Mon. April 1st School Re-Opens

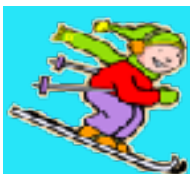
Allergy Aware School



FES is a PEANUT and Allergy Aware School. Within our school community there are students with life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly to peanuts and tree nuts (i.e.: almonds, cashews, etc.) In order to keep all students safe, we ask parents to not send peanut butter or products with peanuts or tree nuts to school. We also ask you to encourage your child to respect the severity of the situation, which is in some cases life-threatening. Thank you for your support!

****UPDATED** January/February Skating Schedule**

Date	Time	Class	Class
Wed. Jan. 9th	1:00-2:00	Rieberger	Stelnicki
Thurs. Jan. 10th	1:00-2:00	Archambault	Drake
Fri. Jan. 11th	10:30-11:30	Margoreeth	Giraud
Wed. Jan. 16th	10:30-11:30	Morissette	Mozak
Wed. Jan. 16th	1:00-2:00	Archambault	Boisvert
Thurs. Jan. 17th	1:00-2:00	Reid	Lott/Lee
Fri. Jan. 18th	10:30-11:30	Morissette	Postnikoff
Wed. Jan. 23rd	10:30-11:30	Boisvert	Borsato
Wed. Jan. 23rd	1:00-2:00	Reid	Matthews
Thurs. Jan. 24th	1:00-2:00	Postnikoff	Melenka
Fri. Jan. 25th	10:30-11:30		Drake
Wed. Jan 30th	10:30-11:30	Stelnicki	Borsato
Wed. Jan. 30th	1:00-2:00	Lowe	Bax/Sam
Thurs. Jan.31st	1:00-2:00	Margoreeth	Giraud
Wed. Feb. 6th	10:30-11:30	Reid	Lott/Lee
Wed. Feb. 6th	1:00-2:00	Lowe	Bax/Sam



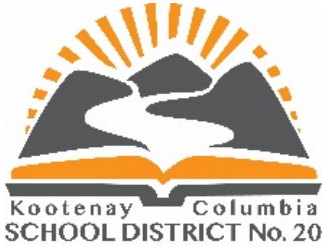
DOWNHILL SKIING

Grade 4-7 students will be going skiing on Fri. January 25th and Fri. February 1st. Red Resort will be visiting FES on Thurs. January 10th, to complete sizing for students who are renting equipment.

Safe Arrival



A friendly reminder to phone 250.367.7541 if your child is going to be absent from school. In order to ensure the safety of all students, Mrs. Tingley, Administrative Assistant, will complete our **Safe Arrival Program** each morning by phoning the homes of all students who are not accounted for. Thank you for your support!



School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**for the 2019-2020 school year
will be held during the week of January 28 - February 1, 2019**

Parents of children who turn 5 years old between January 1 and December 31, 2019, should plan to register their child for Kindergarten during Kindergarten registration week, January 28-February 1, 2019.

Please note the following:

- Kindergarten is a full-day, everyday program. A parent may defer the enrolment of his or her child until September 1, 2020. Parents are welcome to consult with district staff if they are considering deferring registration for one year. Please contact Teresa Berdusco, Director of Instruction, at 250.368.2236, to discuss this option if it applies to you.
- Parents/Guardians should bring their child's **Birth Certificate, Care Card, proof of address** and, if applicable, legal documents regarding custody, with them when registering.
- All Kindergarten students should register at their catchment area school.
- Once registered, parents/guardians can opt to:
 - fill out a Student Transfer Request form if they would like their child to attend a different school
 - fill out a **Language Program Application Form** if they would like their child to attend the Russian Bilingual Language Program or the Early French Immersion Language Program (both Language Programs are offered at Twin Rivers Elementary School, Castlegar Primary Campus, in Castlegar).
 - *Families opting to transfer, or applying to a Language Program, are reminded to read all information and to follow all directions as noted on each form.*
- Families who require bussing should complete the online Bus Transportation Form: <https://www.sd20.bc.ca/bus-registration/>
- Registration Forms will be available at all elementary schools and also on our website at www.sd20.bc.ca

For further information regarding the language programs offered at Kindergarten, please contact Wendy Cutler Principal, Twin Rivers Elementary (250-365-8465 ext. 650) or Teresa Berdusco, Director of Instruction (250-368-2236).

FES January Calendar



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Family Planner

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 School Re-Opens (First Day Back after Winter Holidays)	8	9	10 Red Mountain Staff at FES for Pre-Sizing Rental Equipment PIZZA LUNCH	11
14 PAC Meeting (6-7pm)	15	16	17 HOT DOG LUNCH	18 PAC Family Ski Night at Salmo
21	22	23 Mrs. Postnikoff's class - Avalanche Awareness Program	24 Mrs. Morissette's class - Avalanche Awareness Program PIZZA LUNCH	25 Gr.4-7 at Red Mountain Skiing
28	29	30	31 HOT DOG LUNCH	Feb 1 Gr.4-7 at Red Mountain Skiing