



# FALCON FLYER

## YOUR MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 20/21 - Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct 22 - Non Instructional Day 2

Nov 1 - Gr 7 Immunizations

Nov 5 - Photo Retakes

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day

No School

Nov 26 - Non Instructional Day 3

Dec 2 - Gr 6 Immunizations

Dec 3 - Report Cards Go Home

Dec 17 - Last Day

Dec 18 - Jan 2 Winter Break

Jan 3 - First Day Back

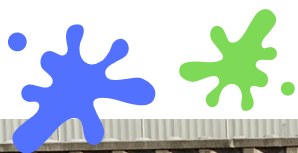
### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences are next week on Wednesday, October 20th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm as well as Thursday, October 21st from 8:30am - 2:20pm. We will be holding them virtually again this year through Microsoft Teams just like last year. Please watch the website & emails for instructions on how to connect with your child's teachers.



Fall has arrived, which usually means wet weather! Remember your umbrella, rain jacket & rain boots.





## Paint Splatter Fundraiser



Cancer is something that continues to be a problem all over the world. It effects many people's friends, families, and loved ones and will continue to do so until we one day find a cure. Each September, Fraser Middle school pairs up with Cops for Cancer and the Terry Fox Foundation to raise funds for cancer research. Our learning community brings in donations and run together as a symbol of solidarity and support for the cause. This year, 10 teachers volunteered to put their names forward to take part in a 'splatter the teacher' challenge to help encourage donations. The idea was that students would receive one vote for every dollar

they raised. Bring in 5 dollars? You get 5 votes. The votes can then be used to choose one of the ten teachers to get splattered with paint at the end of the fundraiser. As a bonus, the classroom that raised the most money would be chosen to do the 'splattering' and each student would be give paint to throw on the lucky teacher. This fundraiser ran for several weeks leading up to our Terry Fox run and all money raised would be split between the Cops for Cancer and Terry Fox organizations. In the end, the school raised over \$2000 for cancer research! The teacher that had the most votes, school wide, was Mr. Smith of grade 6's G-pod. Although it was close, his class was also the one that managed to raise the most money and participated in the splatter. This event took place last week, outside by our school garden. Although only Mr. Smith's students came outside, all other students were invited to watch the event remotely via a meet link from the comfort of their own classes. A big thank you needs to be extended to all the students and staff who donated to the cancer research initiative and to the teachers who volunteered to put their names forth for the competition. Thank-you also to Mr. Smith for serving our learning community as the chosen 'human canvas' and to his students for being so dedicated to seeing him be chosen. As a community, we have helped move cancer research forward together, and everyone should be proud of the generosity and commitment that was reflected along the way.

-Mr. Horner



## BAND FEES DUE

Band is off to a great start! Thank you to those who have decided to join band. **Please check School Cash online to pay for your band fee.** The cost is \$25 if you need a band book and shirt, or \$15 if you only need a band book.



## Solidarity Squares - Fraser Valley House



The last week of September was dedicated to recognizing the day for Truth and Reconciliation, Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation week. The teachers and students of Fraser Valley House wanted to find a meaningful way to show their support of our Indigenous communities.

A lesson was developed to help foster students' understanding of the residential schools'

impact and serve as a remembrance of the Indigenous children who survived residential schools and those who did not. As part of their learning journey, students watched a documentary about the making of the 'Witness Blanket' by Carey Newman. Using this as inspiration all the students in Fraser Valley House designed a "Solidarity Square", the squares were attached together symbolizing a community coming together and cementing their solidarity.

## Secret Path by: Gord Downie

The grade 7 classes learned about truth and reconciliation through the "Secret Path". It is an anthology of ten poems written by Gord Downie that describes the journey of Chanie Wenjack when he escaped residential school trying to get 600 km home to his family. The poems talk about his struggles at residential school as well as his difficult attempted journey home. Students read the poems, listened to the music that the poems were made into, read a McLean's article as well as watched the animated pictures with a documentary. Students then picked a character and wrote a journal entry incorporating some of the lyrics as well as the facts they learned from the article empathizing with some of the thoughts and feelings of them at that time period. Students were able to further broaden their learning of truth and reconciliation throughout the week.



by: Jeannine Wassen, Crystal Davids and Eric Morettin

## Truth & Reconciliation



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



### Student of the Month: September

Georgia Mason, Grade 6

Georgia is patient and attentive, showing perseverance by always trying her best with the tasks she's given. Although early in the school year, it's clear - Georgia embodies all the characteristics of a student who represents Fraser well. She's **empathetic** and **compassionate** with others who are struggling, often willing to help a classmate. She's demonstrated **integrity** and **respect** for all fellow Falcons. We're so glad to have Georgia's **positivity** in the pod and representing Blue House!



