

# False Bay School

*False Bay School is a place that encourages personal and global harmony and love of learning in a spirit of joy and respect*



## Vice Principal Ms McKinnon's Message:



### Big Ideas Become Plans!

With the fall term rapidly disappearing, we are beginning to make plans for the winter and spring terms ahead. I find it exciting to see what was initially somebody's big idea becoming a real plan. There are some wonderful opportunities awaiting FBS students due to the big ideas and detailed planning being done by the hard-working FBS Team.

**Learning Grant Trips:** We were lucky to secure a grant to cover most of the cost for curriculum-related trips. The first in the series is planned for December 5 and will see students connecting with peers at QBES and then attending an Arts Show in the gym. Intermediate students will go bowling and Primary students will tour the Wildlife Recovery Center. More trips will be possible – at little or no cost to families – in the winter and spring.



**Library Improvement Project:** A small group of retired teachers is teaming up to “genrify” the FBS library. This means that fiction books will be grouped according to their theme, rather than the surname of the author. This makes finding a book you like easier. We thought we might also move a few shelves around to maximize the room and create comfy small-group spaces for kids to read or work.

**Learning Continues:** Our creative, energetic teaching staff will continue to work their magic with students to move their learning along. Expect a report on your child's progress by the end of January. More importantly, watch for FreshGrade portfolio updates all year long. I love my time at False Bay School and feel honored to be part of the unique community that supports FBS students. Reach out to me with **your** big ideas for FBS at [cmckinnon-sanderson@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:cmckinnon-sanderson@sd69.bc.ca)

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## December Dates to Note:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Field Trip to QBES & Bowling/Wildlife Centre
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Xmas Craft Fair
- 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>** – Altered Fridays
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Concert and last day of school before the winter break!



### Christmas Concert:

Some traditions never change and the joy of seeing our kids perform at the annual concert never goes out of style. We hope you can all attend on Dec 19<sup>th</sup> as the kids showcase their blossoming talents.

## W.I.T.S Ceremony "Use your WITS!!!"



**W – Walk Away**  
**I – Ignore**  
**T – Talk it Out**  
**S – Seek Help**



False Bay School is taking part in the **W.I.T.S** program, which is an anti-bullying tool for kids and it is also an empowering tool that they (and we!) can follow in any difficult situation where another person may be causing them stress. The WITS program creates safe responsive environments to help elementary school children deal with bullying and peer victimization. Starting 21 years ago in Victoria, WITS programs are now in every province and territory in over 1200 schools. In a 2016 report from Dalhousie University, WITS was determined to be the best program of its kind in Canada. Check out <https://witsprogram.ca/> for more information.

We invited Danielle Swanson, an RCMP youth officer from Parksville. She arrived by helicopter right into our school grounds which was so exciting for the kids. We also had our island Fire Chief Richard Carlson to come support this initiative.

## Bikes for Kids Program!



Through the amazing generosity and hard work of Greg and Mel and all the team at the **Bikes for Kids Program**, six of our kids here at FBS got some cool new bikes! Bikes for Kids have given refurbished bikes to **286** children from District 68 and 69 this year alone!

Our Intermediate class put **Newton's Laws of Motion** into action recently. They built some awesome rollercoasters that demonstrated how each law of motion works, with certificates given out for the Tallest, the most Popular, the Fastest and the Craziest! A big thank you to all the parents that came to cheer the kids on, at their very proud demonstration!

## Science Project

