



# FRANK J NEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

The school year is well underway and it feels like we are off to a solid start at Frank Ney Elementary School. Our student enrolment is at 292 students registered in 13 divisions ranging in grades from K-7. This enrolment is up from last June as our community continues to grow. School wide and classroom behaviour expectations have been carefully reviewed along with our Code of Conduct rules. It is always appreciated when parents reinforce these rules with their children at home, a copy of both the Code of Conduct and behaviour expectations can be found in the front of the student planner for easy reference for both students and families, and the Code of Conduct is on our school website.

Earlier this month many of you had an opportunity to review your child's progress through our Parent-Teacher Conferences. It was great to see so many parents in throughout the week. If at any point throughout the year you have concerns or questions about your child's progress, please contact his/her classroom teacher by a written note in the planner or phone call to the school.

Many thanks to our PAC for a fabulous Hallowe'en Dance this past Friday. It was great to see so many families out having fun and connecting as a community. Thank you to the parents who gave their time and energy to plan and organize this fun event.

Looking forward to a great November, thanks for continuing to support both your own child(ren) and the larger Frank Ney community.

Yours in education,  
Mrs. Jacquie Poulin



## SECURITY PROTOCOL:

Ensuring safety for all students and school personnel is very important to us at Frank Ney Elementary School. To that end, adults visiting our school are required to report to the office first, sign in the visitor's book and obtain an '**Authorized Visitor**' pass from our secretary. This information is essential as it enables us to quickly determine the nature and length of your visit and account for all adults within the building in case of an emergency situation. **Please remember to always report to the office first upon arriving to school, even if you are well known to the office staff.** Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this very important safety concern.

## PLAYING IN THE GULLEY

The gulley/forested area between the school and Harry Wipper field is a wonderful, natural environment that many of our children love to play in. This space is used by many classrooms throughout the week as an 'outdoor education space' where children learn about respecting the outdoors, the environment, and how they can help keep our nature spaces sustainable. When children are playing in this space before and after school, please remind them to be respectful of the area which means not breaking branches, keeping the 'outdoor classroom space' intact, and generally being mindful of nature. Students are not allowed to play in this area during either of the recess breaks in the school day due to supervision challenges.

## PAC MEETINGS

These monthly meetings are open to all our parents of the Frank Ney School community. It is an excellent opportunity to provide your input and suggestions on matters concerning educational issues and provide support to the programs and activities at the school. Child minding is provided. November's meeting is on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY-PARKING LOT

Anyone driving children to Frank Ney is well aware of our daily traffic challenges. Drivers are urged to exercise extreme caution at all times in the parking lot as well as the drop off/pick up area.



Congestion at peak times (arrival, dismissal) means there are many children out and about. Please be extra vigilant when pulling in, backing out or driving through. We have many new youngsters and families using our parking lot this year. This is becoming a major issue both in front of the school and in the parking lot. Please do not park a vehicle in the drop off area, cars should not be in this area for more than a quick drop off or pick up. No vehicles should be in the drop off/pick up area without a driver in the vehicle, please do not park your vehicle and leave it in this area before school or after school.

## LICE

As we progress through the school year we would like to take this time to give parents some information about head lice if they are in need to check. Head lice do not carry disease, nor do they mean your child is dirty. Please contact the school if you find any head lice during these checks.

### **How do you check for head lice?**

To confirm a case of head lice, you need to find live lice. Children can have a few nits without actually having a case of head lice. Usually children have no more than 10 to 20 live lice.

- Good lighting is important when you are checking.
- Head lice move fast and are hard to see. They are usually found very close to the scalp, at the bottom of the neck and behind the ears.
- To look for nits, part hair in small sections, moving from one side to the other. Check carefully, looking close to the scalp.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER & SCHOOL CLOSURES:

It is that time of year again, when the school district would like to remind parents about school closure procedures. The most common reasons that schools might be closed are dangerous road conditions due to a heavy snowfall or ice.

If you are wondering if schools are open on a particular day, listen to local radio stations (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the mornings.

We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closures on the school district website, [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca), and on Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no announcement on the website or social media, please be sure to listen to local radio stations.

We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighbourhood that lead you to decide to keep your children home, even though schools are open.

## SPORTS AT FRANK NEY ELEMENTARY

The fall has seen the start of some of our extra-curricular activities. This year we started off with cross-country and football. It has been great to see the students out getting fit, and having some fun.

### ***Cross-Country Team***

This year we had upwards of 55 students come out to our lunch time practices each week. In the end, 43 students chose to go to the Zone Meet and enjoyed a beautiful run in the trails on a sunny Tuesday morning. Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the District Meet which is being held on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



### ***Football***

Our football teams have had a full season and are just starting play-offs this week - good luck!!

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL:

As noted in our student handbook, we do ask that students arrive to school shortly before the bell and leave quickly at the end of the day. Our morning and after school supervision is primarily at the front of the school to monitor students near the traffic at drop off and pick up. Thank you!

## CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Throughout the year, if problems or concerns arise, please do not hesitate to contact the school promptly. Our telephone number is 250-729-8045. If at any time you wish to make an appointment with your child's teacher, please contact our school secretary who will arrange a mutually convenient meeting time for both you and the teacher. The school office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## BE ON TOP OF SCHOOL EVENTS

As students bring home notices regarding fieldtrips, special events, school wide celebrations or classroom experiences that require some action on your part, immediately mark your calendar. If you need to prepare for an event, or we have a special hot lunch day, mark that on your calendar as well. Please sign permission slips immediately and return to school the next day. You'll be less likely to misplace them and the teacher will appreciate your promptness. **ALL CHEQUES** should be written to School District #68 for all school activities.

School re-opens Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### November

Thurs., Nov. 2 Photo Re-Takes  
Thurs., Nov. 2 District Cross-Country Meet  
Mon., Nov. 6 PAC Hot Lunch  
Fri., Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Assembly  
Mon., Nov. 13 Remembrance Day stat - schools closed  
Tues., Nov. 14 PAC mtg - 6:00 pm - Library  
Mon., Nov. 20 PAC Hot Lunch day  
Fri., Nov. 24 & Sat., Nov. 25 PAC Craft Fair  
Mon., Nov. 27 PAC Popcorn day

### December

Mon., Dec. 4 PAC Hot Lunch day  
Mon., Dec. 11 PAC Popcorn day  
Tues., Dec. 12 PAC mtg. - 6:00 pm - Library  
Thurs., Dec. 14 Christmas Concert  
Fri., Dec. 22 Last day before the Winter Break