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YOUR MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 8&9 - Early Dismissal at lunch

Mar 8 - Report Cards Go Home

Mar 14 - Spring Break Begins

Mar 28 - First Day Back

April 15 Good Friday

April 18 Easter Monday

May 20 Pro-D Day

May 23 Victoria Day

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MATTERS



W.A. Fraser Middle Vice-Principal's Message



February might be the shortest month of the year, but it was certainly still a busy one when it comes to learning at Fraser Middle. The staff and students on campus spent their days exploring competencies and developing understanding in some interesting ways. One such example was Pod D's collaborative giant dream catcher project. After studying a series of short stories written by Indigenous authors, the grade 8 students and their teachers collaborated with local and district experts to translate some of their learning into an experiential dreamcatcher activity. It was wonderful to see so many layers of collaboration coming together in support of such a great learning experience.

Another interesting highlight was Pod G's cardboard arcade. By integrating a science unit on Newton's laws of motion with some hands-on and homemade materials, the students were able to develop and create their own functional cardboard arcade. This demonstration of learning included a variety of neat creations including crane machines, wack-a-mole and other arcade stations designed and developed by the students to reflect their scientific understandings.

February was filled with many other neat projects as well. From our art show contest and a school-wide presentation of Yale's musical 'Frozen' to the proud conclusion of a basketball season filled with hard-earned successes, it's been a busy February. But just like the snow, the days have melted away and now we find ourselves on the eve of spring break and shifting into a season of new growth.

After spring break, Fraser Middle school will be starting our third and final term of the academic school year. It's the final stretch! Spring brings us budding flowers and new beginnings and in a similar way, a new term brings with it the opportunity to enjoy a fresh start. Now is a great time for students to reflect on the year so far and identify goals they may wish to create for themselves. Is attending more regularly something that should be focused on in this last stretch? What about being more involved in class activities or perhaps challenging yourself to be bolder athletically or creatively? The choice is yours, but it is always a good idea to take advantage of an opportunity to start fresh and finish strong.

-Tyler Horner



February Activities PINK SHIRT DAY



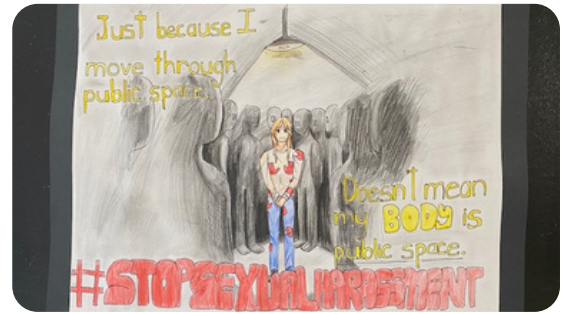
In honor of anti-bullying day, students were encouraged to wear pink February 23 as a reminder to be an upstander and be kind to all!



Anti Bullying Posters by POD 8C

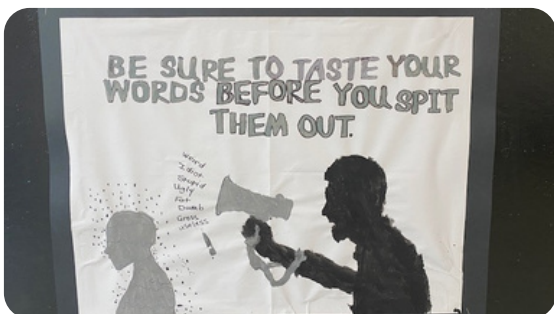
During the Second Term, Valley House grade 8 teachers have been discussing bullying and harassment in HCE. Students have been learning how to recognize bullying and harassment, stand up safely to bullying, and respond appropriately to harassment. Students have been exploring how to develop empathy, understand the impact of bullying and harassment on individuals and their communities, and examine social and environmental factors that contribute to negative behaviours as well as identify solutions for preventing those behaviours.

During the month of February, in support of Pink T-shirt Day, grade 8 students collaborated in pairs or groups to design posters to bring awareness to the harmful effects of bullying and harassment.



Frozen Performance by Yale

We love to support the drama department and students at Yale! This year because of the restrictions, we couldn't go to the theatre, but we were all able to log on and watch Frozen at the same time in our classrooms. We congratulate the students for a job well done!



