



Fernwood School Newsletter December 4th, 2025



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Food Bank at the Winter Concert! Thank you so much to Music teacher, Heidi Cameron, and to all the students and staff who worked so hard to make this a special, joyous event!



On behalf of the staff at Fernwood we would like to thank the PAC for treating us to an 'appreciation treat day' last week. It was unbelievable to walk into the staffroom to partake in warm home baked bread with butter and jam, gluten free muffins, lemon almond biscotti, banana bread and more in addition to fresh Salt Spring Coffee and a lovely card! Thank you for this expression of appreciation that made our day! It was wonderful!





Please Bring Extra Clothes to Have at School

Please send your child in weather-appropriate clothing. Students go outside for recess and learning activities in all weather, except in the most extreme weather conditions. To ensure all children stay warm, dry, and comfortable throughout the day, especially during outdoor activities, they must come dressed appropriately and have extra clothing on their hook to avoid us having to call home in the case of a muddy accident.



Lost and Found

A big thank you to parent Jackie Suzanne for offering to sort out our lost and found. We are very grateful to her for the offer. It was out at the Winter Concert near the entrance to the gym. However, many items still remain. Please remind your child to look at the items and take home your things before everything goes to the thrift store on December 18th. The lost and found has winter coats, sweaters, hats, mitts, water bottles, rubber boots, shirts, socks, and toys...a lot of items that belong at home.

Pizza Day – Fernwood PAC

Hot Lunch is returning! Pizza Day will be Thursday, December 18th. The choices include cheese, pepperoni, or Hawaiian pizza, an applesauce cup, and Smartie cookie. There is also a gluten free dairy free pizza option.

We have also included the option to donate \$5 towards the PAC, which will support various initiatives, including teacher appreciation and sports equipment.

To order Hot Lunch, you will need to log in or create a new account on Munch a Lunch:
<https://munchalunch.com/login>.

Preferably, you can pay with a credit card through the site. If you do not have a credit card, you may send cash or a cheque made out to the Fernwood PAC to your child's teacher, or send an e-transfer to fernwoodpac@sd64.bc.ca with your child's name, their teacher, and what you would like to order in the notes. