



# FRENCH CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

*The little school with the big heart*

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**Our Mission Statement:** *At French Creek Community School, children, parents, staff and community promote a safe environment where learning is valued. Together, through respect and encouragement, we work creatively to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes of tomorrow.*

**Goal 1: Literacy:** *-To increase student achievement in literacy skills with an emphasis on reading comprehension and conventions of writing.* **Goal 2: Numeracy** *- To improve student performance in numeracy.*

**Emergency Preparedness:** *Our School Emergency Preparedness Plan includes processes for caring for students up to 72 hours if needed. If there are any changes to your contact and emergency information, please keep us informed.*

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## Newsletter # 17

May 20, 2009

### Eat Well....Get Moving!



Thanks to the many students who participated in the six week promotion called **Eat Well, Get Moving** by paying attention to and tracking the amount of physical exercise received each day and your intake of healthy fruits and vegetables! This School District and community initiative ended on Saturday, May 9.

Further draw prizes for completed cards, at the end of the six weeks, have been done. Lucky draw prize winners were: FCCS – Kaydra, AES – Olivia, QBES – Shai, BES – Jesse, PES – Melanie and Lucas, EES – Jonah and Sylvan, QBMS – Jennie, NBES – Holden, SMS – Deven, OMS – Tyra and Yva.

Now that you have started the habit of eating healthy amounts of fruit and vegetables and exercising regularly, keep up the good work! Make physical activity a family affair – walk or ride bicycles together, play sports or participate in physical activities as a family, or have everyone join in with the yard work!

**Bring your Smile!** - On **Wednesday, June 10** in the morning before recess, Lifetouch School Photographs



will be taking class pictures and the whole school picture. Each student will receive a class photo free of charge. The cost of purchasing an 8"x10" whole school photo is \$10.00 Order forms available in the office.



**Qualicum Beach Middle School – Parent Orientation Evening** - An Invitation to the Parents of Grade 5 Students and Grade 5's Attending QBMS in September: Please attend our Parent Orientation Evening at QBMS on **Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p.m.** QBMS staff and students will provide brief presentations about life at QBMS, followed by a tour of the school. This will provide an opportunity for our incoming 5's to tour their parents around the QBMS. We look forward to meeting you on June 9.

**Qualicum Beach Middle School P.A.C.** would like to extend a welcoming hand to all interested parents of grade 5 students who will be attending our school as 6th graders in the fall of 2009. At this time of year, we look to fill the executive positions for next year - Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer, D.P.A.C. Rep. as well as a variety of committees. Fortunately, a very capable parent has stepped forward to fill the position of Chair. Participating in the P.A.C. either in an executive position or as an active parent is a great way to become aware of what's going on at the Middle School and is both personally rewarding and a vital way to contribute to the school community. For more information, please contact Leona Matte at 752-7404 (home) or 951-

1290 (cell)



Oceanside Middle School - Parent Orientation Evening - Rescheduled. This evening was originally scheduled for Tuesday, June 2. It is now rescheduled for **Thursday, June 4th** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

**Update on H1N1 Human Swine Flu Virus** - In recent week's information has been provided to parents, staff and students regarding A-H1N1 Human Swine Flu Virus. Current information about the virus is available at any time at this website: [http://www.gov.bc.ca/govt/swine\\_flu.html](http://www.gov.bc.ca/govt/swine_flu.html). In addition those seeking health advice can call 811 where assistance is available 24/7 through HealthLink BC.




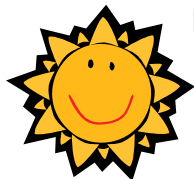
**June 5** - Our Community Picnic will be held at the Coombs Fair Ground (behind the Coombs General Store). More information to follow soon.

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**Dates to Remember**

The district calendar can be found on the SD 69 website: [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca)

Every Monday	10:15-10:45a.m.	Mother Goose Program in library
May	21	Earthquake Drill 1:00
	May 7-June 4	Kids Can Cook Program
	21	Grade 5 visit to QBMS
	22	First Nation Cultural Fair
	25-28	 Grade 5's Barkerville Field Trip
	28	Neil Middle School Band visit – 10:40 start
June	4	Grade 5 Parent evening at OMS
	5	Grade 5's visit QBMS
	9	Parent orientation 7:00 p.m. at QBMS
	10	Whole School Group Photo All library books to be returned
	11	District Track Meet
	12	Science World Trip
	19	Whole School trip to Rathrevor Park- leave FCCS 9:00
	25	Final Day for Students
	26	Administration Day



**PAC Fundraiser** – French Creek Community School PAC is selling “Summer Bridge Activity Books”: Come check out this award winning series that is curriculum-based. Sample copies of the books are in the office. All orders must be placed no later than May 25. Order forms are in the office.

**PAC News (Parent Advisory Council)**

We will be holding our May PAC meeting on **Monday, June 1, 2009** at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Brian Elliott at 951-3300.

