



# FALCON FLYER

## YOUR MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WE ARE A LEARNING COMMUNITY THAT VALUES RESPECT, COMPASSION, INTEGRITY AND PERSISTENCE.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**June 22/23/24/25** - Sports Day  
*by POD*

**June 23** - Gr 8 Indigenous  
Leaving Ceremony

**June 25** - Grade 6 Virtual Awards  
*Pod H2&3 8:30-9:00am / Pod H1 9:00-9:30am  
Pod J 9:30-10:00am / Pod K 10:50-11:20am*

**June 25** - Grade 7 Virtual Awards  
*Pod F 12:30-1:00pm / Pod G 1:00-1:40pm  
Pod E 1:45-2:20pm*

**June 28** - Grade 8 Virtual Ceremony  
*Pod A Block 1 / Pod B Block 1  
Pod C Block 2 / Pod D Block 2/nut break  
(Exact time to be email home  
by teachers at a later date)*

**June 29** - Students Last Day

**June 29** - Report Cards Go Home

**June 30** - Teachers Last Day

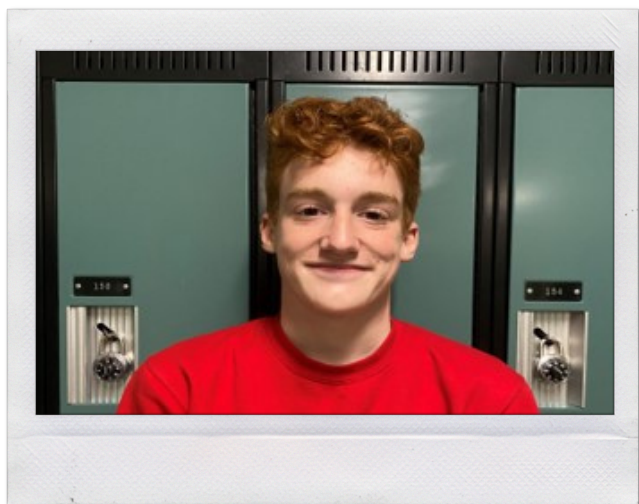
### WEB SCHOOL PROGRAM

Mr. Johnston

William A. Fraser Middle is thrilled to be able to continue our WEB School Program! WEB (*Where Everybody Belongs*) is a nationally-acclaimed orientation and transition program that welcomes 6th graders and supports them throughout their first year in middle school. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed. Ms. Roger, Mr. Harvey, and Mr. Johnston will be running our Web program for next year and have already begun the process of interviewing and selecting 7th grade students interested in making a difference at Fraser during their 8th grade year. These WEB Leaders go through two full days of training during their summer break at the end of August on the 30th and 31st. They are trained to be positive role models and a supportive presence for a group of incoming 6th graders for the school year. The students participate in organized social events through the year. WEB Leaders contribute towards making 6th graders feel more safe, welcome, and successful during their first year at Fraser Middle School. We recently held our Spring Play Day for our new WEB leaders and we are excited for what this new group will bring to our school.



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



### ZACHARY STOWARD - GRADE 8

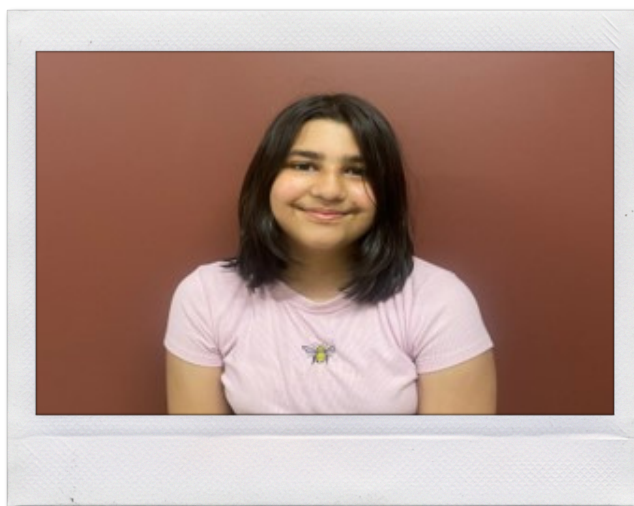
Zach has continued to demonstrate what it means to be a Falcon. He has a strong character and always leads with integrity. He is willing to step up and advocate for equality, engage in conversations and move with actions. He is kind and intentional with his peers both in and out of class. This compassion and respect for those around him are part of what makes Zach our grade 8 Student of the Month for May. In his studies, he continues to be a hard worker and always perseveres no matter how challenging the task. His range of interests from storytelling to PE to Foods and Nutrition and mental health literacy reflect on his well-rounded personality. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and kindness, Zach!