Grade 7's

Skating Field Trip

All grade 7s walked over to A.R.C. to enjoy ice skating during the week of Feb. 28-March 4. Students and staff were happy to do something off-campus together and we look forward to offering more field trips as we celebrate our loop coming to an end in June. Some fancy footwork was seen, and there were smiles all-around.



Sto:lo Tools and Implements

~Fraser Valley House~

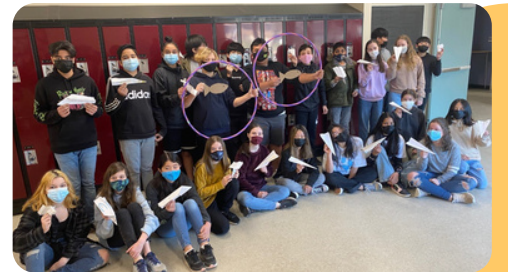
During our Socials unit in Pod E7 we had the wonderful opportunity to work with your Indigenous department, and discover what tools were vital to our local Sto:lo people. In this workshop, we had the opportunity to not only hear from our Indigenous Support Worker Ms. Nahane as well as our Indigenous Student teacher Mr. Williams. They shared 12 tools such as a Hand Drill, D-Adze and Bone Needle. Students got to have hands on experiences with these tools and it transported the class back into our local histories. It was a wonderful opportunity of learning and gave the student hands on experience.



Canadian Archeology

~Fraser River House~

Pod D7 Social Studies students have prepared presentations on a Canadian archaeology show, "Wild Archaeology." Students reviewed artifacts found as they discussed Indigenous connections to the sites across Canada. Groups ran activities after showing their 20 minute episodes such as mini digs, Playdough sculptures, Kahoots, trivia games, 4-corner activities, paper airplane competitions, puzzles, Pictionary and more. The collaboration and creativity put into these presentations were engaging for their peers and led to new understanding for everyone.



BAND NEWS

There is no band Friday, March 11

Grade 6's

Recycled Arcade Games by POD G6 ~ Fraser Valley House~

For the past several weeks, the grade 6 students in Pod G have been learning about Newton's Three Laws of Motion. Students then applied their new knowledge to create arcade games out of cardboard to show their learning of these laws.



Iqbal Weaving by POD 6J ~ Sumas Mountain House~

For the past month, the grade 6 students of Pod J have been reading Iqbal by Francesco D'Adamo. Here they can be seen experiencing a small aspect of carpet making, weaving their own "mug rugs". They have shown empathy and passion while learning about the plight of child labour throughout the world.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - January



Student of the Month: January

Rusana Zverev, Grade 6

Throughout this school year, the sixth grade teachers have stressed the importance of always taking ownership of their own successes. The January Student of the Month definitely is a role model in demonstrating this to others. Rusana Zverev is a selfless, caring, and hardworking student who greets teachers each morning and afternoon with a smile and kind words. Being polite is just part of who she is and how she treats others. She doesn't draw attention to herself, but she does what needs to be done. She actively participates in class and does top-level work without needing praise or attention. We can always count on her to do the right thing whether we are watching or not. She is friendly to all and offers a helping hand to any student or teacher in need. It has been a true pleasure to have Rusana in our classes, and we are proud to have her as our January Student of the Month.



Student of the Month: January

Shara Libres, Grade 7

Shara Libres is our Grade 7 Student of the Month for January. Shara excels in her academics because of her **perseverance** in assignments and class activities. She shares thoughtful, unique understanding in her written work and contributes fully to class discussions, helping other students understand concepts better. Shara goes out of her way to help others, especially new or shy students and shows **compassion** with all peers. Her friendliness and **respect** shine bright for others. We are proud of Shara's involvement in our school, as she is working hard on one of Fraser's basketball teams. Shara's **integrity** is evident every day, as she makes good decisions, even when it's not to her benefit. Great job Shara representing Pod D and our school.