2008-2009 PAC Executive

Chairperson: Brian Elliott

Vice-Chair: Sue Hiersemann

Past Chair: Michelle Anderson

Treasurer: Wendy Trasolini

Secretary: Corinne Leonzio



**PAC Executive Positions for 2009-2010** - The term for our current PAC Executive is up at the end of June and a new Executive must be instated.

The elections will be held at the June PAC Meeting. PAC Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, DPAC Rep, and School Planning Council Positions are available. **Elections will be held at the June 1 PAC Meeting.**

We urge all of you to seriously consider volunteering your time to this very worthwhile and rewarding cause. We are sure that many of you have some new and exciting ideas which will make "The Little School with the Big Heart" an even better place for our children. To be perfectly honest, the PAC Executive positions do not take a lot of time and the rewards far outweigh the time spent.

Our current PAC Executives will still be active in the School and are more than happy to support and guide the new PAC Executive. Below is a nomination Form where you can nominate either yourself or someone you think would be good in one of the positions.

Thank you and we look forward to working together to enhance the learning experiences of our children.

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## Nomination Slip for PAC Executive Positions 2009-2010 at FCCS

My Nomination for:

PAC Position	Name	Phone #
<input type="checkbox"/> Chair		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair		
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary		
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer		
<input type="checkbox"/> DPAC Rep		
<input type="checkbox"/> School Planning Council		

**PLEASE RETURN THE NOMINATION FORM TO THE OFFICE BEFORE MAY 31**



## Community Events

**Oceanside Youth Football Registration** - Date: Saturday, **June 6th, 2009**, Time: Between 11:00 a. m. and 2:00 p.m. Location: The Lobby of Oceanside Place (at the north end of Wembley Mall), Parksville, B.C.

Registration will be accepted for our Tackle Football Program which will commence on August 10th, 2009. When attending to register your son (or daughter), please bring their Birth Certificate and BC MEDICAL CARD. The registration fees are as follows: PeeWees(ages 8-11 yrs) - \$125.00 and Jr. Bantams(ages 12-13) - \$175.00. We also require an equipment deposit cheque in the amount of \$200.00 post-dated to December 31, 2009.

Should you require any further information about the program, please call either Rome Novak at Ph.# 951-0532 or Guy Therrien at Ph.# 951-8663.

**RDN Recreation and Parks Program** - Register online at [www.rdn.bc.ca](http://www.rdn.bc.ca) or call 250-248-3252 or 250-752-5014. Children & Youth Programs: Home Alone 9-12yrs, Jun 6, Sat 1:00-4:00 p.m. Scrub Hockey 10-18yrs Sad that hockey is over? Don't despair! Jun 8-Jul 30.

**Swim and Skate Schedules** are available online at [www.rdn.bc.ca](http://www.rdn.bc.ca).

**Preschool and Adult Programs Oceanside Walking Challenge** -Draw prizes, pedometer and walking information package. \$10/ includes pedometer \$5/ use your own pedometer Run the Rivers -Come out and join Heather and David Beatty on a beautiful 5-8km trail run. All running paces will be accommodated! Sun 10:00-11:30 a.m. **May 24.**

**14th Annual Quality Foods Qualicum Beach Triathlon** is just around the corner on **Sunday June 28th**. Get your team ready to Swim, Bike and Run!! Or do the Swim, Bike, Run yourself! Distances for all ages from 4 to Adult. Pick up registration at the pool or on-line at [www.nanaimo.ark.com/~qbtri](http://www.nanaimo.ark.com/~qbtri). Be sure to tell us your school name, as we have a school spirit trophy award for the most participation!! Don't want to race this year? We need your help to ensure a safe and well organized race; we need your volunteer support! Contact Pheona Cessford 250-951-0159 for more information.

**Summer Camp Registration** is OPEN! Call now to book your spot. Sports Camps, Computer Byte Camps, Girl's Hockey Camp, Tennis Camp, Volleyball Camp, Aqua-Smorg and many more choices. Visit @ctivereg for details at [www.rdn.bc.ca](http://www.rdn.bc.ca).

**Milner's Shoots with Roots Camps** - School's Out Camp - **May 18<sup>th</sup> – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** - all ages. Summer Camps – 5 yrs and under, 5-12 yrs, 12 yrs and older \*new overnight camps\* see: [www.milnergardens.org](http://www.milnergardens.org) under 'education'.

**Carnival at Springwood Middle School** on **Friday**, May 22, 2009 from 5:30 – 8:00 with fun for the whole family! We are hoping that you could include the attachment into your next few newsletters to invite students from our feeder schools and their families to this fun evening. Thank you for your support.  
Don Boyd.

**Summer Childcare at Errington Elementary!** Errington Community Childcare is open July and August! We have an amazing line-up of activities and outings hosted by awesome, energetic staff in a licensed on-site facility! Spaces are limited so please call Linda or Erin at 250 248 7210.

