



FALCONS

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents or Guardians,

As we approach the end of October, it truly is amazing how much has been accomplished over the last few weeks. Literacy and Numeracy Assessments have been completed, Interim Reports have gone home, and parents have had the opportunity to meet with teachers at our Talk About Learning event where the student interim reports could be discussed. We are grateful for all of the parents who took the time to meet with teachers. Your engagement in your student's learning is extremely important.

We also were thrilled that some of our teachers were able to engage in professional learning regarding Thinking Classrooms with Dr. Judy Larsen. The Thinking Classroom model is designed to create an environment where students actively engage with mathematical or other concepts and develop a deeper understanding of the subject. They solved a problem that used critical thinking skills and mathematical reasoning; the open-ended question enabled students to collaborate to find solutions to the problem. Students visually represented their solutions and explained their reasoning to the problem that was being worked on.

On October 31st, students will be participating in a variety of activities in classrooms and in the school for Halloween. Please ensure that you **keep all masks and props at home** and save them for the evening festivities, instead. We want the day to be safe, filled with fun and wish to see all students able to participate in the day's learning and play activities.

Wishing all families, a fabulous end of the week.

Respectfully,
Sigrid Sollbach, Principal

Mark your Calendars!

October

- 27 Photo Retake Day
- 27 Sock Hop 12:15 PM
- 27 Choir 1 PM
- 31 Hallowe'en

November

- 3 Choir 12:15 PM
- 3 Assembly 1:00 PM
- 7 Green Thumb Performance 9 AM
- 9 Remembrance Day Assembly
- 10 Observe Remembrance Day—**No School**
- 15 Spirit Day—Mustache!
- 15 PAC Meeting 6 PM
- 24 Pro-D Day—**No School**

December

- 1 Volleyball Tournament—Gr 5/6/7
- 6 Formal Reports go home
- 18-22 Christmas Spirit Week
- 20 Christmas Concert

FLES Spooks!



FLES Has Results!!!

...on Oct. 12, Cross-Country Run!

- Mr. Hogarth

FLES Learns and Plays...

...in the K-1-2 class,

The image shows three young girls with blonde hair, smiling and leaning on a light-colored wooden table. They are wearing patterned shirts. In the foreground, there is a book titled 'Puzzle 100' featuring a dog's face surrounded by colorful puzzle pieces. The book is green and has the number '100' prominently displayed. The background shows a classroom setting with colorful storage bins.

...on the playground in the first snow,



...in the Thinking Classroom in the Gr. 5/6/7 class

Tim Horvath

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FLES Remembers...

We will be having our **Remembrance Day Ceremony** on **November 9**, in the gym. All are welcome to attend. **Doors open at 10:45 AM**. Please **arrive before** presentations begin, at 10:55 AM. Please remember to wear your poppy over your heart, turn all phones off, remove hats, and refrain from applauding to show respect for those who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms at this event of remembrance.

In Flanders Fields

poem by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, 3 May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields

Lest we forget

Friday, 1 PM



Sock Hop

**Wha'? Wha'? Say, wha'? Yo' chicklets!
Friday, at the One P M, I'se gonna see
yo's dancin' a hole in da gym flo'! Show
me yo moves to da muzak!**

(Translation: Hey! Everyone! Friday, at 1 PM, there will be a sock hop in the gym. Come dance to the music!)



FLES Has FUN Stuff Coming!



Please remember to make sure your child is dressed for the weather! Cute can be cool, but sometimes, it's downright **COLD**! It's hats, mitts, warm footwear, and warm jackets season again!



Photo Retakes! Tomorrow!



On **Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, at 1:55 PM**, Science World on the Road will be coming to FLES to present the **Fantastic Forces Show!**

Fantastic Forces: Experience push, pull, lift, friction and drag — some of the fantastic forces that affect our lives every day. See amazing demonstrations like the Rubber Chicken Slingshot, the Giant Tablecloth Pull and perhaps a rocket launch or two!

Class Fees are Due!!!

We are at the end of October and still have a few outstanding class fees owing. Please send in your child's class fee as soon as possible. If you're not sure if you've paid or not, please call! We'll be happy to check.

If you require aid to help pay the class fees, please contact us. We may be able to provide confidential help.

Grades K-3 \$20.00 / year

Grades 4-7 \$25.00 / year

PAC Posts...

Next PAC meeting Nov. 15 at 6:00 PM in the MPR. All parents are Welcome!

Meet Our PAC!

Amy Wainwright
Jessica Shively
Johanna Hayes
Ileasha Gooding
Lisa Swales

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Co-Secretary
Co-Secretary
DPAC Rep
Hot Lunch Coordinator

Board Biz...



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Karla Mitchell presented her monthly report at the Regular School Board Meeting on October 23, 2023.

You may find it under the Latest News heading at www.sd91.bc.ca.

And the last word goes to:

Elizabeth, for always
including anyone
and everyone in all
sports and activities!
We love how you
choose to include!