



FAIRVIEW SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2024



**No School: Monday, September 30th – Teacher PD Day
Monday, October 14th - Thanksgiving Day**

Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year!

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a wonderful summer break. We are looking forward to an amazing year ahead!

Student Information Verification Form & Consent Forms

An envelope was sent home with your child/children on Tuesday, with Consent and Student Contact Information / Permission Forms

It is extremely important for us to have your up-to-date information in our Student System in case of emergencies. Consent forms let us know if we can publish your child's picture on our website, or other social media venues. Thank you for returning these forms promptly!

PARENTS

**PLEASE DO NOT STOP
or PARK IN FRONT OF
THE SCHOOL BUS ZONE
BETWEEN 8:20 TO 8:40 AM
& 2:50 AND 3:30 PM.**

**PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF
THE SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT
WHEN DRIVING IN THE
SCHOOL ZONE &
DO NOT MAKE U-TURNS IN
FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.**

*Our Students' Safety is all of
our Responsibility!*
THANK YOU

Parents – if there are any changes in plans to pick up your child at the end of the day, (ie: not on the bus, grandparents picking up, etc.)

**PLEASE call the school by
2:45 p.m. at the latest**

to allow time to communicate the change to your child's teacher, and your child, in a timely fashion.

Your cooperation is appreciated, as the end of the day is very busy both in the classrooms and the office. Thank you!

Cell Phone Policy

Cell Phones are not allowed to be used anytime during the school day, including lunch time.

If a student brings their cell phone to school, they are to leave it in their locker. If a student is using, or is in possession of their cell phone, any time before 3:15, the phone will be placed in the office. Cell phones should be turned off or in silent mode while in student lockers or it will be taken out of the locker. **Smart Watches MUST be set on Airplane or School Mode while in school.**

Parents please do not text or call your child's cell phone during the school day. Please call the school if you need to contact your child.

Communication with our parents Via e-mail and website

We encourage parents and students to keep up-to-date with daily announcements, homework, newsletters and our school calendar by going to Fairview's web-site at <http://www.chinooksd.ca/school/fairview/>

Our monthly Newsletter links are sent by-email. Follow our Facebook page for upcoming dates and highlights.

Elementary classroom teachers will be sending home regular newsletters outlining learning and events that are taking place in their classrooms.

Fairview is a Peanut & Nut Free School

We are asking parents/guardians to remove any nut products from your child's lunches and snacks.

We have students with **life threatening peanut nut and nut allergies**. Please speak with your children about NOT sharing food items with other students, as a precaution. Thank you!

Fairview is a Fragrance Free School. THE USE OF ANY FRAGRANCE IN THE SCHOOL IS NOT ALLOWED.

From Mr. Boss' Desk:

Welcome back to all returning students / families and to new students and their families joining us. We are looking forward to another wonderful year of learning at Fairview School.

Our Staff has been busy working tirelessly in preparation for the year. During the first week, students have been extremely busy learning new routines and settling into their academics. Many of our students have already signed up for various fall sports activities. There is a very positive "buzz" around the building and students seem happy to be back and are adjusting nicely to their surroundings. Thank you "Knights" for all your good work thus far! You have been outstanding and the respect demonstrated has been very much appreciated.

I also want to send out a huge thank you to our families for all of your preparations and support of our school. We are fortunate to have such a positive and supportive school community.

Sincerely,
Stephen Boss



Volleyball Season

Volleyball season has begun! Tryouts are wrapping up and teams are being selected. Games will begin in early October.

This year's coaches are Senior Girl's Knights - Ms. Caswell & Mr. Crosbie and Senior Boy's Knights.- Mrs. Toles & Mrs. Wagner

Intermediate teams will be selected shortly. This year they will be playing the "Tripleball" version of Volleyball. Please see last page for explanation of the game). Please check the *Middle Years Announcements* page, from the Daily Announcements, on our web-site for weekly game and practice times at: <http://www.chinooksd.ca/school/fairview>. **Good luck to all our teams!**

Orange Shirt Day



Friday, Sept 27th

Intermediate Volleyball will now be in Tripleball Format

To enhance long term development, Tripleball is now the official competition format for provinces with teams that are 13U and younger ages. Tripleball increases the possibility of creating rallies that are successful and integral in learning and enjoying Volleyball. The aim is to develop a Volleyball for Life mentality. For more information and details about the Tripleball game, please see the last page of our Newsletter.

Upcoming Events at Fairview:

Thur. Sept 19 Picture afternoon - K1
Fri. Sept 20 Picture Day-all grades
Thur. Sept 26 Terry Fox Walk &
Ice Cream Float Day
Fri. Sept 27 Orange Shirt Day
Mon. Sept 30 PD Day - No School
Mon. Oct 14 Thanksgiving Day ~
No School

Students who use Inhalers

Many students who have Asthma carry their inhalers with them in their backpacks or store them in their locker.

We understand the need for a student to have an inhaler within close reach, however **it is important that the teachers and the office staff are aware that your child uses an inhaler.** Inhalers can be stored in the office, if parents feel the child is too young to manage it on their own.

BUSSING- *Only students registered for bussing are allowed to ride on that bus. No exceptions are made for students to ride on any other bus. A copy of the bussing policy and procedures they are on the Chinook School Division Website, under Transportation, or a copy can be obtained at the school.*

School Dress Code

Dress Code – As a respectful learning community, we wish to promote a positive image and encourage healthy lifestyles. Clothing should reflect these goals and be suitable for a positive and safe learning environment. All students should strive to present a neat, clean, and respectable appearance while at school.

