



SCHOOL: Frank J Ney Elementary

YEAR: 2024-25

PRINCIPAL: Tanya Whiting



OUR SCHOOL

Frank J. Ney Elementary School is a vibrant learning community rooted in a unique natural setting that fosters outdoor learning and environmental stewardship.

Located on traditional Snuneymuxw territory, our school provides students with backyard access to inspiring spaces like Walley Creek, Two Bears Beach, and the Wellington Pump Station. These areas enrich our curriculum, allowing for hands-on exploration and strengthening our values of respect, responsibility, and resilience.

With a focus on reading and numeracy growth, we use creative, proven methods like district-wide reading assessments, UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Initiative), and technology-assisted learning. These approaches build foundational skills while fostering confidence and curiosity.

We are fortunate to have a highly engaged parent community, and our students, especially those in grade 7, embrace leadership roles, building a foundation for lifelong learning and active citizenship.

This fall, the reopening of Rutherford Elementary brings opportunities for growth and collaboration. We look forward to building partnerships, sharing resources, and embracing the positive changes this will bring.

Frank J. Ney Elementary is a place where students thrive, grow, and contribute meaningfully to their world.

OUR SCHOOL GOALS

Student Success

Increase literacy success rates for all students

Current, best-practice teaching methods combined with proven and meaningful triangulated assessments.

Student and Employee Wellness

Increase the number of Students who feel welcome, safe and have a sense of belonging in their school

Create a supportive and inclusive environment that fosters recognition, collaboration, and opportunities for professional growth to enhance employee engagement and sense of value.

Truth and Reconciliation

Create and share district-wide, Syeyutsus Principles of Teaching and Learning

Create opportunities for collaboration, dialogue, and professional learning to deepen understanding and integration of the NLPS district-wide Syeyutsus Principles of Teaching and Learning.



OUR CELEBRATION STORY

Last year was a transformative one for our school community, where a renewed sense of connection, belonging, and shared purpose took center stage. A major overhaul within our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) sparked a vibrant new energy, bringing fresh leadership with a new PAC Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. With longstanding members moving on as their children moved on to Dover Secondary, this new PAC has taken the reins with vision and enthusiasm, planning and hosting numerous community-building events, including Popcorn Sales, the Halloween Howl, PACnic, Fun Fair, the much-anticipated Raffle Baskets and more! These events have quickly woven themselves into the fabric of our school culture, becoming beloved traditions that draw families together and create lasting memories.

The impact of this revitalized PAC extends beyond events, as they have also set forth big plans for enhancing our school environment. Their vision includes the creation of outdoor learning spaces, revamping of our school grounds, and active engagement in natural restoration projects, all designed to enrich the school experience and foster a sense of pride and stewardship among students. These ambitions are shared and bolstered by our staff, many of whom are new to the school and bring a fresh enthusiasm to our collective goals.

The collaboration between PAC and our teachers has strengthened our sense of unity and purpose, sparking a wave of excitement that has permeated the school community. Together, we've laid the groundwork for lasting connections and a welcoming, supportive atmosphere that is felt by all students, staff, and families. Looking forward, this shared commitment to building a strong and inclusive community fuels us with renewed momentum. This year, we're ready to continue shaping Frank J. Ney Elementary into a place where every student and family truly feels they belong, supported by a thriving network of dedicated educators, engaged parents, and a PAC that believes in the power of community.