SIR JOHN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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| **SCHOOL TRUSTEE:** Jennifer Reddy | **PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR:** Selina Tribe |

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday October 5 Goal Setting Conferences (students will be dismissed at 2 pm)

Thursday, October 6 Goal Setting Conferences (students will be dismissed at 2 pm)

Monday, October 11 Thanksgiving holiday – school is not in session

Thursday, October 13 Individual Photo Day

Tuesday, October 18 Great Canadian Shake Out Earthquake Drill @ 2:00 p.m.

Monday, October 24 Last day to order for the Fruit and Veggie Fundraiser

Friday, October 21 District Pro-D Day – students do not attend school

Monday, October 31 Halloween

**Prncipal’s Message**

Dear families,

 It is hard to believe that September is behind us, we are well in to the second month of the school year already, and our students are settled easily into their regular school routines, including the newest members of the school – our Kindergarten students!

 I have enjoyed the many conversations I have had with parents during drop off and pick-up and am getting to know more and more of the students each and every day. I’m so impressed with the warm and friendly manner in which our students greet me each day. It makes me feel like I’ve been a fixture at the school for many years!

Each year, a package of important information is sent home with students. It includes all the essential information the school requires both from you and for you. Please sign and return all required information to the office as soon as possible.

Please review our Code of Conduct information with your child. We teach and reinforce the concepts in the code of conduct throughout the school year through announcements, assemblies, presentations, and in class activities. Creating a positive and safe school climate is an ongoing focus for our school that we hope you will join us in encouraging.

Newsletters are emailed home each month, but current information is also posted on our school website for your convenience. Franklin School is a very dynamic place and we try our best to keep you up to date on events and activities where possible. We look forward to working together with you this year!

As we get closer to the Thanksgiving Day long weekend I am mindful of the many things we are thankful for here at Franklin, such as the diversity and complexity of our school community. Within these walls, we represent many countries, numerous languages, different backgrounds, cultures and customs which all come together in marvelous concert. At Franklin we honour this diversity through our belief in, and practice of, inclusion. Inclusion is many things but at its heart it is the commitment to value and educate every child who enters our doors. As I become more familiar with the school and community it is evident that the Franklin students, staff and parents work together to create an inclusive atmosphere that is evident throughout the school and its grounds. Please join us in celebrating who we are together!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dan Knibbs



This year we will continue to refer to the framework of Heart-Mind Well-Being (co-developed by the Dalai Lama Center for Peace + Education and UBC’s Human Early Learning)to support students’ social emotional development represented by the five human qualities: *Secure and Calm, Compassionate and Kind, Alert and Engaged, Gets Along with Others, Solves Problems peacefully*.

For the month of October, we will be examining the domain GETS ALONG WITH OTHERS - the ability to form positive and healthy relationships with peers and adults as we are all forming new connect*ons* at this early point in the year*.*

How do we educate the mind and the heart? Why do we promote social emotional learning in children? To learn more, have a look at the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66HDe_sr9FQ>

**FSA –THE FOUNDATON SKILLS ASSESSMENT**: (FSA) will be administered from October 11th - November 12th to Grades 4 and 7 students in British Columbia. Information is available at [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa%20%20) . This is a Ministry mandated assessment and consists of both a paper and online component. Assessments are written in class during the regular classroom program. A notice was sent home IN September to parents of all grade 4 and 7 students at Franklin from Superintendent Suzzane Hoffman. This letter outlines details of the assessment including ‘Facts about the FSA, and ‘participation guidelines’. Parents may direct any questions or concerns to the Principal. Individual student reports will be ready to send home by the end of April.

FSA sample questions are available anytime at: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/sample_tests.htm>

**PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)**

# The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, October 12 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm on Zoom:

PAC is a great way to get involved with your child's school, meet new people, and work together to build the vibrant Franklin community. Please contact Selina Tribe for more information (selina.tribe@gmail.com).

# All Franklin parents are welcome to join.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89974369897?pwd=THplSU9DbnVQTlkzVXBDR1RLZWFrZz09>



**The Great British Columbia ShakeOut Tuesday, October 18, 2022.**

On October 18, 2022 at 2:00 pm our students will be taking part in a locally-driven, province wide earthquake drill. We will be evacuating the building and assembling on the field, activating our various site emergency teams and conducting a sample reunification drill . All residents, agencies, businesses, and organizations across British Columbia are encouraged to take part in the largest earthquake drill in Canadian history! You can find information and download posters at <https://www.shakeoutbc.ca/>



# Terry Fox Run: Our Terry Fox run was on Friday, September 23rd, our students managed to raise $575.00 for Cancer Research. Thank you to all families for their donations.

**HALLOWEEN 2022**

Students are encouraged to wear their costumes to school on Monday, October 31. We will continue the tradition of a Halloween parade at school. Just a reminder: cultural identity and cultural clothing are not costumes. We encourage our students to be creative and culturally educated when picking a Halloween costume. Props will be kept in the classroom during recess and lunch. We are asking students to leave toy weapons that go with their costumes at home.

**PICK UP AND DROP OFF REMINDER**

In accordance with the district’s policy and to keep everyone safe, families/students are reminded to arrive as close to the bell as possible and leave as soon as students are dismissed. Parents are reminded to be mindful of maintaining physical distancing at pick up and drop off – and to wait for students within eyesight, but not in large groups and to maintain physical distancing.

SAFE ARRIVAL - If your child will be absent or late for school, please inform the school office by leaving a brief message with your child’s name and division number or your child’s teacher’s name at (604) 713-4709 before 9:00 am. Thank you.

FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER – The PAC is having a healthy choice fundraising by selling top quality fruit and vegetables. The deadline for ordering is Monday, October 24th. An order form was sent home with your child last week. The bundles will be delivered on Monday, November 7th on the south side of the school. Orders may be done online or by cash/cheque. Please note that regardless of payment method, all paper order MUST be returned to the office for final processing. We have attached another order form. Thank you for you support!

CUTLERY – please remember to send your child with cutlery when required. We only are able to supply cutlery for those who order hot lunch on Thursdsays. Thank you for you understanding.

ALLERGY POLICY

Franklin School is allergy-aware!

Please note that parents are asked to avoid sending foods containing nut or peanut products to school with their children due to severe allergies to these particular foods.

As peanut/nut butter tends to stick to surfaces, please wash your child’s hands if you give them these foods for breakfast before school.

If there are questions or concerns, please contact Ms. McDonnell for further information. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.