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Newsletter #3

TOP TEN (+3) HAPPENINGS AT FALKLAND SCHOOL

Here's how to keep up with the happenings at Falkland School.

1. Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Falkland-Elementary/264923487025152
2. Email: Newsletters and occasional reminders are emailed home. If your email address has changed recently, be sure to contact Janet at the office to update our records. Thank you! If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact Janet at the office as well.
3. School Website: www.fal.sd83.bc.ca – contains a calendar of events

Please have a look at the last page of this newsletter as it contains several important dates that you may wish to update your calendars with.

1. *Hallowe'en Costume Parade - October 31st, 9:15 – 9:50*

Students are encouraged to come to school on Tuesday, October 31st in costume. There are three rules that **MUST** be taken into consideration when choosing a costume for school.

1. MASKS are allowed to be worn in classrooms only. NO MASKS outside or in the hallways.
2. NO WEAPONS (this includes replica/toy weapons – swords, guns, knives, etc.)
3. NO GORE

Students are also encouraged to participate in the pumpkin decorating contest. Please see the information on the various categories for their entries. Students can enter as many pumpkins as they like. In addition to prizes for each of the categories, all students participating will be given the opportunity to enter a draw at the end. Decorated pumpkins can arrive any time after 7:30 am until 9:15 on Tuesday, October 31st. Please be sure your pumpkin is picked up at the end of the day.



Pumpkin Decorating Contest

at Falkland School



What

Find a pumpkin, plan a design and then decorate or carve pumpkin. Be sure to ask for help from your parents if carving is involved.

Who

Falkland residents and Falkland School students
Age categories include:
Preschool, Grade k/1/2, 3/4/5, 6/7/8, 9-12, adults

When

Entries must be accounted for by 10:00 am on October 31st. Entries must be picked by 2:15 pm on October 31st.

Why

Win a prize in each age category for the following:

- Best look alike (book or movie character)
- Most original

One "best of show" prize

All participants will be entered into a draw for a grand prize.

Where

Bring your entries to the school gymnasium.



2. Interim Report Week – Oct. 23 – 27th

All students will be receiving an interim report this week outlining progress so far this school year. If you have questions about the content or require additional information about your child's progress or program, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

3. School Photos – Tuesday, October 24th and Wednesday 25th



Based on staff and parent feedback, we are excited to announce some changes to our school photos. This school year, we have arranged to have Image Studios complete our school photos. A notice was emailed home on Thursday with a few reminders including an attachment with specific information about photos. If you have specific requests about your child, please return the bottom portion of the notice to the office or contact the office so we can relay this information to the photographers.

Tuesday, October 24th – 8:15 start in the music room with StrongStart, then Div. 4 (Richoux), 3 (Minchenko/Cull), 2 (Houston), 1 (Clarke)

Wednesday, October 25th – 8:30 start in the gymnasium with Div 5 (McAfee), students absent from the day prior, and whole school photo (outside)

Please be aware that if you are ordering for more than two children, you are eligible for a discount on your orders for your additional children. The packages that you order must be the same as the ones previously purchased. After ordering the first two, you can email photography@Imagestudios.ca and request a discount code for the remaining orders.

As always, your feedback about this and all aspects of our school is important. Please contact me at the office if you have feedback or questions.

4. Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is open for ALL students. We are thankful to all that have donated items to make this possible. We recently received \$1200 from Askews to support food programs and this has helped considerably. Full tummies help make better learning possible.



5. Upcoming Changes with Report Cards

Along with the renewed curriculum, the district is moving towards a different approach to communicate with parents about their child's learning at school. Falkland School will be piloting the new report card along with the new process. The process includes an interim report in late October, a formal report at the end of December with parent/teacher conferences taking place in January or early February to set learning goals. Students will be dismissed early on these days to allow for these important growth focused meetings

to occur. An interim report will occur again in late April with a final, summative report sent home at the end of June, including a student self assessment of the core competencies. If you wish to learn more about the new curriculum go to <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum>. If you would like to learn more about the core competencies go to <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>.

The biggest difference is the formal goal setting meeting in January or early February in place of the second written report. Goal setting and life long learning are a big part of the renewed curriculum. The conference ensures that parents are well informed about their child's progress and part of the dialogue to best support and improve student learning.

