



FALCON BEACH SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER

September 2023

Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to all our returning Falcon Beach Bears and a warm welcome to our newest additions! We would also like to welcome Mrs. Laura Kalyta to our teaching staff who will be fulfilling teaching responsibilities for Ms. Imrie this year. We are looking forward to another action-packed year of learning adventures here at Falcon Beach School.

Communication

We use a variety of communication tools throughout the school year. A newsletter will be sent home at the beginning of each month to update you on school events, dates, and important information. Please take the time to read it, as many important reminders are communicated this way.

In addition, emails are frequently used to send notes and school event information. Our school's Facebook Page is used to post reminders and resources.

If you need to get a hold of someone at school or have a time sensitive message, please call the front desk.

Some of our staff members accept text messages as a form of communication. As these are personal devices, we ask that you are mindful of the hours you send messages. **(Please send messages between 8 am – 4 pm, weekdays only. Thank you.)**

Bright Arrow

An automated messaging system called Bright Arrow will be used to communicate time sensitive information regarding school closures, bus changes or bus cancellations.

Cancellations & Closures

We do our best to provide prompt notice when or if we are to have an emergency school closure or bus cancellations during power outages or extreme weather. Please keep in mind, permission to cancel school is granted by the Area 3 Office.

Assessment Days

This year Frontier School Division has once again implemented two assessment days at the beginning of the year, to provide teachers with valuable time to meet with each student and carry out literacy and numeracy assessments before the school year takes off.

These assessment days are scheduled for **Monday, September 18th and Tuesday, September 19th.**

What this means is:

- There will be no regular classes on these two days
- Students will be assigned a timeslot to attend school and meet with their teacher for a brief period of 1:1 time, that will allow teachers to get to know their students and needs
- Parents will be asked to drop off their child and pick them up at the end of their designated time period
- Mrs. Turner will be reaching out to you to communicate your child's scheduled time during the first week of school
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school

Non-Instructional Days

Frontier School Division plans all of our non-instructional days. These are not scheduled at the school level, so we do not have the flexibility of changing them or rescheduling them. Thank you for your understanding.

Back to School BBQ

Weds, Sept. 13th from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

We are excited to be able to resume our *Back to School BBQ Pot Luck & Open House!* This is a chance to visit the school with your family, enjoy a meal, meet our staff, as well as other families/students and take a tour through the school to check it out! **We are asking that each family please bring a salad or side dish for the potluck.** BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs, drinks and desserts will be provided by the school.

Terry Fox Walk

The annual Terry Fox Run has become a fall tradition in Canada, with more than 650 communities and countless schools, fundraising for cancer research.

Our Terry Fox Walk will take place on Thursday, September 28th at 1:30 pm. Keep your eye out for us as we make our way through town. Parents and guardians are welcome to join us for this walk. We will meet on the school play ground at 1:30 pm.

"When I started this run, I said that if we all gave one dollar, we'd have \$22 million for cancer research...there's no reason that isn't possible. No reason!" ~ Terry Fox

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day has recently been identified as a national holiday.

We encourage families to engage in discussion and reflection about the long-lasting impact of residential schools with their children on this day, to continue our collective journey towards reconciliation. We will also be spending time in school leading up to this day, completing age appropriate activities focused on Truth & Reconciliation.

Important Upcoming Dates

Check out our upcoming dates for September. As we plan more events, emails or notes will be sent home to keep you informed.

Tuesday, Sept. 12th – Running club starts for grades 3 – 10. It will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays over the lunch hour.

Wednesday, Sept. 13th – Back to School BBQ & Potluck from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Friday, Sept. 15th – Riding Lesson for Gr. 7 – 10

Monday, Sept. 18th & Tuesday, Sept. 19th – **NO CLASSES.** Strong Connections Assessment Days – Individual appointments for each child will be scheduled and communicated to you.

Thursday, Sept. 21st – Friday, Sept. 22nd – Overnight Horseback Riding Trip for Gr. 7 – 10

Thursday, Sept. 28th – Terry Fox Walk @ 1:30 pm

School Trips & Travel



Please keep in mind, all pre-planned trips will be evaluated closer to the date. We will continue to take direction from the province and Frontier School Division in terms of our trips and travel plans.