Rationale: Most days, students have Phys Ed, open gym, intramurals, or recess time. Wear clothing that allows for movement and comfort, while maintaining respect and student dignity. Clothing choices should be appropriate for school sports, assemblies, or other activities. Excessively short or excessively ripped clothing may be worn overtop of t-shirts, tights, or leggings. Underwear is worn under regular clothes and should not be visible.

Clothing with profane statements, or wording of a demeaning nature, is prohibited. Clothing bearing a printed message will be judged improper if the message is subject to more than one interpretation, is obscene, racist, prejudicial, or promotes intoxicants or drugs.

For health and safety reasons, *students must wear proper footwear while in the school, especially the gym.* Sandals and slides are fine in the hallways, but are not secure enough for sports. No socks, slippers, or bare feet!

Hats/headgear are not worn in the school, with the exception of spirit days or other special occasions. These items will be placed in lockers when students arrive.

If, in the opinion of a staff member, a student is inappropriately dressed, they will be asked to put on their Phys Ed clothes or go home to change. *The teaching staff and administration will enforce the dress code.*

Terry Fox Walk - Ice Cream Float Fundraising

Our Terry Fox walk will take place on Thursday, Sept. 26th. On that day, students in Kindergarten to grade 2 will walk around Fairview School's outside blocks. Students in grades 3 to 8 will walk to the Southside Park. We will be selling **Ice Cream Floats** on the same day to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation. A form will go home in the next couple of weeks to order an Ice Cream Float for your child/children.

Early Dismissal Days



To help families plan ahead and make arrangements, students will be dismissed **ONE HOUR EARLY** on the following **five Wednesdays**:

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL



OUR REGULAR
DISMISSAL TIME IS
3:15 SO OUR
EARLY DISMISSAL
TIME IS **2:15**

October 16, 2024

November 27, 2024

February 12, 2025

April 30, 2025

June 4, 2025



Each early dismissal allows teachers to participate in **2** hours of professional development to support student learning and assessment.



Buses will also depart the school one hour earlier than the regular time.

Personal Electronic Devices in Schools



Student use of personal electronic devices limited/not permitted during instructional time.

Potential BENEFITS

- ✓ Increase focus
- ✓ Increase learning engagement
- ✓ Increase personal & social interactions
- ✓ Promote healthy habits
- ✓ Reduce interruptions in learning
- ✓ Reduce distractions
- ✓ Reduce anxiety & stress
- ✓ Reduce time spent on social media

RESPECT

Family Newsletter

PurposeFULL
People

Respect Overview

This month's focus is Respect. One way to think about Respect is "seeing value in all people and things & treating them with care." Many people feel Respected in different ways. We hope this month inspires discussions with your family about what Respect means to you and how you can practice it together!

Respect is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Kind**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership.

Conversation Starters

- Can you share or show what Respect means?
- What is 1 way you have practiced Respect lately?

PurposeFull Pursuits

Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Respect. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" you can complete together!

#1

A fun way to remind students to show Respect to others is to create a non-verbal cue. As a family, come up with a non-verbal way to cue your student to remember to show Respect to others. An example of this would be anytime you raise the "Respect Rooster" on your hand by closing the middle 2 fingers and bringing your pointer finger and pinky finger up, your student would be reminded to practice living out Respect.



#2

Review Respect as a family! In our lessons we are teaching that Respect means to see value in people and things and treat them with care. Agree as a family to set aside a certain time each day this week to unplug from devices and plug into family time. It shows Respect to practice being present in the moment without the distractions that can come from technology. Debrief and discuss this challenge afterward. Consider to embracing this practice at least 1 day each week!

Why Tripleball?

In an effort to incorporate Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD), Volleyball Canada is recommending that Tripleball be the official competition format for provinces and territories able to run 13U and younger age categories. It is not recommended that Tripleball be used in the 14U age category when a 13U age category exists, but it be played during the first half of the season in the 14U age category when a 13U age category does not exist. The goal of Tripleball is to promote better skill development, participation, meaningful competition, and fun.

The main catalyst for Volleyball Canada's recommendation of Tripleball was the increased probability of creating a rally (more than one or two contacts). The committee strongly believes that successful rallies are an integral part of learning and enjoying the game, and the first step in developing a Volleyball for Life mentality.

Further, a series of statistics were compiled across Canada that revealed the following:

- By initiating the rally with a serve in the 13U age group:
- 57% of rallies contain 2 or less contacts
- 29% of all serves were missed
- 28% of all serves were aces
- A second contact volley by the designated setter occurs 13% of the time in sideout
- A third contact attack occurs 16% of the time in sideout
- The average rally contains 0.28 attacks
- The average rally contains 4.16 contacts

By initiating the rally with a toss in the 13U age group:

- 99% of rallies contain 2 or more contacts
- A second contact volley by the designated setter occurs 64% of the time in sideout
- A third contact attack occurs 49% of the time in sideout
- The average rally contains 0.85 attacks
- The average rally contains 5.61 contacts

To compare, by using a toss to initiate a rally as opposed to a serve we see:

- 4 Times the number of second contact volleys by the designated setter in sideout
- 3 Times as many attacks in sideout
- 3 Times as many attacks overall
- 1.5 more contacts per rally

To summarize the data, Tripleball provides more opportunities to volley, attack, block, play defense and transition than the adult version of volleyball. We also feel that having the outcome of the game more dependent on a team's ability to build up a rally, play defense and transition encourages coaches to train these aspects of the game more during practice.

The rules not allowing athletes to switch positions during the rally lets every athlete experience the challenges of each position and helps them develop a wider range of abilities and a deeper understanding of the game.