



FALCONS



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Principal's Message

Hey Francois Families,

Another two great weeks in the books. Routines are strong and teachers are making those incremental adjustments to maximize each student's learning and connection.

New this month, we are happy to have our reading clubs starting up again with Mrs. Vossen during lunch and a new one in the morning before school starts with Ms. Woode. These blocks give more opportunities for students to have fun engaging in literacy activities with staff they often don't interact with much on a day-to-day basis.

A few things to note for Oct 21: TALT, early dismissal, PAC meeting. We have our first Talk About Learning Time (TALT) of the year, which means students will be dismissed at 11:53am to give time for parents and caregivers to connect with their child's teacher. You should be hearing from your child's teacher soon if you have not already about what this will look like in your child's class and a way to book a time. The PAC meeting will start at 5:30pm so if you're interested in joining you may be able to coordinate your TALT slot to end close to that time. Your kids can play in the gym, supervised by some of our senior students, during the meeting.

Finally, stay tuned for details on volleyball as we are currently preparing for after school practices to start up soon!

Mr. Rosenau
Principal

No School Days

Oct. 12 – Thanksgiving
Oct. 23 – Pro D Day
Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day
Nov. 20 – Pro D Day
Dec. 21-Jan. 1 – Winter Break
Feb. 5 – Pro D Day
Feb. 15 – Family Day
Mar. 15-29 – Spring Break
Apr. 16 – Pro D Day
May 7 – Pro D Day

Lock Down Drill!

Our annual Lock Down Drill will be taking place **October 22, 2026**, at 10 AM. If your child comes home that day all excited telling you of the RCMP coming to the school and rattling on doors and yelling, this is why ☺



Orange Shirt Day – Truth and Reconciliation Recognition

Once again, our school team has shown its vibrant delight in participating in school events. Our Francois Lake Falcons came to school and became a small sea of orange!

We had our annual Orange Shirt Day on September 29 with full participation from students and staff in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation.



Mark your Calendars!

(Dates & events subject to change)

October

12 (M) Thanksgiving Day—**No School**
19 (M) Photo Retake Day
21 (W) **Early Dismissal 11:53 AM**—Talk About Learning Time 2—6 PM
PAC Meeting 5:30pm
23 (F) Pro D Day—**No School**

November

10 (T) Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:45 AM
11(W) Remembrance Day—**No School**
20 (F) Pro D Day—**No School**

December

15 (T) Learning Updates Go Home



On Monday, Sep. 28, the whole school participated in a meaningful activity to connect with the land in preparation for recognizing the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Students collected rocks to dry overnight and paint the next day.

Then, on Tue. Sep. 29, as a school project, the rocks collected were painted with pictures or phrases that reflect the meaning of Truth and Reconciliation.



Just Jammin’!

The intermediates were so lucky to have Mrs. Fowler come to school on Thu. Oct. 1, to give a lesson on how to make raspberry freezer jam. The activity was part of the Applied Design Skills and Technology (ADST) component of school curriculum. Not only did the students learn something valuable, they also sampled and shared their results with family, friends, and staff.

Board Biz...

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We're Hiring!

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 Have a bit of extra time?
 Come work with us!
 Check out www.sd91.bc.ca/employment, find “Join our Team!” and log in/make an account through Make a Future! We look forward to working with you soon!



PAC Posts...

The next **PAC meeting** will be **Wed. Oct. 21** at 5:30 PM, right near the end of the Talk About Learning Time. All parents are welcome, and babysitting is provided! How do **YOU** want to see our school teach our kids? Come have your say!

Meet our PAC Representatives!
 Chair – Amy Wainwright
 Vice Chair/Treasurer – Jess Shively
 Secretary – Ileasha Gooding

Community Connexions...

TWEEN BOOK CLUB

Join us for a fun hour of books & shenanigans!

Next Club: October 21

Two books every month - choose your adventure!

ICEBREAKER GAMES

BOOK TALK

ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE

Ages 11-14

Monthly Meetings
 Newcomers are welcome!
3:30-4:30pm at
Burns Lake Public Library

Hosted by:
 Pam Higginson
 (Children's & Youth Librarian)
 Ellie Jones
 (Literacy Outreach Coordinator)

To register:
 Email: childlib@burnslakelibrary.com
 Phone: (250) 692-3192

And the last word goes to:
 Mr. Helgesen, who goes above and beyond in every role he plays here at the school. Whether, its playing games with the kids outside, supporting literacy in class, or showing them how to code robots, Mr. Consistent really helps make this school special!