

# Simon Fraser Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER No. 2

October 6, 2011

### Dear Parents and Guardians:

Thanks to families for your support during the busy month of September. Students are now settled into their new classes and the fall term is well underway. Our intermediate students have signed up for leadership roles within the school as lunch monitors, office monitors and morning announcements. 31 students from Grades 2 - 7 are participating in Cross Country Team. Volleyball teams and Intra-murals will be starting soon.

At our first assembly we reviewed the school's Code of Conduct - Be Safe! Be Kind! Be Fair! . I am impressed by the thoughtfulness of students at Fraser and the respect and caring they show towards each other.

### EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Thanks to those parents who have returned the zip lock bag to the classroom with special items for your child should an emergency occur. It is rare that an emergency situation happens at school but it is important that students are prepared if an emergency does occur. We will be practicing the following procedures throughout the school year:

#### **Fire Drills**

Fire Drills are scheduled regularly throughout the school year. During this procedure students exit the school as quickly and quietly as possible. We had our first Fire Drill in September and the students did

an excellent job exiting the school quietly within 3 minutes.

#### **Earthquake Drills**

On Thursday Oct.13<sup>th</sup> we will be having our first Earthquake Drill. This will be a drill emphasizing the procedures of "Duck, Cover, Hold" counting, buddy classes, exits to use and taking our belongings out to the gravel field. We will not be doing a full drill until later in the school year where we will practice releasing students to their parents or their emergency contact.

#### **Code Red**

Code Red occurs when there is an emergency situation within the school that calls for a full lockdown. The announcement "Code Red" will be made over the PA system. Any student not in their classroom will go to the nearest classroom and all classroom doors will be locked.

#### **Code Yellow**

Code Yellow occurs when there is an emergency situation outside the school. At this time "Code Yellow" will be announced over the PA system. Students outside the school will know to return to the school and all exterior doors will be locked.

#### **Code Green**

Code Green is announced after a Code Red or Code Yellow indicating all clear.

#### **EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS - OCT. 25<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup> CANCELLED**

As you know, the teachers are currently in Job Action which is

limiting the work that they will perform. One of the things teachers will not do during job action is participate in meetings with parents or guardians or meet the teacher activities unless coverage is provided. Teachers may still have informal conversations with parents as they choose. Regularly, parents visit schools and talk to teachers informally about their child or children. However, these conversations are not the formal Meet the Teacher events or Parent/Teacher Conferences.

On an annual basis, we have early dismissals for the purpose of Parent/Teacher Conferences and we also have events like Meet the Teacher Night. Unfortunately it was necessary to cancel Meet the Teacher Night this year and will also be necessary to cancel the scheduled early dismissal times for Goal Setting Conferences on **October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**. These two days will be **regular instructional days from 9:00 am to 3:01 pm**.

#### **CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

31 students from Grades 2 - 7 are participating in Cross Country this year. Practices are Tuesdays with Mini-meets on Thursdays at Douglas Park. The District Meet will be on Thursday Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at Trout Lake. Thanks to Tony Ramsell, Jon Hooton, Helen French, Lindy Rocke and parents who have generously given their time to coach and support the team.



Best of luck to all participants at the District Meet at Trout Lake.

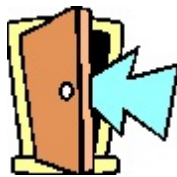


### MEDICATION

If your child requires medication to be administered at school, please visit the office and ask for a "Request for Administration of Medication at School" form. If necessary, you are welcome to discuss your child's medical condition with our school nurse, Nancy Skucas.

### KINDERGARTEN DOOR

The door by the office is for our Kindergarten students and their families only. All other students are asked/remembered to use the door at the top of the ramp. Thank you for your cooperation.



### STAFF LIST

Div 1	Mr. Murphy	Grade 6/7
Div 2	Ms. French	Grade 6/7
Div 3	Ms. Rudland	Grade 5
Div 4	Ms. Naples	Grade 3/4
Div 5	Mr. Hughes	Grade 2/3
Div 6	Ms. Rocke	Grade 1/2
Div 7	Mrs. Korchinski	Grade 1
Div 8K	Mrs. Goodearle	Kindergarten
Div 9K	Mrs. Ong	Kindergarten

Support Workers: Melissa Alexander, Clare Ferko/Krystyna Shipley, Matthew Fielding, Lidija Gollner, Amanda Hill, Jon Hooton, Vivian Lu, Gerry Sharpe, and Traci Taylor.

P.E. - Tony Ramsell  
Library - Pam Girone  
Primary Resource - Joanne Cox  
Intermediate Resource - Ali Cumiskey  
Counsellor - Lynne Cosgrove  
Secretary - Lori Eppler  
Principal - Ruth Wrinch

### NEWS FROM THE PAC EXECUTIVE

The year is off to a great start and we had a wonderful turnout and lots of keen volunteers at the September PAC meeting! At the next meeting parents will be voting on funding for programs, activities, performances and other enrichment activities at Fraser in 2011/12. If you have an idea for the PAC to consider, contact us with your suggestion to get on the agenda. Come to the October 24th meeting ready to present your idea and cast your vote!

### Fundraising & Events

The Simon Fraser Elementary fundraising committee needs organizers! We will be meeting soon to discuss possible events for the 2011/12 school year. If you would like to come along, please contact Karen Nicolay at [karennigel@hotmail.ca](mailto:karennigel@hotmail.ca).

Coming soon: Family Dinner Night (November) and the Gift Card Fundraising Program (December)

### Special Lunch Program

The first special lunch - pizza day! - happened yesterday to great success with thanks to the bulk ordering system. Next lunch: sushi day on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.



**Next PAC Meeting:** Monday, October 24th (new date!)

### Contact the PAC:

[pac2011@simonfraserelementary.com](mailto:pac2011@simonfraserelementary.com)

Remember, all the latest updates and events are posted on the school website:

[www.simonfraserelementary.com](http://www.simonfraserelementary.com).

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	District Closure Day
Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving-No School
Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Provincial Pro-D Day <u>No School for Students</u>
Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm
Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Photo Retake Day
Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sushi Day

Sincerely,

Ruth Wrinch  
Acting Principal

# Happy Thanksgiving