6. Leadership – School Spirit Daze

The student leadership committee, while working closely with Miss Minchenko, has organized several school spirit events. Please include these dates in your calendars.

Oct. 31 Costume Day (Hallowe'en)

Nov. 8 Poppy Day
Nov. 29 Moustache Day

Dec. 6 Team/Jersey Day
Dec. 22 Pajama Day

Jan. 15 Hat Day
Jan. 30 Hawaiian Day

Feb. 14 Red/Pink Day
Feb. 27 Twin Day

Mar. 5 Canadian Day
Mar. 16 Green Day

April 12 Book Character Day
April 26 Superhero Day

May 3 Crazy Hair Day
May 17 Cowboy Day

June 7 80's Day



7. Mother Goose – Hosted by the Boys and Girls Club

When: Wednesday Mornings - Oct. 25th - November 22nd for 5 weeks!

Time: 9:00-10:00am

Where: at the Falkland School in the StrongStart room

Who: all family members and caregivers of infants and toddlers are welcome to join this fun, program



How: Register by phoning, (or text) Pamela at 250-550-7359 OR Beth at 250-546-3465

Why: Cuddle... Communicate... Connect! The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program® is a group experience for parents and their young children which focuses on the pleasure and power of using rhymes, songs, and stories together. Parents gain skills and confidence which can enable them to create positive family patterns during their children's crucial early years, and give their children healthy early experiences with language and communication.

** Healthy snack time provided for all to enjoy!" ***

8. News from PAC

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for MONDAY, November 6th at 2:30 in the LIBRARY. This meeting is for any parent interested in learning more about the school and ways to get involved. Your attendance is very much encouraged and appreciated.



Our next Hot Lunch is on October 25th. If you are able to help out, please contact Karoll Brosnan at 250-938-4096. Please make note of the next Hot Lunch Days: Wednesday, Nov. 8th is Pizza and Wednesday, Nov. 29th is Chicken Noodle Soup.

We are excited to announce that POPCORN is coming back once a month. Thank you June Quiring and Louise Bouchard! Popcorn days are scheduled on the first Friday of the month for the remainder of the term. Nov. 3rd and December 1st. Popcorn orders will be \$2.



PAC will be creating a pumpkin patch on school grounds on Thursday, October 26th. Students by division will go out for the afternoon to collect one pumpkin each just in time for the Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

PAC has several fundraisers planned before the term ends. More information will come out soon.

If you are interested in helping out in any way with PAC, please contact Jodie Gillman (250-540-6762), PAC President, or Jen Hurren (250-550-4662), PAC Vice-President.

9. Awooga Celebration – Students of the Week

You may recall last school year we shifted our focus from recognition to celebration with this school wide program. This school year, students will again be selected randomly each week (one per division) to focus on the things that make them unique; things of gratitude. Mrs. Cull will make a phone call home to advise parents that their child has been selected and the various activities that will be in place for the week to celebrate their unique gifts and talents. Parents, teachers, students, and myself will all have a role to play in showing our appreciation to every child in the school by the end of the school year. We show our gratitude toward others often in an informal way, but our staff wanted to formalize this process to ensure all students feel valued. At the end of the week, their collection of appreciative comments will be sent home as a keepsake.



This school year, we are basing our discussion on the following books by Linda Kranz: *Only One You*, and *You be You*. Both excellent in promoting individuality and acceptance. A whole school project will be underway in the near future based on *Only One You*. *You be You* is the book selected to bring home for family follow up at some point in the school year.

For the whole school project each child will need to bring in an oval-ish rock about 3 – 5” in diameter by Friday, November 3rd. Sooner the better as the snow is expected to fly soon.

10. Volley Ball

Students in grade 7 and 8 have been busy practicing Wednesdays at lunch. Thanks very much to Mr. Clarke for providing this opportunity for our students. The following is the list of games that have been set up and their locations.

Wednesday, Oct. 25th SMS (Salmon Arm)

Wednesday, Nov. 1st Falkland vs. Rancho

Wednesday, Nov. 8th Rancho (Salmon Arm)

Thursday, Nov. 16th Bastion (Salmon Arm) vs. North Shuswap

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd Falkland vs. Silver Creek

Wednesday, Nov. 29th LenWood Middle School (Armstrong)

Please ensure that arrangements are made in advance with your child regarding transportation home after school on home games. It is Coach Clarke’s expectation that parent drivers will be transporting students home on away games.