Student of the Month: January

Brighton Andrews, Grade 8

Brighton Andrews is a hard working, polite, and helpful student. She is dedicated to her learning and always strives to do her best work. As well as being a hard worker, Brighton is also helpful in the class and around the school. In class she volunteers to help maintain the classroom. Around the school she is involved in WEB and the Commons Crew. She even volunteers in the canteen to deliver lunches! Brighton is kind to others and will include students who may otherwise be left out. Brighton is a welcome member of our pod and school community



The Commons Corner

February is always a month full of events and activities. Black history month is honoured, Valentine's Day celebrated, and we are all reminded of the importance of stamping out bullying on Pink Shirt Day.

For Valentine's Day, a record number of Candygrams were sent by students to their peers, friends and staff, then delivered on the day by our Commons Crew. The halls were also covered in hearts written and decorated for every member of our school to find, and to keep as a reminder that they are cared for here at Fraser.

Fraser also held our first ever Art Show and Contest this month. Any form of art, on any theme representing the month, including love, caring, friendship, acceptance and compassion, was encouraged. Numerous students chose to participate, and prizes were awarded for each grade level. The Art show was so well received that The Crew has decided to hold a second show in May! Students submitted so many amazing works of art it was difficult for judges to choose the contest winners. We congratulate all our artists on sharing their amazing talents with us!



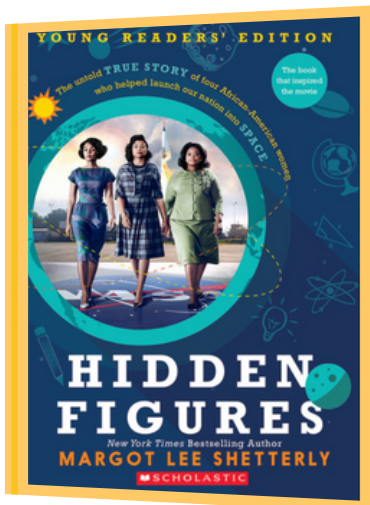
What We're Reading!

In the new year, the Library Club was finally allowed to open during lunch breaks. Each grade has a day when they can come to the library to read, do work, or participate in activities organized by The Commons Crew. Thanks to Mrs. Tymich, who shared her talents to help students design and create a personalized bookmark.

Currently the Library is busy ordering new additions to our collection. With very generous support from our PAC, we can order a plethora of new titles from every genre and topic. The library is continuing to work to fill out our collection so that it is inclusive of all our students' and their interests.

One such titles is "Change Sings" by spoken word poet Amanda Gorman. Her words, along with the brilliant illustrations by artist and author Loren Long, inspire youth to believe in their ability to affect change in the world.

The second is "Hidden Figures", the awe-inspiring story of African American women who, through their exceptional math skills, helped propel NASA's space program to its successes in the 50's and 60's.



Athletics



Gr 7 & 8 Rugby

Rugby Kickoff Tournament

Practice

Girls: Mon, Tues, Thurs
Boys: Mon-Thurs
after school

Boys Tier 1 and 2 Divisions

East South					
Start	Sm	Pool	Game Schedule	Ref	Score
1:30pm	1	T2	Poppy Red v Fraser Gold		
1:50pm	4	T1	Poppy Black v Fraser Red		
2:10pm	7	T2	Fraser Gold v Clayburn White		
2:30pm	10	T1	Chief Black v Poppy Black	MJ	
2:50pm	13	T2	Fraser White v Chief White	AD	
3:10pm	15	T1	Fraser Black v Chief Red	MV	
3:30pm	17	T1	Ridge Red v Fraser Red	MJ	
3:50pm	19	T2	Clayburn White v Ridge White	MJ	
4:10pm	21	T1	Fraser Red v Chief Black	MJ	
4:30pm	23	T1	Clayburn Blue v Ridge Red	MJ	
4:50pm	25	T1	Tier 1 Final (optional)	MJ	

East North					
Start	Sm	Pool	Game Schedule	Ref	Score
1:30pm	2	T2	Chief White v Ridge White	MJ	
1:50pm	5	T1	Clayburn Blue v Fraser Black	RM	
2:10pm	8	T2	Ridge White v Fraser White	RM	
2:30pm	11	T1	Ridge Red v Fraser Black		
2:50pm	14	T2	Ridge White v Fraser Gold	MV	
3:10pm	16	T2	Clayburn White v Poppy Red	AD	
3:30pm	18	T1	Clayburn Blue v Poppy Black		
3:50pm	20	T2	Fraser Gold v Chief White	SC	
4:10pm	22	T2	Fraser White v Poppy Red		
4:30pm	24	T1	Fraser Black v Poppy Black	CA	
4:50pm	26	T2	Tier 2 Final (optional)	CA	

