



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 #7

December 4, 2009



Parents are reminded that our

Christmas Concert is on Wednesday, December 9, 2009
10:10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.



Christmas Fun Night - Thursday, December 17
5:00 p. m. - 8:00 p.m.



Hurrah! Christmas Fun Night is less than a month away! FCCS PAC is planning this event for **Thursday December 17, 5:00 p. m. - 8:00 p.m.** Proceeds from this event will benefit all the students of FCCS.

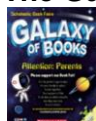
This fun evening includes Crafts, Bingo, Cakewalk, Shopping in the Re-Gifting Room, Silent Auction, and Pictures with Santa. Also, there will be music and a food concession. Families, neighbours, and friends are all invited to attend.

Needed for our Fun Night:

- Recycled items for Re-Gifting Room
Anything that would make a good gift for children to purchase for their family. Example: ornaments, small toys, jewelry, mugs, vases, etc. - all in good condition, nothing broken please.
- Silent Auction Items: Donations of items or gift certificates needed. Request letters for businesses are available at the office.

Please bring donated items to the school as soon as possible. Earlier donations make easier planning. For further information, call Wendy at 250-248-4108 or Anne at 250-248-9921.

The Galaxy of Books Book Fair was a great success with us receiving 68 new books for our library, way to go French Creek School!! The winner of the moon rock guessing game was Alex winning a \$5.00 book buck to spend at the Book Fair.



The winner of the family event draw was Mackenzie Hudson, receiving \$25.00 worth of free books from the Fair. Congratulations to our winners and thank you so much to everyone that helped and volunteer their time. A special thank you to Pennie Kilback. It wouldn't be possible without you. Thank you Lisa D.



Report Cards - We would like to thank all parents who attended our recent Term 1 conferences. Parent – teacher conferences which include the active participation of students are key to building the important partnership between home and school. Conferences provide an opportunity to jointly recognize a student's accomplishments, and,

to set goals for future learning. If at any time you have concerns about your child's progress, or, have information about your child which will assist their teacher in better meeting their needs, please contact the school.



A Guatemalan Christmas - Looking for that perfect gift for the hard-to-buy-for person? How about a gift card to support school children in Panabaj, Guatemala?

FCCS students have participated in a Christmas card design contest and the cards are being sold to assist the students and villagers of Panabaj. Their town was devastated by a mudslide in 2005.

You purchase one of the cards for a certain amount with the money going to a designated purpose. You then fill out the card and send it to that hard to buy for person with the money being donated in their name. There are four different cards (donation levels):

- \$15 purchases fruit trees and vegetable seeds
- \$20 supplies a water filter & two years of potable water
- \$25 supplies educational materials for the new school as it has no maps, globes, books, pencil crayons, math tools.
- \$35 supplies one student with running shoes, back-pack, underwear, socks & school supplies

Each card contains the picture of the child or family you would be helping. Cards are available at the school office, Home Expressions in Qualicum, or Our Glass in Parksville. Please make cheques payable to Panabaj.



Contest – Guess the number of Christmas light bulbs in the Christmas Jar and enter your name in the draw for a chance to win. The closest guess wins a Christmas surprise.



Reminder to Parents - FREE PIZZA DAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009. Make sure your order form was sent in. The form was attached to the Hot Lunch Order Form. Deadline to order is Friday, December 4, 2009.



Inclement Weather and Wet Clothing - With winter weather on the way, students need to come to school dressed appropriately for the weather and to be prepared to change their clothing if they indeed get wet at lunchtime. The fresh air is a wonderful break for the children, but the rain produces many puddles around the school and soggy areas on our field. So please pack extra socks and spare pants in their backpacks.



Bad Weather Reminders - Given the forecasts for snow and freezing temperatures, it is timely to provide a reminder to parents of district procedures when bad weather or other events impact on schools. In such circumstances, the decision about whether schools will be open or buses will be running will be made in time to notify media outlets by 6:30 a.m.

Conditions vary across the district, and sometimes from school to school. Below freezing temperatures overnight may mean that conditions are hazardous for travel. We recommend parents exercise their judgment based on their own local circumstance when making the decision whether to send or drive their children to school.



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 for further information.



Dates to Remember - The district calendar can be found on the SD 69 website: www.sd69.bc.ca
French Creek Community School Calendar 2009-2010

Tuesdays		<i>Mother Goose in Library - 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.</i>
Wednesdays		<i>Popcorn Day - .50 cents</i>
December	9	<i>Christmas Concert 10:10 a. m. & 6:30 p. m.</i>
	17	<i>Assembly for Special Dance Recital 8:45 a. m. 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>
	Dec 21-Jan 1	<i>Winter Break</i>
January	4	<i>School re-opens</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 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.