If you are planning to transport other children than your own for volleyball or any other school related activity, you must complete a current Personal Use of Private Vehicle Form AND Police Information Check for the office.

11. Parent Volunteers

In order to volunteer in schools, a police information check must be conducted. Please obtain a letter from Janet at the office. This letter is then brought to the local RCMP office. A search is conducted and a report is provided to you. You then bring the report back to the school and it is kept on file. A copy is also provided to the district. The district ultimately provides approval. There should be no cost associated with this process. We thank you for your understanding and continued support of our students.

12. Remembrance Day



All parents and community members are welcome to attend our Remembrance Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 8th at 10:10 am in the gymnasium. We are excited to have some students performing thanks to Mrs. Kalf and Miss Houston. Please see information attached regarding the annual Remembrance Day Contests through the Legion.

ENTER THE
Legion Youth Remembrance Contest
ART • VIDEO • WRITING

Are you an artist, a wordsmith, or a filmmaker?
Create something about *Remembrance* and what it means to you and your country, and you could win local and national prizes, including: cash, travel, or Apple products!

Deadline:
November 15th, 2017

Who Can Enter?
All kids and youth, grades 1-12, in BC and Yukon.

Contest Categories:

- Poster – Grades 1-12
- Essay – Grades 4-12
- Poetry – Grades 4-12
- Video – Grades 7-12

You could *Win* local & national prizes!

For more information, please go to
Legionbcyukon.ca/content/youth-contests

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ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR COMMUNITY LEGION BRANCH

Contest Categories:

Poster – Grades 1-12

Separate categories in Black & White and Colour. Provincial cash prizes range from \$100 to \$250 and a trip to Victoria for Senior Winners; National cash prizes from \$150 to \$1,000 and a trip to Ottawa.

Essay – Grades 4-12

Provincial cash prizes range from \$150 to \$250 and a trip to Victoria for Senior Winners - National cash prizes from \$200 to \$1000 and a trip to Ottawa.

Poetry – Grades 4-12

Provincial cash prizes range from \$150 to \$250 and a trip to Victoria for Senior Winners; National cash prizes range from \$200 to \$1,000 and a trip to Ottawa.

Video – Grades 7-12 (BC & Yukon Residents Only)

Provincial prizes include: Apple MacBook; Apple iPad; Apple iPod Touch (or cash equivalent).

Provincial cash prizes range from \$100 to \$250 and a trip to Victoria for Senior winners.

Contest entry forms can be obtained from your child's classroom teacher or at the office. All entries are DUE to the office by November 15th. A representative from the Legion will be picking up these entries at 2pm.

13. Poinsettia School Fundraiser

The school will continue its annual Poinsettia fundraiser with Growing Smiles. Students will be asked to sell Poinsettias to help support the purchase of equipment for students at Falkland School. Students are NOT to go door to door to get sales. Students have been reminded that any order taken must be delivered to the customer. While information is included in this newsletter in case families want to get started, students will be given information on Nov. 1st. With the deadline of Nov. 24th, we hope this gives families enough time. Thank you Falkland families for helping with this annual initiative. Poinsettias will be delivered to school on December 7th and MUST be picked up by December 8th and delivered to customers.



6.5" PREMIUM POINSETTIAS

\$14

Your Holiday favourite! Brighten up any room with a bright and colourful poinsettia, ready to display and include a colour coordinated pot cover. The 6.5" Poinsettias are perfect to add a festive touch.



HOLIDAY TROPICAL PLANTER

\$30

Add a festive look to your table this season with a mixed tropical planter. There are 4 different tropical plants included as well as a novelty pick or pinecone. This planter is 10" in diameter and sure to please.



22" MIXED WREATH

\$30

Our 'Berries and Bows' wreaths are made with the highest quality festive greens available that are hand tied and dipped for extended freshness. The perfect front door welcome item during the holiday season.



4" TABLE TOP HOLIDAY PACK

\$22

Add a festive look to your table this holiday season with this table top holiday pack! The decorative pot covers, novelty picks and bows are included with the 3 different 4" plants in this tray: Gaultheria, Frosty Fern, and Mini Cypress.



Due to mix varieties, specific plants/pots cannot be requested and items may not arrive as shown.

