



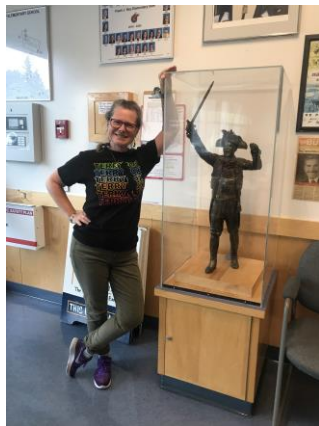
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Principal's Message

“Let the leaves fall where they may – Welcome October – Autumn is here.” -- Charmaine Forde

It is with great excitement that we have welcomed in October. We closed off the month of September with our Orange Shirt Day and Terry Fox Run. While we weren't able to do a all school run as a part of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope, we did do class and cohort runs to keep his dream alive. Thank you to all who donated to support this important cause. (Mrs. Fraser is stylin' her Terry Fox T-shirt along side Frank J. Ney.)



We hope everyone had a relaxing Thanksgiving Weekend and have eased into the rest of October. We look forward to connecting with parents during our upcoming Formative Assessment Conferences – please remember that we have early dismissal days from October 19 – 22. Students are dismissed on those days at 1:20 PM (1 hour earlier than normally).

We look forward to a great year working with both our students and parents. Your involvement in your child's daily school experience is vital to their success. Be sure to take the time to chat with your child each day about classroom activities, to provide regular homework and reading time, and to check planners for information from the school. We always encourage parents to reach out and connect with our Frank J. Ney staff through email or through the office phone.

Have a wonderful October!

Sincerely,
Patrick Young
DJ Thompson

Nut Aware School

Due to staff / student allergies, Frank J. Ney Elementary is a: **Nut Aware** Site. Please help keep our learning environment safe for all by keeping our site free of nuts and items containing nuts!

Important Dates

Following are some of our upcoming important dates. Please check out our [“Year At A Glance”](#) calendar under the “News & Calendar” section of our website. It already lists most of this year's events/dates and will be updated during the school year.

Early Dismissal (Formative Assessment Conferences)	October 19-22. (School hours: 8:40-1:20)
PAC Meeting	Tuesday, October 20 (6 PM)
Non-Instructional Day (Provincial PSA)	Friday, October 23
Student Photos Retakes	Tuesday, October 27
Daylight Savings Ends (Back an Hour)	Sunday, November 1
Remembrance Day (Stat)	Wednesday, November 11
Ladysmith Light-up	Thursday, November 26

- PAC meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6 PM (Online during Phase 2.)

Access to our School Site

As we continue to work within Phase 2 of our COVID school plan, the school site continues to be open only to school staff and students. We thank our families and staff for quickly learning how to effectively communicate despite these limitations. If you need to connect with a teacher, you may call the school and arrange a telephone, online or outside meeting.

Formative Assessment Conferences & Early Dismissal

A reminder that **next week is our early dismissal days and Formative Assessment Conferences**. Students are dismissed at 1:20 PM (an hour early) Monday to Thursday. If you haven't already done so, please sign-up online for a meeting time with your child's teacher. Look for two previously sent emails; (a) one email explains how to sign-up for appointments using [School Appointments Online](#), and (b) another email from your child's teacher shares if the teacher will be connecting with you through an online meeting or over the phone. We look forward to meeting with you.

The Formative Assessment Conferences allow teachers to connect with each student's parent/guardian to provide information about their child's progress over the first part of the school year. They will focus on Language Arts, Mathematics and Behaviours for Success.

Cashless Payment System (KEV)

Most of our parents have successfully signed up for our Cashless Payment System. If you haven't, please do so since it is used for items require payment and for distribution of school/district permission forms.

If you need help signing up, please call the school and we will gladly assist you.

Dress Code & Dressing for the Weather

Our unpredictable fall weather has arrived. Please send your child to school prepared for the uncertain weather. Boots, gloves, warm jackets are a necessity at this time of year, even though the weather may seem mild and rain-free in the morning. Layered clothing is always a good choice as students can remove or add clothing as necessary. We do plan to have many outside days.

A reminder that due to COVID protocols, we are asking that students bring their personal items (including clothing) to and from school each day.

Great BC Shakeout

On Thursday, October 15th, our school participated in the Great BC ShakeOut. During this event, school's across BC practice an Earthquake drill. This is always a good time for families to review their plans in the event an earthquake happens. Please check out our "[Student Safety Brochure](#)" that is located on our website under the "Students and Parents" section.

Halloween at FJN

We know Halloween will have a different feel this year. It is important to us to keep our Halloween experience alive for our students. Students are invited to wear costumes (no blood or weapons) on October 30th. We will send out more information just prior to the date to clarify guidelines around what students may bring. There will be no sharing of baked goods due to our safety guidelines. Happy Halloween!



Absence from School

If your child is going to be away from school for any reason, please let the school know as soon as possible. You can let the school know by calling and speaking with the secretary, by leaving a message on the answering machine (250-729-8045), or by emailing the secretary at info.FN@sd68.bc.ca.

Our shared goal is to keep the school as safe as possible, especially during our current COVID pandemic. If you child has a cough or fever, or other flu symptoms, please keep them safely at home. Thanks for already being proactive in this regard.

Emergency Kits & a BIG Thank You to PAC

A BIG Thank You to our PAC and helpful parents who have worked on organizing our Emergency Kits. A group of parents gave up the better part of a day re-organizing the Emergency Kits to help ensure we are prepared in the event of an emergency.



New families are asked to bring in Emergency Kits and a few students will be contacted to bring in new kits if their old ones have expired. If you have already submitted an Emergency Kit for your child in previous years, and haven't been contacted to update the kit, your child has everything in place.

Safety in the Parking Lot

Our school parking lot is a very busy place. It is important to know that we have a school bus that does drop off and pick up every day. Please help us ensure every child stays safe and reduce congestion by respecting the intended flow of traffic. Our parking lot and Williamson Road can be extremely congested. Please be PATIENT, COURTEOUS DRIVERS, and respect all our signs. Also, remind your children to cross the street safely. Thank you!

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

A reminder that our wonderful Parent Advisory Council meets once per month; on the third Tuesday of each month @ 6 PM. During COVID-times, the meetings are held online. The Frank Ney PAC invites parents to join them to learn more about what they do and see how you can become involved. The PAC may be contacted at fnpacchair@gmail.com and via their Facebook page. *Please see the adjoining PAC Newsletter for additional information.*

Re-Imagine Nanaimo



What kind of City will Nanaimo be in 20+ years?

We want to hear from all ages!

Let's REIMAGINE our future – together.
Our City, Our Voices.

REIMAGINE NANAIMO is our once-a-decade opportunity to create a collective vision and road map for our future City. As our population grows to 100,000 residents and beyond, we need to collectively imagine how we evolve and grow to better meet the needs of all in future.

Two key ways you can participate in Phase 1 REIMAGINE NANAIMO:

1. [Ideas Questionnaire](#) – If you do anything, do this! Great prizes available
2. [Creative Community Contest](#) – Anyone can participate (kids too!). Express your ideas for Nanaimo's future through photo, drawing, collage, poetry & more!

Phase 1 opportunities are **open until November 30th**. Please take a few minutes to participate in planning Nanaimo's future! Visit getinvolvednanaimo.ca/reimagine-nanaimo for full details.

Have a Great October!