### Student of the Month: September

Isla Germaine, Grade 7

Isla exemplifies what it means to be a Fraser Falcon. Isla 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. Isla has a strong character and always leads with integrity. Isla consistently shows respect and compassion to those around her. She makes sure everyone in her pod feels welcomed and included. Isla is also a great class citizen and often volunteers to do jobs around the classroom. Isla currently plays on the Grade 7 girls volleyball team and displays outstanding sportsmanship towards her teammates. Isla is a well deserving recipient of the accolade Grade 7 Student of the Month for September



### Student of the Month: September

Lu Alvarado Villa, Grade 8

It is Lu's first year here at Fraser and she comes to us all the way from Mexico! Lu demonstrates what it means to be a Falcon. She has a strong, hard-working character and always strives to do her best in both academics and athletics. Lu is a member of our volleyball team and plays tennis in the community. In the classroom, she is always prepared, fully participates, and completes quality assignments. Lu is very welcoming and is willing to include any of her classmates. Keep up the great work Lu!



## The Commons Corner

The Library/Learning Commons has been busy starting up for the 2021/22 school year. The library is in full swing with students excited to check out our new books!

The Commons spent the first month working with each class by offering Breakout EDU games, Truth and Reconciliation Week activities and even using science to make delicious four ingredient ice cream with all our Grade 8 students (because they are so “sweet and cool” 😊)



### Art Addition

We are very excited and honoured to have a mural painted in our Library Learning Commons by artist Conny Stach. The painting portrays the significance of Sumas Lake. Connie worked meticulously to illustrate the historical and cultural ways of local Indigenous communities that thrived along its shores.

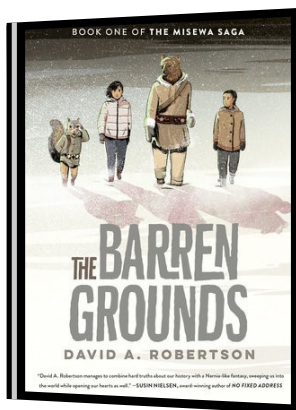


### The Commons Crew

We have had a wonderful turnout of Grade 8 students willing to give their time to help with any number of jobs, activities, and leadership around the school. The Crew will be working to bring spirit days, events, activities, tutoring, etc. They are eager and enthusiastic about helping to make Fraser Middle the best it can be for our entire school community! Thank you, Crew!!



### What We're Reading



The students of POD J – Mrs. Webster and Mr. Hiebert’s classes -are currently participating in The Global Read Aloud. [www.theglobalreadaloud.com](http://www.theglobalreadaloud.com) . This movement began in 2010 with the sole purpose of enjoying great literature along with students from around the world. During the six-week program, teachers model great reading and share their passion for it by reading aloud the chosen book. Classes connect with one another and conduct a virtual meet to learn more about each other and their place in the world. The book chosen for this year’s Read Aloud is The Barren Grounds by David A Robertson.

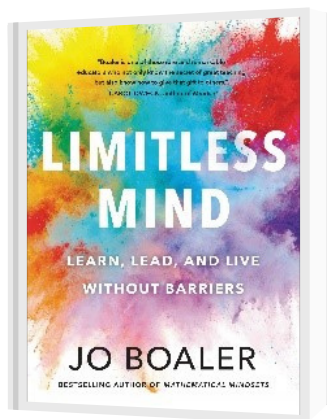
*The following description of the novel is from PenquinRandomhouse.ca;*

Narnia meets traditional Indigenous stories of the sky and constellations in this epic middle-grade fantasy series from award-winning author David Robertson.

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**What We're Reading continued...**

Morgan and Eli, two Indigenous children forced away from their families and communities, are brought together in a foster home in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They each feel disconnected, from their culture and each other, and struggle to fit in at school and at their new home -- until they find a secret place, walled off in an unfinished attic bedroom. A portal opens to another reality, Askí, bringing them onto frozen, barren grounds, where they meet Ochek (Fisher). The only hunter supporting his starving community, Misewa, Ochek welcomes the human children, teaching them traditional ways to survive. But as the need for food becomes desperate, they embark on a dangerous mission. Accompanied by Arik, a sassy Squirrel they catch stealing from the trapline, they try to save Misewa before the icy grip of winter freezes everything -- including them.



