



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 #8

January 8, 2010



HAPPY NEW YEAR!
ISN'T IT COOL TO BE BACK?



Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to all our families. We would like to welcome all our students and their families back from the winter break and hope everyone had a restful time taking the opportunity to do the things which are not always possible when school is in session.

We would also like to welcome our new students, Meghan in Grade 1; Xsara, Kate, Danika and James in Grade 3; Hailey in Grade 5.

Many thanks to all of you for your support during our Christmas Fun Night, our Christmas Concert and our school Skating Field Trip. Mrs. Strong's class raised \$30.00 from gingerbread cookies sales for Panabaj. Mr. Anders' class Christmas Card sale was also successful. All these events enhanced community and holiday spirit and were enjoyed by everyone involved.

Thank you to parents for dressing your children appropriately for the weather. It is also helpful for students to bring a change of clothes during these very wet days. Also, a reminder to please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes.



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 January 6.

Cool Creekers for October - Congratulations to:

Ashton and Makenna in Mrs. Dodd's class, Garrett and Hunter in Mrs. Cleland's class, Owen and Evan in Ms. Strong's class, Serena and Tyson in Mrs. Stocker's/Mrs. Dahle's class, Caitlin and Adam 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:

Liam in Mrs. Dodd's class, Emma in Mrs. Cleland's class, Xsara in Ms. Strong's class, Libby in Ms. Stocker's/Mrs. Dahle's class and Erica in Mr. Anders' class.



Library News - Theme for January: New Year...New Books!

Read a new library book and enter the book draw for January. Entry forms are located by the library door. Enjoy!



Math Challenge - We have decided to add a new feature to our newsletter. MATH

CHALLENGE! Students submit their answer to Math Answer Box. A draw will be done on the following Wednesday and a prize will be awarded.



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. Attached is School District 's Policy 7160 - EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS (STUDENT) which has been updated in December 2009.

H1N1 Virus - Good hand washing with soap and running water continues to be the



recommended best defense against this virus. 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.



PAC NEWS (Parent Advisory Council)

PAC wishes to thank all the volunteers who helped put together such a successful event-filled Christmas Fun Night. Thank you to the businesses and individuals who donated items to our Silent Auction. An extra special thank you to the Coombs -Hillers' Volunteer Fire Department, for their support and being such gracious servers. A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you everyone for all your hard work!

PAC Meeting Next PAC meeting is Monday, January 25 at 8:30 a. m. in the **FCCS Library.**

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.

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

<i>First Monday of every Month (except April)</i>		<i>Assembly 9:20 a. m.</i>
<i>Tuesdays</i>		<i>Mother Goose in Library - 10:15 a.m. to 10:45.a.m.</i>
<i>Wednesdays</i>		<i>Popcorn Day - .50 cents</i>
<i>January 2010</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>PAC Meeting</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Assembly 9:20 a. m.</i>
	<i>12</i>	<i>Wear Valentine colors - Red, pink, and/or white</i>
	<i>19</i>	<i>FCCS Reporting Day</i>

	22	District Professional Development Day - Students do not attend
March	1	Assembly 9:20 a. m.
	2	Dental screening for Kindergarten students
	5	Last day prior to spring break
	8-19	Spring Break
	22	School re-opens after spring break
April	2	GOOD FRIDAY
	5	EASTER MONDAY
	7	Assembly 9:20 a. m.
	30	District Professional Development Day - Students do not attend
May	3	Assembly 9:20 a. m.
	24	VICTORIA DAY
June	7	Assembly 9:20 a. m.
	29	Final day for students
	30	Administration Day

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. You can also access this information on the FCCS website at: <http://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/FCCS>.

Dad's Night - Dads, are you looking for something to do with your kids in the evening? Dads' Night Out is hosted by RDN Rec & Parks, Vancouver Island Regional Library, School District 69 and Building Learning Together. Dads' Night Out runs every Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm. Here are January's events:
 Jan 5 - Night Skate at the Pond at Oceanside Place
 Jan 12 - Where the Wild Things Are! Monsters and Critters at Parksville Library
 Jan 19 - Activities in the Gym at Winchelsea Elementary
 Jan 26 - Fun at Munchkinland Discovery Centre, Parksville

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Please return to the office before Wednesday. The winner will be announced on Wednesday afternoon announcements. The winner can come to the office to claim their prize. Good Luck!

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Math question:

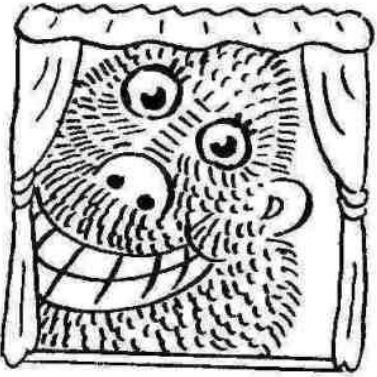
math challenge

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What If?

Your bed is about 6 feet long.

If King Kong, who is 35 feet tall, wants to come over to spend the night at your house, how much longer will your bed have to be?



The answer is: _____

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____



SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 69 (QUALICUM)

BOARD POLICY 7160

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS (STUDENT)

POLICY

The Board of Education has the responsibility, under the *School Act*, to keep district schools in session for all students and staff according to the annual School Calendar established by the Ministry of Education. However, the Board also believes that the health and safety of staff and students is of paramount importance and recognizes that schools may have to be closed temporarily at times for any of several reasons, including the following:

- Inclement weather
- Power outage
- Failure of heating or water services
- Emergency health issues
- Other emergency situations.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or designate, to close schools by reason of weather emergencies or for other causes that might endanger the health or safety of students and staff.

REGULATIONS

1. There are occasions when the Transportation Manager, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools and the Operations and Maintenance Manager, may decide not to run the morning bus routes due to hazardous conditions. Every effort will be made to make that decision no later than 6:15 a.m.

2. Changes in bus operations or school closures shall be communicated to the following media outlets, who usually make such announcements between 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.:

- CIBH Radio ("The Beach" – 88.5 FM) Parksville
- CHPQ Radio ("The Lounge" – 99.9 VM) Parksville
- CHWF Radio ("The Wolf" – 106.9 FM) Nanaimo
- CKWV Radio ("The Wave" - 102.3 FM) Nanaimo
- CKNW (980 AM) Vancouver
- CBC (690 AM) Vancouver
- CH News Victoria
- "A" Channel Victoria

3. Prior to the end of October each year, parents will be reminded through school newsletters of the procedures that will be implemented in the event of emergent conditions.

Emergency Early Dismissal

4. Each school shall have an established plan by which parents can be notified in the event of an early closure.

5. In those situations during the school day where an emergent situation arises or weather conditions deteriorate significantly enough that a principal has concerns for local road conditions in their school zone, the principal should contact the Superintendent of Schools. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools to notify the principal as soon as it becomes apparent that school emergency closure will be necessary.

6. When an emergent situation occurs after school has begun it may be prudent for students to be dismissed. On such occasions the Superintendent of Schools shall activate radio broadcasts which notify parents that schools will be closed early and some or all bus schedules have been advanced.

7. If a school bus driver is unable to complete their normal bus run, the driver will so advise the Transportation Department. After discussion with the Transportation Department, the driver will either return the students to their home school or deliver them to an alternate location identified by the Transportation Manager. Parents will be advised of such route changes either by announcement over the radio or direct telephone contact.

89.08.30 : 91.10.08 : 00.10.24 : 01.02.27 : 02.05.28 : Board Review : Feb. 04 : 04.02.24 : Board Review : Oct. 05: 05.11.22: 07.12.11: **09.12.15**