### KHUSHI KHANNA - GRADE 7

Khushi is a respectful member of pod 7E. She is an enthusiastic learner who places consistent effort into assignments. Khushi ensures criteria is followed carefully and that her work reflects her best effort.

When assignments are challenging, Khushi demonstrates perseverance. Khushi is a kind friend and shows compassion to all members of our pod.

Khushi is a confident speaker in front of her peers and plays an active role in class discussions. Khushi is creative. This is evident in many of the assignments that are handed in for assessment. She is a student who manages her time effectively in class, carries herself with integrity and models desired classroom conduct. These are just a few student attributes that highlight why Khushi is so deserving of the Student of the Month for May.



### ALIYAH HICKEY - GRADE 6

Aliyah exemplifies what it means to be Fraser Falcon. Aliyah is a hard-working student and always **perseveres** no matter how challenging the task. She often goes above and beyond to complete work at an extending level. Aliyah has a strong character and always leads with **integrity**. Aliyah consistently shows **respect** and **compassion** to those around her. She is polite, helpful, inclusive and works well with all the students in our class. She is a great class citizen and often volunteers to stay after school to tidy up the classroom. Aliyah is also a multi-sport athlete and has won four provincial swimming medals. Aliyah is a well-deserving recipient of the accolade Grade 6 Student of the Month!



## MUSIC ARTS

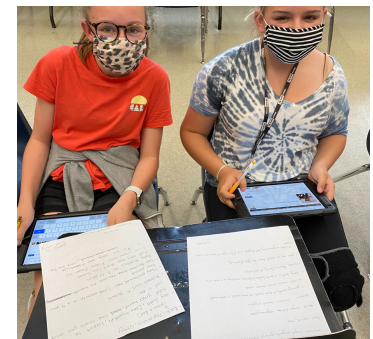
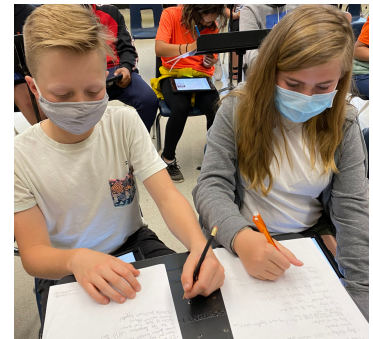
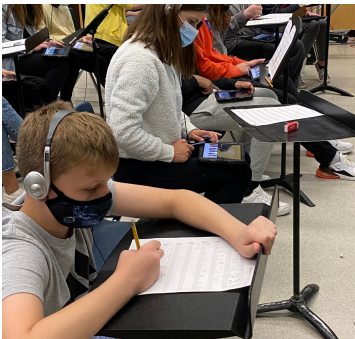
Ms. Holland

All students have finished a unit on rhythm using African drums called djembes. We learn about whole notes, half notes, quarter notes and eighth notes. Grade 7 & 8 students create a rhythm composition using the djembes.

Grade 6 students have begun writing their own plays and will perform them in class.

Grade 7 students are doing a research project on a composer or music artist of their choice.

Grade 8 students are writing their own melody and then recording it in the GarageBand app and adding other loops and tracks to their song.



TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB 2021

# CRACK THE CASE

SIGNUP STARTS IN JUNE!

Get a reading record and enter prize draws to win a Nintendo Switch and other gift cards. Visit [www.fvrl.ca](http://www.fvrl.ca) to join.

**FVRL**  
FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY  
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# #Honouring215Children

## EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Our thoughts are with all the Indigenous communities who have been affected by this horrific discovery. In order to show solidarity and support to our Indigenous communities, Fraser Valley House students decided to create Indigenous animals. Elizabeth Nahanee, our Indigenous Support Worker, shared her knowledge and guided both teachers and students in this endeavour. Students coloured 215 animals to represent the missing children who were discovered at the residential school site on the Tk'emlups te Secwepmc Territory. It is our hope that we can take the steps necessary towards Truth and Reconciliation.