- Premium Poinsettias delivered directly from the grower.
- Support healthy fundraising that is good for our earth and our community.
- It's EASY! www.growingsmilesfundraising.com

Growing Smiles
FUNDRAISING

Important Dates

Please take note of the upcoming events and record them in your calendars. Please also check out the school calendar on our website as this is updated on a regular basis. The student planner is another great reference for parents to find out about the upcoming events in your child's classroom.

Mon., Oct. 23	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1 Session 4 Food Studies and Visual Arts Lockdown Drill #1 Clay Crew Pottery Workshop 2:15 – 4:00
Tues., Oct. 24	School Photos – StrongStart, Div 4, 3, 2, 1 (in the music room) Toonie Tuesday – bring a toonie for District We to Me Nicaragua project Mother Goose Program visit to StrongStart
Wed., Oct. 25	School Photos – Div 5 and anyone missed yesterday (area near the gym) PAC Hot Lunch Mother Goose Program 9:00 – 10:00, Room 29 Volleyball Game Shuswap Middle School (Salmon Arm) – 3:30
Mon., Oct. 30	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1 Session 5 Food Studies and Visual Arts Photo Order Forms go home Clay Crew Pottery 2:15 – 4:00
Tues., Oct. 31	Halloween Costume Party Div. 4 to Regional Library 12:45 – 1:45 Apples and Milk delivered
Wed., Nov. 1	Mother Goose Program 9:00 – 10:00, Room 29 Volleyball Game at Falkland versus Rancho – 3:30
Fri., Nov. 3	Popcorn Day (tentative)
Mon., Nov. 6	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1, Session 6 Food Studies and Visual Arts Fire Drill #3 Clay Crew Pottery Workshop 2:15 – 4:00 PAC Meeting, 2:30
Wed., Nov. 8	Remembrance Day Assembly – time to be announced Leadership Spirit Day – POPPY DAY Photo Orders Due Mother Goose Program 9:00 – 10:00, Room 29 Volleyball Game at Rancho School – 3:30
Thurs., Nov. 9	Pro-D Day – students do not attend school
Fri., Nov. 10	District School Closure – students do not attend school
Mon., Nov. 13	In lieu of Remembrance Day Holiday – students do not attend school
Wed., Nov. 15	Mother Goose Program 9:00 – 10:00, Room 29
Thurs., Nov. 16	Volleyball Game versus North Shuswap – held at Bastion School in Salmon Arm
Mon., Nov. 20	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1 Session 7 Food Studies and Visual Arts Clay Crew Workshop 2:15 – 4:00, Room 29
Tues., Nov. 21	Anjou Pears and Milk delivered
Wed., Nov. 22	Mother Goose Program 9:00 – 10:00, Room 29 Photos Delivered Volleyball Game at Falkland versus Silver Creek School
Fri., Nov. 24	Fire Drill #4 Poinsettia Orders Due
Mon., Nov. 27	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1 Session 8 Food Studies and Visual Arts Clay Crew Pottery 2:15 – 4:00
Tues., Nov. 28	Div. 4 to Regional Library 12:45 – 1:45

Wed., Nov. 29	Leadership Spirit Day – MOUSTACHE DAY Volleyball Game at Len Wood Middle School (Armstrong) – 3:30
Fri., Dec. 1	Vancouver Theatre Sports League Cultural Performance – 9:00
Mon., Dec. 4	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1 Session 9 Food Studies and Visual Arts
Tues., Dec. 5	Mandarin Oranges and Milk delivered
Wed., Dec. 6	Leadership Spirit Day – TEAM/JERSEY DAY
Thurs. Dec. 7	Poinsettia Fundraiser Orders delivered
Mon., Dec. 11	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 1 Session 10 Food Studies and Visual Arts
Tues., Dec. 12	Christmas Concert – Rehearsal 12:30, Concert 6:00
Tues., Dec. 19	Div. 4 visit to Regional Library 12:45 – 1:45
Wed., Dec. 20	Term 1 Report Cards sent home
Fri., Dec. 22	Last day of school before Winter Break End of Term Assembly Leadership Spirit Day – PYJAMA DAY
Dec. 24 to Jan. 7	Winter Break – students do not attend school
Mon., Jan. 8 (2018)	School Reopens after Winter Break