

# Simon Fraser Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER No. 2

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### Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to school! The staff at Fraser is ready to help your child enjoy many successes in learning this year. Thank you all for your cooperation and support as we moved the students into their new classes for this year. Thank you to those parents who helped orient our new families and thereby ease their transition into a new school. Once again this year we have 9 Divisions, with a morning and an afternoon Kindergarten. Fraser is scheduled to implement full day Kindergarten next year.

This year we are also excited to welcome our new neighbour, the Mount Pleasant childcare centre. We look forward to planning common activities. An official opening is being planned for later in the fall. I welcome your questions, as I believe that we are partners in supporting your child's learning.

### Staffing Update

We have a number of new staff members: Mr. Murphy (Gr. 6/7), Ms. Naples (Gr. 3/5), Vivian Lu (SSSA) and Ms. Dolder (primary resource) is returning from maternity leave. We are all excited to be a part of the Fraser community and look forward to an excellent year.

### Meet the Teacher

Please join us for Meet the Teacher evening on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 - 7:30. There will be two information sessions: one starting at 6:30, the other starting at 6:45. This will allow you to visit

more than one classroom in case you have two children. At 7:00 we will all convene in the gym for general school information.

### New Lunch Arrangements

In order to provide intramural sports activities during the lunch hour, the students will be eating lunch in their classrooms, starting on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Supervision will be provided by our support workers, supervision aides, Ms. Christie and Grade 6/7 big buddies. Sincere thanks to Tony Ramsell, our PE Teacher extraordinaire, for organizing and supervising lunch hour games.

### Community School Daycamps

We understand that the District closure days may cause some challenges for working parents. The Community School Team, which normally runs our after school programs is planning to run day camps, starting on November 12. We hear there may be a bouncy Castle! More information will follow about signing up, including information about the additional 5 days for Spring Break.

### Safe Arrival

If your child will be late or away for the day, please advise our Secretary, Mrs. Eppler by phoning the office at 604-713-4946. When a student is late arriving at school it is requested that he/she check in with the office before going to the classroom. If a student needs to leave the school for any reason he/or she needs to sign out on the

form provided in the office. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Student Information Forms

I want to thank everyone in advance for your prompt attention to all the necessary forms that need to be completed and returned to the school ASAP. I know it may seem redundant but the earthquake information is kept in a few different places just in case one area is not accessible in the event of earthquake.

- 1) The green Student Information Verification Forms - please sign and return even if there aren't any changes
- 2) The yellow Serious Health Conditions
- 3) The blue Media Consent Form
- 4) The blue Emergency Preparedness Card along with the comfort kit in the large baggie provided

### School Supplies Fees

The Vancouver School Board purchases basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices resulting in a cost-saving for families. The School Supply Fee is \$25 per full time student and \$12.50 per half day Kindergarten student. A separate notice was sent home today. We would appreciate payment of fees by September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### 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, Cheryl Orlovsky.

### School Grounds Supervision

Fraser staff provide supervision on our east playground before and after school from:

8:40 to 8:55 AM before school

3:01 to 3:15 PM after school

Our two Supervision Aides Romeo Dimatulac and Lil Crimeni, provide playground supervision at recess and lunch.

**REMINDER: There is no supervision after 3:15 PM, therefore, it is imperative that you pick your child(ren) up promptly.**



### Terry Fox Run

We will be having our Terry Fox Run on Thursday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. We will not be doing the pledge sheets, instead we are asking each student to bring a toonie (\$2.00) or whatever you can afford to contribute. Students from Mr. Murphy's class will come around to classrooms with the donation bucket each day starting next week. Thank you for your support.

### Office Telephone

The office telephone is not to be used to make social arrangements. Please encourage your child to make their arrangements before arriving at school or there is a pay telephone in the hallway just outside the gym that can be used for social arranging. The office has been getting bombarded with students wishing to call home to get permission for social arrangements. Thank you for your support!



### Allergy Alert

We have students who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products.

Therefore, **WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL**. Please do not include nuts and nut products in lunches or snacks. Thank you for supporting us in this health concern.

### Accident Insurance

Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) has again reviewed the insurance policy offered to Vancouver parents for their children and have approved Industrial Alliance Pacific Insurance and Financial Services as the official insurance carrier for the 2010-11 school year. The plan which was sent home last week, is voluntary. Please review it and decide if you need the coverage for your child as the VBE does not carry accident insurance.

### Safety Patrol

Our students who have volunteered to be Safety Patrollers will get their training from Vancouver Traffic Safety on September 30<sup>th</sup> and begin their duties on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The students will patrol the cross walk on 16<sup>th</sup> at Columbia from 8:40-8:55 am and also from 3:01-3:15 pm.

### Library Volunteers Needed

An hour or two a week would be appreciated. Very flexible times. Anyone interested, please talk with Pam in the Library. Thanks!

### Cross Country

We will be offering Cross Country running to students in grades 2-7. Practices will be on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:00 starting next week. Mini Meets will be at Douglas Park on September 28<sup>th</sup>, October 5, 12 and 19 from 3:30 to approximately 4:30. The District Meet will be at Trout Lake on October 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 1:00 p.m.

### Photo Day

On Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> the students will be getting their individual photos taken starting at



9:00 a.m. The photographer will remain here until the afternoon kindergarten students get their photo taken. **IF** your child is away on October 4<sup>th</sup>, he/she can have their photo taken on the retake day: October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. On retake day, if you have a child in afternoon kindergarten, you will need to bring your child at 9:00 and remain with him/her until their photo is done. I will be sending home more information from Lifetouch. The form with the background and pose choices will need to accompany your child on the photo day or the photographer will use the default choice (blue).

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> Meet the Teacher
- Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> PRO-D Day  
No School for Students
- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Terry Fox Run
- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Photo Day
- Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> District Closure Day

Sincerely,

Milana Christie, Principal