Middle South					
Start	Sm	Pool	Game Schedule	Ref	Score
1:30pm	3	T2	Clayburn White v Fraser White	RM	
1:50pm	6	T1	Chief Black v Ridge Red	MJ	
2:10pm	9	T2	Chief White v Poppy Red	MJ	
2:30pm	12	T1	Fraser Red v Clayburn Blue	RM	

Middle North					
Start	Sm	Pool	Game Schedule	Ref	Score
1:30pm					
1:50pm					
2:10pm					
2:30pm					

Jump Rope For Heart

In February in gym, students learned many different skipping techniques. They learned all about the Jump Rope For Heart charity that... We raised about \$340 of our \$1500 goal. There still is time to donate on school cash online.

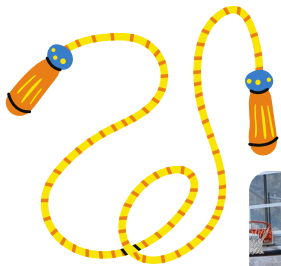
Girls' Division (2 Pools)

Oval West					
Start	Sm	Pool	Game Schedule	Ref	Score
1:30pm	1	B	Abby Black v Fraser Red		
1:50pm	3	A	Maple Ridge v Chief Dan		
2:10pm	5	B	Fraser Gold v Abby Black		
2:30pm	7	A	Maple Ridge v Fraser Black		
3:00pm			Yale Junior Boys vs. Bateman		
4:10pm			Yale Senior Boys vs. Bateman		

Oval East					
Start	Sm	Pool	Game Schedule	Ref	Score
1:30pm	2	B	Fraser Gold v DW Poppy	DB	
1:50pm	4	A	Fraser Black v Abby Red	DB	
2:10pm	6	B	Fraser Red v DW Poppy	DB	
2:30pm	8	A	Chief Dan v Abby Red	DB	
3:00pm			Yale Junior Boys vs. Bateman		
4:10pm			Yale Senior Boys vs. Bateman		

Middle South					
Start	Sm	Pool	Game Schedule	Ref	Score
3:00pm	9	B	DW Poppy v Abby Black	RM	
3:20pm	11	A	Abby Red v Maple Ridge	RM	
3:40pm			10 Minute Break		
3:50pm	13		A4 v B4	RM	
4:10pm	15		A2 v B2	RM	

Middle North					
Start	Sm	Pool	Game Schedule	Ref	Score
3:00pm	10	B	Fraser Red v Fraser Gold	DB	
3:20pm	12	A	Fraser Black v Chief Dan	DB	
3:40pm			10 Minute Break		
3:50pm	14		A3 v B3		
4:10pm	16		A1 v B1		



Grade 6 basketball starts after spring break



How do I report an absence?

Mobile Device - Option 1

Using your mobile device, download and install the [SchoolMessenger](#) app from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#). The first time you use the app, select sign up to create your account. Once your account is created select Attendance an Absence.



SchoolMessenger
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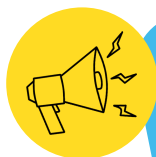


Computer - Option 2

Using the SafeArrival website, go to: go.schoolmessenger.ca The first time you use the website, select sign up to create your account. Once your account is created select Attendance an Absence.

Call Toll-Free Number - Option 3

Call 1-844-487-3701 to report an absence using the automated phone system.



DID YOU KNOW?

INTERESTING FACT

McDonald's once created bubblegum-flavoured broccoli.



Call for Donations

If you have any used birthday or holiday cards – the front side only – feel free to send them to the school. Have your child drop them off in the Commons to be used for future crafts and activities.

Volunteers Needed Coming Soon!

As we open our building more, we will be looking for volunteers to help out with lessons, activities, events, and clubs! We will send a link in the newsletter as soon as possible for volunteers to apply. For now, if you have a way that you would like to contribute to our school and its community, feel free to send it in an email to Mrs. Kraljevic at sonia.kraljevic@abbyschools.ca

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- Receive financial compensation.
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