

# Simon Fraser Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER No. 3

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### Dear Parents and Guardians:

Our thanks go out to all the families who are making time to meet with the teachers during the Goal Setting conferences on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. However, conference time is not the only opportunity to communicate with your child's teacher about his/her progress. We recognize the importance of regular communication with you, and would like to be prepared appropriately to discuss your child. To that end, we ask that you please book an appointment with your child's teacher, rather than trying to fit an important discussion into five minutes before class begins.

As Halloween approaches, we are getting ready for all kinds of fall activities. Enjoy this wonderful season which John Keats referred to as the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". Also, remember that you are always a welcome guest at our school wide Assemblies. Our next Assembly will be on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 11 am.

### Library News

The Scholastic Book Fair is now on, until Thursday. The hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 8:45-9:45 and Tuesdays and Wednesday 2:00-5:00. Come and support your Library!

### Student Council

We are looking for students in grades 1 to 7 who would be willing to represent their class on Student Council. Mr. Murphy and Ms. Christie wish to thank all students who will

be representing their peers on the Council. The first meeting will be called for next week. Please listen to the announcements for the time and place.

### Goal Setting Conferences; tips for parents

Some parents say that their child's conference is one of the most valuable things they attend all year. What a perfect opportunity for you to sit down with your child and his/her teacher to discuss learning and social goals for the year. When your child sees your interest in their learning success, it boosts their desire to succeed.

Some questions for parents to think about prior to conferences:

- 1) How do you feel your child is adjusting to the school and the classroom this year?
- 2) What are your goals/expectations for your child at school this term?
- 3) What are your child's interests and strengths?
- 4) Are you able to provide support for your child with homework assignments? Is there a consistent time to read together?
- 5) Are there any concerns you would like us to be aware of: medical, academic, social, emotional?
- 6) What does your child communicate to you about her/his time at school?

### Some questions you may wish to ask the teacher?

- 1) Is my child meeting your expectations?
- 2) How does my child get along with other children?
- 3) Does my child complete the assignments to the best of his/her ability?
- 4) Does my child come to class prepared to work?
- 4) Does my child show responsibility for her/his behaviour as well as personal and school property?
- 5) What can I do to help?

Here are some things that will help you get ready for your child's conference:

- 1) Talk to your child. Ask him/her to tell you what he/she thinks are the best and worst subjects - and why. Ask if he/she has any questions to ask the teacher.
- 2) Write down your questions. Ask things such as: Is my child in different groups for different subjects?
- 3) Does my child participate in class discussion and activities?
- 4) Think of things the teacher needs to know. You know your child better than anyone else. Sharing some of what you know with the teacher will make it easier to meet your child's needs.
- 5) **Arrive on time.** Teachers usually have many conferences scheduled

during conference times. Arriving on time will allow you to take full advantage of the time the teacher has made available for you.

- 6) Create an action plan. Ask the teacher what you can do at home to reinforce what's happening at school. Try to get at least one or two specific suggestions.

Ms. Tegreeny (RALya Elementary School Michigan USA)



### Walkathon

Thank you for collecting your pledges. All pledges are due on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Students who collect all of their pledges by October 25<sup>th</sup> will be eligible for a prize, and classes who have completed collection by this date will receive a pizza party.



### Gift Card Program

Thanks to all of you who are supporting our PAC sponsored Gift Card Program. Our school benefits because of the percentage that comes back to the school for each of the cards that are purchased.

### Cross-Country

The Simon Fraser Cross-Country team has enjoyed another successful season. The final District Meet will be taking place at Trout Lake Park on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Parents and other spectators are encouraged to come out and support the team.

### News from Div. 1

The students of division 1 are having a flea market on the 19th and 20th of October. It will start at 2 pm and end at 6 pm. There will be a large range of items to choose from. Prices will range from 50¢ to \$10. The flea market will take place in the undercover area. Money from the flea market will cut down the price of field trips for division 1. Please bring some money and the will to buy things that will be lots of fun!

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Goal Setting Conferences - Students dismissed at 2:00
- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Goal Setting Conferences - Students dismissed at 2:00
- Oct. 19-21 Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct. 21 District Cross-Country Track Meet 1:00 @ Trout Lake
- Oct. 22 **Pro-D Day**  
**No School Today**
- Oct. 25 Walk-a-thon \$\$\$ and pledge sheets due!
- Oct. 26 Photo Retake Day
- Oct. 28 PAC Meeting  
6:30 - 8:00
- Oct. 29 Pizza Lunch



**F.Y.I. We set our clocks BACK 1 hour on Sunday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>!!!**

Sincerely,

Milana Christie,  
Principal