



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.*

FCCS Web Site: <http://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/FCCS> **District Web Site:** <http://www.sd69.bc.ca>

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.*

Newsletter # 3

October 9, 2009

**Monday, October 12, 2009 - Thanksgiving
Students Do Not Attend**



Cool Creekers - Monthly recognition awards are given to students for positive attitudes and behaviour in the classroom and on the playground. Our Cool Creeker/ Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways Assembly was held on October 7.

Cool Creekers for September - *Congratulations* to:

Dylan D. and Nyah in Mrs. Dodds' class, Alena and Jordan in Mrs. Cleland's class, Adrian and Gaike in Ms. Strong's class, Alex and Rudy in Mrs. Stocker's/Mrs. Dahle's class, Dylan and Liam in Mr. Anders' class.

Also, each month a student from each classroom is chosen in recognition of his/her ability to solve problems in peaceful ways with a compassionate attitude toward others. This award also recognizes kindness, sharing, and participating in events and activities incorporating fair play in the school and on the playground.

Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways - *Congratulations* to:

William in Mrs. Dodd's class, Riley in Mrs. Cleland's class, Tansy in Ms. Strong's class, Madison in Ms. Stocker's/Mrs. Dahle's class and Noah in Mr. Anders' class.



Fire Safety Week October 4- 10. A special thank you to Don Brittain and the Coombs Hilliers Fire Department for the recent Fire Safety presentation to the Grade 3 students. A pamphlet entitled *Fire Safety Starts with You!* is attached.

As this is Fire Prevention Week practicing a fire drill at home will ensure that your family knows what to do in the event of a fire. Escape planning is critical if a fire occurs. It is very important that your family has an escape plan and that you practice *Your Home Fire Escape Plan* (see pamphlet). Prior to the drill, your family should discuss your escape plan and test your smoke detectors.



Lifetouch Picture Day - On **Tuesday, October 20**, Lifetouch Photo will be taking individual school photos. Envelopes have been sent home today with the newsletter. The school office has additional envelopes, if needed.

Your order and exact payment must be given to the photographer on **Tuesday, October 20** otherwise your child's photo will be taken for school records only. Lifetouch Photo will return in 2-3 weeks to do retakes and take photos of students who were absent. If you have 3 or more children in this school district, there is a family discount. Please check the photo envelope for more information concerning this discount.



Author Visit – On October 7 the library hosted local author Laura Hesse. Laura read to students from grades 3-5. She donated a signed copies for the library and one for a book draw. Congratulations to Kierra Spence who won the book.



After School Dance at French Creek Community School Start date is **October 22**- Instructor: Antonia Caruso, former member of The San Francisco Ballet Company, is offering dance classes for this school year in our gym from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. This program is for grades 2 to 5. There is no charge for this program. Registration forms have been sent home. Please return them to the school office as soon as possible.



PAC NEWS (Parent Advisory Council)



Thanksgiving Tickets Sales – What a great success! We raised over \$500.00 towards The Whole School Skate and the classes get the Christmas Craft monies back.

Turkey (Q-bird donated by PAC) was won by Cristin Beecroft
Homemade Tarts from Hilliers Beef 'N' Baker was won by Lori Gray
Floral Center Piece was won by Rudy H

A great big thank you to Russell's mom, CindyJane Downer, for making the yummy tarts, and to Gage and Austin's mom, Tammy Preston, for making the beautiful center piece.

Oceanside Place has been booked for December 18, 2009.

See you on the ice!

The Parent Advisory Council plays an important role in our school. If your child attends our school, you are automatically a PAC member. There is nothing to sign and no dues to pay! Parents are encouraged to attend the meetings to be an active part of the school community.

Please join us for the PAC meeting which will be held at the school on **Tuesday, November 30 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the library**. The more parents who attend and help, the more success we have with our programs to support our school. Please note there will be no child minding at this meeting

Each year PAC is supportive of numerous activities contributing to a sense of school and community, bringing our students opportunities that would otherwise not exist. We look forward to starting a new year of strong support and welcome, with enthusiasm and thanks, previous members and new members of our school and community.

PAC Executives				
<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Vice-Chairperson</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Past Chairperson</i>
Sue Hiersemann	Wendy Transolini	Angela Schulze	Joanne Loring	Brian Elliott

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Dates to Remember in October

The district calendar can be found on the SD 69 website: www.sd69.bc.ca

French Creek Community School Calendar 2009-2010

October	12	THANKSGIVING DAY
	15	After School Dance starts
	20	School Photos
	23	Provincial Professional Development Day
	30	FCCS School-based Professional Development Day

Community Events:

New! Please check the **Community News and Events link** (second tab on the left side) of the School District Website www.sd69.bc.ca for updated community news. Community activities and events will be added to this web link continually through the school year. The same tab on your school website will take parents to the same information.