



# 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 #5

November 5, 2009



**Remembrance Day Assembly.** On Monday, November 9 at 9:20 a.m. We will be holding a Remembrance Day Assembly in the gym. A member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 76 (Qualicum) will be in attendance. Our school choir will be performing at this assembly. All parents and community members are invited to join us. Poppies will be available at the school and we are encouraging everyone to donate coins to the "poppy tray".



**Cool Creekers** - Monthly recognition awards are given to students for positive attitudes and behaviour in the classroom and playground. Our Cool Creeker/ Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways Assembly was held on November 4.

Cool Creekers for October - *Congratulations* to:

Jacob Yacoboski and Jada Beaman in Mrs. Dodd's class, Jesse W. and Tananger in Mrs. Cleland's class, Austin P. and Destiny in Ms. Strong's class, Mackenzie and Sean in Mrs. Stocker's/Mrs. Dahle's class, Russell and Jesse L. 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:

Jason and Kai in Mrs. Dodd's class, Cassidy in Mrs. Cleland's class, Daniel in Ms. Strong's class, Emily in Ms. Stocker's/Mrs. Dahle's class and Kierra in Mr. Anders' class.



**Book Fair** – Great ready for some out-of-this world excitement with Scholastic Book Fairs" galaxy of Books!

You'll go where no reader has gone before as you explore the coolest array of books in the cosmos. We'll be launching this stellar reading celebration the library on **November 19, 20, 23, 24**. Just visit the Fair with your family and you could win FREE BOOKS! This is one far-out event you won't want to miss

Also, if you are interested in volunteering, we will need a few parents to help out with recess and lunch hour. Please call Lisa Drake at 250-752-3868. P. S. Did you know that for every \$10.00 you spend at the Book Fair up to \$6.00 goes back to our school.



**Maple Trees** – School District's Operations and Maintenance Department is looking into the health of the three maple trees in the front of the school and if they are safe for our children to play under. At this time Operations and Maintenance are waiting for an arborist report to make a decision whether the trees need to be cut down.



**Final Reminder for "Coats for Kids" Program** -If you have unused or underused winter coats, scarves or gloves the Rotary Club, with the help of Ballenas Secondary Leadership classes, would

love to recycle them for you and make sure that someone can reuse them. Please bring them the drop off box at the school. Final pick up will occur on Monday, November 9.

**Lifetouch Photo Retake Day – Thursday, November 19** For all our students who would like their photos redone, or who were absent or missed getting their envelopes in on picture day, photo retakes will be on next Thursday, Nov 19 starting at 8:10 a. m. Students, who are having retakes, must remember to bring in their old package of photos and return them to the photographer. The school office has more picture envelopes if needed for new orders.

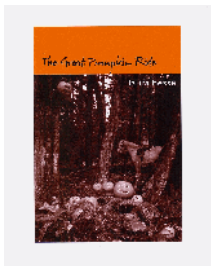
**FCCS Library News - Congratulations to the winners of September's Library Book Draw on "Caring for Books":**

1. Cassidy B Grade 1 Mrs. Cleland
2. Destiny K Grade 3 Mrs. Strong
3. Vanessa C. Grade 5 Mr. Anders

**Congratulations to the winners of October's Library Book Draw on "How Books Are Brought to Children Around the World":**

1. Libby E. Grade 3 Mrs. Stocker / Mrs. Dahle
2. Emily G. Grade 4 Mrs. Stocker / Mrs. Dahle
3. Nica D. Grade 5 Mr. Anders

Thank you to all who participated. Keep up the great effort! The theme for November's Library Book Draw is "Connections". Entry forms are in the library. Read a library book and draw a picture or write about what the book reminded you of. Good luck and Happy Reading!



Author **Laura Hesse** - Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed local author, Laura Hesse when she visited the school Oct. 7, 2009. She inspired many students to write stories for her. In an incredible act of generosity, Laura gave each student in our intermediate classes a copy of her book **The Great Pumpkin Ride**, which has been selected to be made into a made for TV movie.

Her kindness, caring and encouragement of our young readers and writers is greatly appreciated!



**H1N1 VIRUS** - Good hand washing with soap and running water continues to be the recommended best defense against this virus. Signs have been posted in all the school washrooms and posters are placed around the school. Please support good hand washing practice at home. We encourage parents to keep their children at home if they are unwell. Please visit our District Website at

[www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca) for further information.



**PAC NEWS (Parent Advisory Council)**

**PAC Meeting** Next PAC meeting is **Monday November 30 at 7 p. m.** in the **FCCS Library**. We look forward to seeing you there!

**QF Points** - A reminder that you can donate your Q-points to French Creek Community School membership # 4555555555 (that is #4 and 10-5's) Points earned help to support funding the Grade 3 swim program.

**Bottles** - You can donate the money generated from your recycled bottles to French Creek Community School at both Parksville and Qualicum Bottle Depots.



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

**French Creek Community School Calendar 2009-2010**

<b>Tuesdays</b>		<i>Mother Goose in Library - 10:15 a.m. to 10:45.a.m.</i>
<b>Wednesdays</b>		<i>Popcorn Day - .50 cents</i>
<b>November</b>	9	<i>Remembrance Day Assembly 9:20 a. m.</i>
	17	<i>Mother Goose cancelled</i>
	<b>11</b>	<b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b>
	19	<i>Photo retakes 8:10 start</i>
	23-25	<i>Report Cards handed out</i>
	27	<i>FCCS Reporting Day - students do not attend</i>
<b>December</b>	9	<i>Christmas Concert</i>
	17	<i>Christmas Fun Night 5 -8 p.m.</i>
	18	<i>Whole School Skate</i>
	18	<i>Last day of classes prior to Winter Break</i>
	21-Jan 1	<i>Winter Break</i>

**Community Events: Please check the Community News and Events link** (second tab on the left side) of the School District Website [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://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.