



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 436 students registered in 18 divisions ranging in grades from Kindergarten to Grade 7. Our StrongStart has gone back to the regular morning hours and we are happy to see numbers increasing. School wide and classroom behaviour expectations have been carefully reviewed along with our Code of Conduct. It is always appreciated when parents reinforce these expectations with their children at home. A copy of both the Code of Conduct and behaviour expectations can be found in the student handbook which was sent home by email earlier in the year and can also be found on our school website.

Near the end of October, many of you had an opportunity to review your child's progress through our Formative Assessment 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, by email, or by a phone call to the school.

Many thanks to our PAC for a fabulous Hallowe'en Dance on October 30th. 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



DECEMBER HOLIDAY CONCERT!! -

SAVE THE DATE

After the amazing success of our Spring Concert last May, we have decided to go back to the Port Theatre for our December Holiday Concert. We have been fortunate to secure the date of Monday, December 9th for this concert. Many thanks to the PAC for helping us be able to return to this fabulous venue. More details coming soon, but in the meantime - please be sure to **SAVE THE DATE - MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**, on your calendars.

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.

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 19th. 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 note the upper section of the parking lot is for staff parking only and the upper loop is now clearly designated as "Bus Drop Off and Pick Up". Vehicles cannot stop in this area, and if you do end up behind the bus, please wait patiently and do not attempt to pass it while it is parked.



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, 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. It has been great to see the students out getting fit, and having some fun.



Cross-Country Team

This year we had 43 students go to the Zone Meet and enjoyed a beautiful run in the trails on a sunny Wednesday morning. Congratulations to the following students who then qualified for the District Meet which is being held on Tuesday, November 5th.

Coach - Mr. Ratzlaff & Mr. Rolls

Tyke Boys: Bodin O., Nate B., Jacob J.

Tyke Girls: Victoria S., Adrianna L.

Peewee Girls: Desirae P., Kendra L., Sophia O., Emily M., Eve S.

Bantam Boys: Luke J.

Bantam Girls: Alexis S., Sarah T., Kate H., Elizabeth P., Charlotte S.

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 either ends of the school to monitor students during 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 3:00 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.



Brechin Annual Ski & Sport Ski Swap - November 22-24th

It's that time of year again! Come drop off your sport, ski, snow consignment items on Saturday, November 22 from 8-2pm or come shop on Saturday, November 23rd 1-5pm and Sunday, November 24th 9am-12pm We also take donations! Lacrosse, hockey, ski, snowboards, skates, soccer cleats, boots, toques, gloves, jackets... you name it, you can find it, consign it, or donate it! brechinpac@gmail.com or call the school 250-754-7523 for more information. Donations can be dropped off at any time between now and the sport swap.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November

Tues., Nov. 5	District Cross-Country Meet
Wed., Nov. 6	PAC Snack Shop
Fri., Nov. 8	Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:45 am
Mon., Nov. 11	Remembrance Day stat - schools closed
Wed., Nov. 13	PAC Hot Lunch (pre-ordered)
Tues., Nov. 19	WE Day - student leaders
Tues., Nov. 19	PAC mtg - 6:00 pm - Library
Wed., Nov. 20	PAC Snack Shop
Wed., Nov. 27	PAC Hot Lunch (pre-ordered)

December

Wed., Dec. 4	PAC Snack Shop
Mon., Dec. 9	Whole School Holiday Concert - Port Theatre
Wed., Dec. 11	PAC Hot Lunch (pre-ordered)
Tues., Dec. 17	PAC mtg.
Wed., Dec. 18	PAC Snack Shop
Fri., Dec. 20	Last day before the Winter Break

School re-opens Monday, January 6th, 2020

