



William A. Fraser
Middle School



May 2, 2024

Dear New Students and Families,

Welcome to William A. Fraser Middle School, home of the Falcons! We're thrilled to have you join us this September. Starting at a new school can be both exciting and nerve-wracking, but rest assured, we're here to make your transition as smooth as possible.

Our goal is to create a warm and welcoming environment where you can thrive academically, socially, and personally. With our diverse and challenging curriculum and dedicated staff, we're committed to providing you with an exceptional educational experience. Additionally, we offer a variety of extracurricular activities for you to explore your interests and build friendships.

We believe that parents play a vital role in their child's education, so we encourage your active involvement. Please save the following dates:

- **Tuesday, May 28 @ 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM:** Fraser Open House & School Tour for Parents
- **Wednesday, August 28 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM:** Grade 6 Orientation for Students Only

If your child currently attends McMillan, Mountain, Margaret Stenersen, Irene Kelleher Totí:ltawtxw, or Prince Charles, Semá:th, Barrowtown Elementary, we will visit those schools for presentations and Q&A sessions. Your child will also visit Fraser Middle with their class for a school tour in late May or early June.

For families from other elementary schools in Abbotsford within our catchment area, or for any special concerns about transitioning to our school, please don't hesitate to contact our counselor or vice principals.

We're looking forward to welcoming you to William A. Fraser Middle School and helping you achieve your best!

Sincerely,

Dr. Ian Levings
Principal

Please take a moment to read over the letter on the back page that explains how we develop our class lists to set up our students for success!

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Dear Fraser Falcon Families,

We are excited to welcome your child to Fraser Middle School for the 2024/2025 school year. We are working hard with your child's previous teacher and our Fraser support and teaching team to develop a strong understanding of your child's needs.

We put much effort into placing all children in optimal educational settings. We consider a range of criteria, including academic needs and progress, physical and emotional maturity, social needs, and connections. Our primary goal is to build successful groups of learners who will work and learn well together. We urge you to trust our team of educators to make the best placement for your child.

Our school transition team has worked alongside your child's elementary schools to create a robust transition plan for each student.

We often hear from parents that their child has requested to be placed with friends to reduce anxiety around attending a new school. While we understand the desire for your child to be with friends, this is only one factor of many in determining student placement in each class. Sometimes, friend groups can impede social emotional growth as students build social skills in a larger school setting.

Making new connections, meeting new challenges, and dealing with change are important life skills. Often, a week or two into the new school year, children adjust and grow around their new surroundings and classmates. When class lists are posted, we are thankful for your support as your child's ability to adapt to change helps them grow and develop.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation and we look forward to working and learning with your child.

Sincerely,

Dr. Levings, Mrs. Sidhu, Mr. Kemp