When they buried the children  
What they didn't know  
They were lovingly embraced  
By the land  
Held and cradled in a mother's heart  
The trees wept for them, with the wind  
they sang mourning songs their mother's  
didn't know to sing  
bending branches to touch the earth  
around them. The Creator cried for them  
the tears falling like rain.

Mother Earth held them  
until they could be found.  
Now our voices sing the mourning songs.  
with the trees. the wind. light sacred fire  
ensure they are never forgotten as we sing  
JUSTICE

-abigail echo-hawk

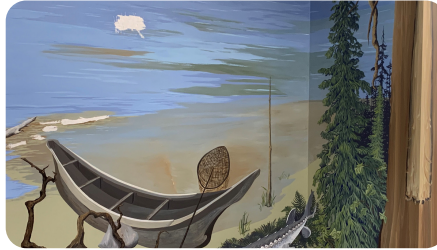


# What's Happening...

## In the Library Learning Commons



Sumas  
Lake  
Mural



Semá:th  
Xó:tsa  
Mural



Work continues on the mural in LLC

## Principal's Year End Message

As we approach the final days to end this school year under very different and atypical circumstances, we recognize that the structure of back to school was different this past September. However, the government and Public Health provided guidelines for what back to school was to look like for us. I wanted to start by extending a sincere thank you to our staff for their dedication to our students by ensuring quality learning opportunities existed throughout this year, given the many constraints on classroom time. Learning is a lifelong skill that takes place in any setting particularly when health and safety is what governs our daily living conditions at present.

I would also like to extend our schools appreciation to our families who worked closely and partnered with us to support the various safety measures we were asked to put in place.

With the end of the year approaching, we have news to share with regards to our staffing changes. We would like to say thank you and best wishes to the following staff as they move on to new assignments: Ms. Alm, Ms. Jiwa, Ms. Horsman, Mr. Voth, Mr. Pagulayan, Ms. Hunter, Ms. Fust, Ms. Walsh, and Mr. Fraser.

With all that we've been through, it has been quite a ride. I've been so proud of our efforts as a school. Everyone that is a part of William A. Fraser Middle School should be extremely happy that we made the best of all the challenges. This is a special place and I mean that when I say it. We recognize and reflect upon the success, achievement, required flexibility and patience that our staff, parents and students have had to rely on collectively. As a collaborative team we value the importance of building strong relationships with home and school, and we appreciate the support that we have received from our Fraser families.

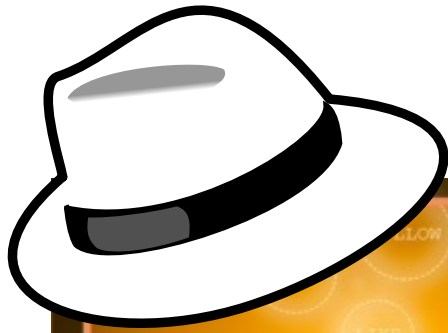
I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday to look forward to, keeping health and safety in mind.

We will see you in September for those returning!

*Mr. Dean Johnston*

Principal - William A Fraser Middle School





# THE WHITE HATTER



**ABBYPD**  
STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY



**The Abbotsford Police Department PATHWAYS and The White Hatter are offering five FREE Social Media Safety & Digital Literacy Webinars for Parents, Caregivers, and Educators.**

*The Internet has become intertwined with our youth's lives and these FREE webinars are designed to help you understand what you can do to keep your children protected while online. By educating yourself and increasing your online literacy, you can take appropriate steps to protect your family.*

Registration and additional details for this **FREE** webinar can be found on Eventbrite: **AbbyPD**

**SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY & DIGITAL LITERACY FOR PARENTS**

*Thursday, June 10th from 7-9pm*

**ONLINE PREDATION AND EXPLOITATION: WHAT IS THE THREAT AND WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO REDUCE THE RISKS**

*Wednesday, June 16th from 7-8:30pm*

**SEXTING, NUDES, AND INTIMATE IMAGES: WHAT IS THE PROBLEM, WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY, AND WHAT DO PARENTS NEED TO KNOW**

*Wednesday, June 23rd from 7-8:30pm*

**ONLINE GAMING: FACTS, FICTION, AND MENTAL WELLNESS AND WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW**

*Wednesday, June 30th from 7-8:30pm*

**THE DARK AND DANGEROUS SIDE OF THE INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA: WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW**

*Wednesday, July 7th from 7-8:30pm*

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**eventbrite**

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/d/online/abbypd/>



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