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Dear Fraser Families:

Welcome back, and a Happy New Year!!!

Please continue to dress your children appropriately for this cold, wet wintry weather. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Fraser staff for their continued good work and efforts to make sure your children get the best educational experience possible. Second term is in full swing, and we look forward to meeting with you for parent/teacher conferences on February 17th and 18th.

Please continue to contact your child's teacher should you have questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Grade Seven Articulation

The teachers and support staff working with the grade seven students are currently working with Secondary schools to prepare the students for high school. Teams from the Secondary schools are making visits to Fraser to meet with the students and acquaint them with the programs available. Some of the students who have applied for the District Mini Schools have written the Test for Cognitive Skills. We wish them all the best in attaining stellar results. Please check the VSB website for additional information about parent orientation sessions. Hamber staff will present to our grade 7's on January 25th at 10:50.

Kindergarten Registration for

September 2010 is now open for all children (born in the year 2005) who live in Simon Fraser School catchment area. It is very important to register by January 29th to ensure a space in your neighbourhood school. The

School Office is open from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Please bring original copies of the following documents: Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, BC Care Card, and Proof of Residency (tenancy agreement or property assessment). If you know of any neighbourhood children that will turn 5 by December 31, 2010, please pass this information along.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our second set of student conferences will be held Wednesday, February 17th and Thursday, February 18th. This term, most teachers have organized Student Led Conferences. This format provides a tremendous opportunity for parents to gain an understanding of what their child is learning. Our staff hopes that every parent will be able to attend.

Early dismissal will be as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 17th & Thursday, Feb. 18th

AM (Div 8K) Kindergarten	10:30 a.m.
PM (Div 9K) Kindergarten & Grades 1-7	2:00 p.m.

Mount Pleasant Community Centre

You are cordially invited to the Opening Celebrations of the new Mount Pleasant Centre at 1 Kingsway: Saturday, January 16th, 2010. Formal Ceremonies 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Community Centre Gymnasium Open House and Tours 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

New Superintendent

Steve Cardwell, the new Superintendent of The Vancouver Board of Education will be coming to Fraser School for a visit with the students and staff on Friday, January 15th.

Olympic Torch Relay

The students and staff have been asked by the Mount Pleasant Business Community to make a banner and line up along Main Street to cheer when the Olympic Torch Relay passes by on February 11th or 12th. Families are welcome to join us. We will send a little notice home once we know exactly when this will happen.



Spirit Day

The Student Council has proclaimed January 20th to be Spirit Day. They are asking all students and staff to dress up as your favourite "profession" (eg. teacher, doctor, pilot...)

One to One Literacy Volunteers

One to One Literacy Society is looking for volunteers who are able to dedicate two to



three hours a week during the day to read with students. If you are interested in becoming a One to One Literacy Volunteer please call the Society at 604-255-5559 or on line at volunteer@one-to-one.ca Upcoming training session are January 13th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. OR January 23rd from 9 am to noon.

A New Club at Fraser

Ms. Adrian will be starting another **Action School's Peer Helper Club** this month. To encourage more physical activity during recess and lunch, the following students from Divisions 1-4 will help teach various games such as hopscotch, four square and skipping games to the primary classes. This club will meet on various Fridays during school hours to prepare themselves. A huge **Thank you** goes out to the following club members: Jeannette, Edinah, Joselle, Jomel, Joanne, Davida, Shelly, Courtney, Daniel L., Raymond and Michael. Members please note that the first meeting will be on Friday 22nd not the 20th as previously planned.

Boy Smarts - Effective Strategies for Parenting Boys

This workshop will address what it takes for parents, caregivers and professionals to mentor boys to become exceptional men:

When: Tuesday, February 2, 2010 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Where: Dr. George Weir Elementary Gym
2900 E 44th Avenue

Cost: \$10/person til January 29th
\$15/person at the event if space permits

You can purchase your tickets from Dr. George Weir Elementary or from David Oppenheimer Elementary.

Bake Sale

Division 3 is having a bake sale at recess on January 29th. Items will range in price from 50¢ - \$2. Bring your quarters, loonies and toonies. Yum-yum!



Sports Update

Basketball season has begun at Simon Fraser. Our school will feature 3 teams this year. Jr. Boys, Sr. Boys and Sr. Girls teams will be competing in the Vancouver District for the next 5 weeks. A Complete schedule of all games will be on display in the school on the Sports and Athletics boards. Good luck to all teams this season!



Huge THANKS to our coaches; Tony Ramsell, Jon Hooton, Sean Hughes and Laura Rudland.

Digital Online Resources

The VSB has many resources available to students and their families; example World Book Encyclopedia, The

Vancouver Sun, Province, Globe and Mail and many library resources. To access this information go to <http://webcat.vsb.bc.ca> then open the databases tab at the top of the page. For most resources when login is required please use:

username: 39fr
password: library

For newspapers use frspaper@vsb.bc.ca

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| Jan. 14 | Infinitus Performance
at Cavell @ 9:30 |
| Jan. 15 | Superintendent Visits Fraser |
| Jan. 20 | Spirit Day - Dress up as your favourite
Profession |
| Jan. 22 | Action Schools Peer Helper training |
| Jan. 29 | Bake Sale @ recess |
| Feb. 17 | Student-Led Conferences
Gr. 1-7/PM K's - dismissed at 2:00
AM K's - dismissed at 10:30 |
| Feb. 18 | Student-Led Conferences
Gr. 1-7/PM K's - dismissed at 2:00
AM K's - dismissed at 10:30 |

Sincerely,

Milana Christie
Principal