New Sandbox on the Playground

A big thank you to Kristyn daMata and her volunteer work crew who took the initiative to upgrade our playground over the summer. Previous sand box areas were levelled and reseeded and a new structure was erected. It was a nice surprise for students on the first day and plenty of room for everyone.

Our community and our school thrives due to the fact that we have many individuals who willingly give their time for the benefit of others. Thank you again!

Transportation Information

For the safety of all children, we require any changes to your child's regular transportation home from school be communicated by a parent/guardian only. ***Please send a note, or contact the school by phone to communicate these changes.*** If you require your child to be dropped off at a different bus stop, a note must be provided to the bus driver.



Allergy Information

Due to allergies in our school, we are a peanut aware school. Please avoid sending snacks and lunches containing peanuts. We also have shrimp and egg allergies in our school. Please be mindful of these allergies when packing lunches and snacks for your children.



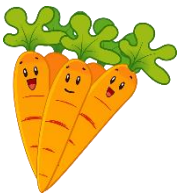
Cell Phones

As more and more students are bringing devices to school, we would like to offer a friendly reminder that here at Falcon Beach School the expectation is all devices are put away during the school day. There will be a designated safe space in class for students to store their devices. Thank you for your understanding as we work to ensure a safe and responsible 21st century classroom.



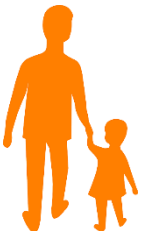
Leaving School Grounds for Lunch

Students in grades **7/8/9/10** are permitted to leave the school grounds at lunch time from 12:00 – 12:40 with the permission of their parents. If you would like this option for your child, please send a written note to school, granting permission for your child to leave the property at noon hour. Please bare in mind, this is a privilege, that will be granted providing students are able to return to school on time for afternoon classes and act responsibly. Students in younger grades will not be permitted to leave school grounds for lunch unless they are met by a parent/guardian.



Healthy Food & Pop Free School

We ask that parents send children to school with a reusable Water Bottle, so they are able to make use of our two new water bottle fill stations throughout the day. In addition, we are a proudly POP FREE school. Please do not send pop to school with your children for lunches or snacks.



Dropping Off Young Children

Parents who choose to drop off young children at school are asked to please accompany them on to the school grounds and ensure they have touched base with the teacher out on recess duty, so we know your child has arrived at school and take over supervision of them.

Visitors & Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school! All volunteers will be required to submit a Child Abuse Registry Check and Criminal Record check. We still ask all visitors and volunteers to please enter through the front door and sign in at the front desk! Thank you!

Farewell

Congratulations to Mr. Alan Kelly on his retirement! We wish him all the best and would like to thank him for his many years of safe service! We are in the process of working through our bus driver shortage and will communicate bus run details to you as soon as we can!

Running Club & Marathon

Running club will start up again on Tuesday, September 12th. Practices will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays during noon hour through the months of September and October. Any student in grade 3 – 10 may attend. Please ensure students bring proper clothing to run in, including running shoes and tights, shorts or sweatpants.

FBS Staff for the 2023-2024 School Year

Please join me in welcoming our returning Falcon Beach School Staff for the 2023-2024 school year:

Teaching Staff:

Nursery/Kindergarten Homeroom – Mrs. Vicki Gilhen Vicki.Gilhen@fsdnet.ca

Grade 1/2/3 Homeroom – Mrs. Keriann Iwankow Keriann.Iwankow@fsdnet.ca

Grade 4/5/6 Homeroom – Mr. Gary Gilhen Gary.Gilhen@fsdnet.ca

Grade 7/8/9/10 Homeroom – Mrs. Laura Kalyta Laura.Kalyta@fsdnet.ca

Support Staff:

Administrative Assistant – Mrs. Jennifer Turner Jennifer.Turner@fsdnet.ca

Educational Assistant – Ms. Chelsea Zalitch Chelsea.Zalitch@fsdnet.ca

Educational Assistant – Ms. Laura Vogt Laura.Vogt@fsdnet.ca

Educational Assistant – Ms. Joanne Hodgkinson Joanne.Hodgkinson@fsdnet.ca

Bus Driver – Mrs. Jennifer Carlson [cell 1-807-466-2129](tel:1-807-466-2129)