



February 2022 Newsletter

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Ministry Surveys – for families with students in Grades 4 and 7

I would like to inform families that our annual Ministry of Education Learning Surveys are available now and will be until April 29th, 2022. You can access this online survey at the following web address:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

Please note that you do not need an access code to complete this survey

If you have a student in grade 4 or 7 we ask that our parents/guardians please take a few minutes to complete this survey at some time before the deadline date. Your input (along with that of our students and staff) comes back to the school, and the results from these surveys do impact our school planning. Last year's results made us aware of a couple of areas where we were falling short, and we have taken steps to do better in these areas this year.

Valentine's Day

Monday February 14th is Valentine's Day and our school will be celebrating the occasion within their individual classrooms. We will be asking PAC (at Monday's meeting) to provide light snacks for our classroom celebrations. We will also be doing some outdoor education on Valentine's Day (see next item.)

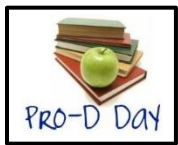


Outdoor Education Day at Forest Grove Elementary

We have invited Dave Quinn, an outdoor education specialist, to our school district for the week of February 14th - 18th. Dave will be visiting schools in our district throughout the week and the great news for us is that he will be at our school for two of those days. Dave will be here on Monday, February 14th to explore outdoor education with each of our classrooms throughout the day.


Dave will be back at our school on Friday, February 18th to work with teachers and support staff on the non-instructional day (Pro-D Day.)

Non-Instructional Day (Professional Development Day)



The school will be closed on **Friday, February 18th** for a staff Professional Development Day. Students do not attend in this day. As mentioned above, this will be a special day for our school as, thanks to our supportive CPAC, we are hosting Dave Quinn to put on an Outdoor Education workshop for teachers across our school district.

Forest Grove Elementary School Calendar

February 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 PAC Meeting (5:30 PM on ZOOM)	8 No Strong Start today (Rhonda Brown has a meeting)	9	10	11	12
13	14 Dave Quinn (Outdoor Ed Specialist) at FG Elem Valentine's Day 	15 Lock Down drill at 1:50 PM (tentative)	16 Hot Lunch pizza	17	18 Not in Session Day (Pro D) students do not attend Dave Quinn at FG Elem for Pro-D Day	19 Festival of the Arts Registration?
20	21 Family Day students do not attend	22	23 Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying) SBT Meeting	24 Grade 6(7) Basketball GIRLS at Horse Lake BOYS at 108 Mile (tentative)	25	26
27	28					

Student & Staff Absences

I would like to inform families that there has been an increased amount of illness and many absences in our school family these days. I would like to be clear that neither Interior Health nor the school district are notifying families about potential exposures at this time. When I am notified by a family of a positive case of COVID-19, I am required to respect their privacy and cannot disclose specific information, but you should know that COVID-19 is very much around us these days. It is also important to know that many families have been keeping children at home for precautionary reasons, so it would not be accurate to judge the numbers of COVID-19 cases in our school by looking at attendance. We appreciate your ongoing support in all things COVID-19 during this challenging time.

Lock Down Drill

Students will be bringing an information letter concerning Lock Down Drills in their planners, along with this newsletter. We have not had conducted one of these drills at our school in some time, so the attached letter should provide you the information you might be wondering about. Our first Lock Down Drill will be held on Tuesday, February 15th at 1:50 PM.

CPAC News

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 7th at 5:30 PM. This will be another virtual meeting on Zoom. Please reach out to one of our CPAC executive if you would like an invitation to this meeting.

Vice President: Kristan Deneef (michaela.kd@gmail.com)

Secretary: Heather Williamson (heather-w@hotmail.ca)

Treasurer: Jessica Drennan (jesswood.sw@gmail.com)

I would like to thank our CPAC for sponsoring Dave Quinn's visit to our school on Monday, February 14th. This will be a wonderful learning opportunity for both students and staff on this day.

Family Day



Monday, February 21st is Family Day, so school will not be in session.

We hope you all enjoy spending quality time with your family and friends on this day.

With the Pro-D day on Friday, your kids will have a 4-day weekend!

Pink Shirt Day

Bullying is a topic that we take very seriously in our schools, workplaces, homes and over the internet. Over the next few weeks, we will be helping raise awareness of this issue.

February 23rd, 2022 (the last Wednesday in February) is **National Pink Shirt Day**.

We encourage all of you to wear something pink to symbolize that **bullying is not okay** and our goal is to have a school that is safe for all and free of bullying.



Spring Break 2022

Just a heads up for parents that this year's Spring Break will take place from Saturday March 12th through Sunday March 27th this year. School will be closed during those days but will **re-open on Monday, March 28th**.



Important Upcoming Dates (Spring 2022)

March 12 th -27 th	Spring Break
April 13 th & 14 th	Early Dismissal Days
April 15 th	Good Friday
April 18 th	Easter Monday
April 29 th	Not In Session Day (Pro-D)
May 23 rd	Victoria Day Holiday
June 29 th	Last Day for Students