Mrs. Kraljevic is reading *Limitless Minds* by Dr. Jo Boaler. Dr. Boaler is Professor of Education at Stanford University. She is author of 18 books, numerous articles and a White House presenter on women and girls. She co-founded <http://www.youcubed.org> to give teachers, parents and students the resources they need to excite students about mathematics. She has spent decades studying the impact of beliefs and bias on education, and in her latest book reveals the six keys to unlocking learning potential, based on the latest scientific findings.

**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.

**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.



**Computer - Option 2**

Using the SafeArrival website, go to: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://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.



# FRASER ATHLETICS SCHEDULE



## Monday

- **Oct 11** - Closed



- **Oct 18**
  - 7am Gr8 Black VB Practice
  - 11:41am Gr8 Boys VB Practice
  - 3pm Gr6 Boys @ Clayburn
  - 3pm Gr6 Girls vs Clayburn
- **Oct 25**
  - 7am Gr8 Girls Black VB Practice
  - 11:41am Gr8 Boys VB Practice
  - 3pm Gr6 Boys @ Reimer
  - 3pm Gr6 Girls vs Reimer
  - 4pm Gr8 Girls Red Practice

## Thursday

- **Oct 14**
  - 7am Gr7 Boys VB Practice
  - 7am Gr7 Girls VB Practice
  - 2:40pm Gr6 Girls VB Practice
  - 2:40 pm Swim Practice
  - 3pm Mountain Bike Club
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Boys Game @ Heritage Park
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Girls Black Game @ HOWE
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Girls Red Game vs MEI
- **Oct 21**
  - 7am Gr7 Girls VB Practice
  - 3pm Mountain Bike Club
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Boys Game Playoffs
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Girls Black Game Playoffs
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Girls Red Game Payoffs
- **Oct 28**
  - 7am Gr7 Girls VB Practice
  - 2:40pm Gr6 Girls VB Practice
  - 2:40pm Swim Practice
  - 3pm Mountain Bike Club
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Boys Game Playoffs
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Girls Black Game Playoffs
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Girls Red Game Payoffs

## Tuesday

- **Oct 12**
  - 7am Gr7 Girls VB Practice
  - 2:40pm Gr6 Boys VB Practice
  - 2:40pm Swim Practice
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Girls Black vs CDG
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Girls Red @ Heritage
- **Oct 19**
  - 7am Gr7 Boys VB Practice
  - 7am Gr7 Girls VB Practice
  - 2:40pm Gr6 Boys VB Practice
  - Swim Practice
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Boys Game - TBA
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Girls Black @ Dasmesh
- **Oct 26**
  - 7am Gr7 Boys VB Practice
  - 7am Gr7 Girls VB Practice
  - 2:40pm Gr6 Boys VB Practice
  - Swim Practice
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Boys Game - TBA
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Girls Black Game
  - 3:15pm Gr8 Girls Red Game

## Friday

- **Oct 15**
  - 7am Gr8 Girls Black VB Practice
  - 2:40pm Gr7 Boys VB Practice
  - 3pm Gr6 Boys Game vs Reimer
- **Oct 22**
  - 7am Gr8 Girls Black VB Practice
  - 2:40pm Gr7 Boys VB Practice
- **Oct 29**
  - 3pm Gr7 Boys Competitive Tournament
  - 3pm Gr7 Girls Competitive Tournament

## Saturday

- **Oct 16**
  - 9am Gr8 Girls Black Mission Tournament

## Wednesday

- **Oct 13**
  - 7am Gr8 Girls Red VB Practice
  - 2:40pm Gr8 Girls Black VB Practice
  - 3pm Gr7 Boys Game @ Clayburn
  - 3pm Gr7 Girls Game vs Clayburn
  - 4pm Gr8 Boys VB Practice
  - 4pm Cross Country Run
- **Oct 20**
  - 7am Gr8 Girls Red VB Practice
  - 2:40pm Gr8 Girls Black VB Practice
  - 3pm Gr7 Boys Game @ CDG
  - 3pm Gr7 Girls Game vs CDG
- **Oct 26**
  - 7am Gr8 Girls Red VB Practice
  - 2:40pm Gr8 Girls Black VB Practice
  - 3pm Gr7 Boys Development Tourney
  - 3pm Gr7 Girls Development Tourney
  - 4pm Gr8 Boys VB Practice

