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NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

April 2016

Dear families,

Spring has finally arrived! Last month seemed to go by so quickly with report cards going out, Lock Down drill, PJ Day and a two week spring break.

Staff has been busy with a number of initiatives during our Professional Learning Community time including: reviewing the W.R.A.P. (Writing, Reading And Presenting) project at intermediate and making plans for next year, studying the new curriculum to prepare for implementation next year, school/community garden project, using the district assessment tool and examining data, learning about Aboriginal Understandings and resources, e-portfolio tools and primary language arts assessment.

Students are active in basketball now for peewee and bantam boys and girls. We have a number of Playground Buddy trainees that are ready to be buddies at the end of this week, Yoga and board games are busy activities at recess during the week. We also have a keen group of students from Mr. Ratzlaff's class who are leading us in the Energy Cup Challenge – looking for ways to conserve energy, such as "Lights Out Lunches, Flashlight Days, Sweater days (lowering classroom temps by one degree), etc.

And last, but not least, we have some parents who have been very busy as well: thank you to our PAC fundraisers, hot lunch organizer, bake sales organizers, poppers, PAC committee members, parent drivers, parent volunteers, and parents who support their children every day at home! Your involvement helps make FJN a great school!

Here are some pictures of various activities:

Energy Cup Challenge



Garden Studies – K



Intermediate W.R.A.P Showcase



Enjoy the blooms,
Susann Young

APRIL VIRTUE: COMMITMENT

What is Commitment?

Commitment is caring deeply about something or someone. It is the willingness to give your all to a friendship, a task, or something you believe in. It is the ability to make decisions and follow through on them. It is keeping your promises.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Apr 11 Bake Sale / PLC Early Dismissal
- Apr 18 Class Photos – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Apr 18 Hot Lunch/ PLC early dismissal
- Apr 18 – 20 – Scholastic Book Fair
- Apr 19 PAC Meeting - 6:30-8:00 pm
- Apr 25 PLC Early Dismissal
- Apr 27 Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation 6:30 pm
- Apr 28 School Track Meet at Rotary Bowl
- May 2 Hot Lunch/ PLC Early Dismissal
- May 9 PLC Early Dismissal
- May 13 Non-Instructional Day – PRO-D
- May 16 Curriculum Implementation Day – No Classes
- May 19 PAC Meeting – 6:30 – 8:00 pm

- May 23 Victoria Day Holiday – no classes
- May 26 Zone Track Meet
- May 30 Hot Lunch
- June 1 Aboriginal Celebration Day 12:30 – 2:30
- June 9 District Track Meet
- June 10 Fun Fair – PAC sponsored 4:00 – 8:00 pm
- June 13 Bake Sale
- June 21 PAC Social
- June 27 Grade 7 Dinner/Dance 4:30 – 7:00 pm
- June 28 Year End Assembly 12:30 – 1:00
- June 29 Fun Day 9:30-11:30, Last day of classes
- June 30 Administration Day – No classes

PARKING LOT UPDATE

Thank you to drivers for pulling over to drop off and pick up, and to those parking at Harry Whipper Park or walking with your children to and from school. We have noticed smoother movement through the parking lot during busy times and appreciate it ☺

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for September 2016 is well underway. **If you have not registered yet, we strongly recommend you do so, as we will soon be starting to look at class organization already this month.**

To obtain an assured space in your catchment-area school, you must register by June 15, 2016. If you know of any children of kindergarten age in the neighbourhood, we'd be pleased if you passed the word.

ATTENTION CHILDCARE PROVIDERS / BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL FACILITATORS

On Wednesday, April 27th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Frank J. Ney will be hosting our Welcome to Kindergarten event. We encourage Childcare Facilitators that provide Before and After School care to our community's children to be sure to contact the school before April 15th to register a table at our event. This will provide our new families with choices for care for their children as they enter school. We encourage Facilitators to come prepared with pamphlets or information sheets about your program and facility. Please contact our office to register with your company's name and contact number if you would like to attend this event.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

As we approach summer and more sunny days, parents are reminded to review the following guidelines with their children.

School is a place to work and learn and, as such, students are expected to dress in a manner that is conducive to this expectation. At school we rely on the good sense of students and their parents rather than a strict code as to what is suitable to wear to school.

- hats are not worn in the building, except in the classroom with the teacher's permission
- beach wear/leisure wear or clothes that are revealing are not acceptable (i.e. low cut tops, spaghetti straps, muscle t-shirts, halter tops, bare midriffs, bare backs)
- items of clothing that display offensive graphics/writing not appropriate for school
- shorts/skirts at a reasonable mid-thigh length
- tops must meet bottoms

STUDENT INFORMATION CHANGES

Keeping student information accurate and updated is very important. If a child becomes ill during school hours, or in case of an emergency, it is imperative that we have correct phone numbers in order to make contact. Please advise the school of new contact information, or an alternative number that can be called.

LIBRARY NEWS

Coming soon:

Frank J. Ney Spring Scholastic Book Fair is on April 18th to the 21st!

Book Fair – Mark it down in your calendars!

April 18th-21st 8:00-8:30/ 11:45-12:20 and 2:30-3:30 (1:30-2:30 on Monday) Help us in achieving our goal of \$2,100.00 – once we reach \$1,500.00 in sales, our school will receive 60% of the sales back to go towards new books for the library. Come out, have fun and support the Frank J Ney library.



FJ Ney School Garden update:

The purpose of this garden is to provide students with a space for outdoor learning, and give people a chance to work on something together that will benefit future generations.

With a generous grant from Island Savings, we are planning to construct a shed to store tools, with a metal roof to collect rainwater. We are looking for a handy parent or grandparent to help construct the shed (from a kit).

Also, if you are dividing up perennial herbs or berries, please consider donating them to our garden! We are also looking for donations of small hand tools, shovels, rakes, a wheelbarrow, watering cans, and large ceramic pots.

If you can help with any of the above, or weeding, watering and light maintenance (especially in the summer), please leave your contact info with the school 250-729-8045 or email the parent coordinator alexleslie.king@gmail.com.

Join our FaceBook group "FJ Ney School Community Garden" for more updates.



Welcome back to school!

I hope everyone enjoyed the Pizza on April Food Day – it's a pleasure being able to treat the school to something fun and different.

The last 2 big fundraisers of the year are fast approaching:

Spring Baskets by Devry Nurseries will be available in May. Forms have gone home and can be found on the FB page. I also sent it home in an email last week. There's a variety of things to choose from – strawberries, hanging baskets, tomatoes and herbs, flowers etc.... Order forms and payment must be in by April 13th.

Fun Fair – June 10th! We are ramping up for this event that happens every 2 years. It's a lot fun and the kids have a blast. The parents of FJN pull together and pull it off! We thank you in advance for your help and support in any way you can. We will be looking for help such as set up, clean up, manning stations, concession etc... Please contact Shayne Todd through FB or myself if you want to help.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- **Popcorn Days:** Tuesdays, \$1 per bag
- **Hot lunch Days:**
 - April 18 – Cobbs Bakery/Soup/Salad
- Hot lunch orders can be submitted up to 11 days prior to the actual day.
- To order, visit www.fjnpac.com. If you'd like to help with hot lunches you can sign up through the Munch A Lunch ordering system.

- The PAC has made some changes on the way we process payments for the hot lunches. The notice was posted on Facebook as well as emailed.
- **Bake Sale:** April 11th – class names to be announced soon.

The next PAC meeting is April 19, 2016 16th at 6:30 in the library. Childcare is available. Hope to see you then!

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NEXT PAC MEETING
Tuesday, April 19th
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
School Library
Everyone is Welcome!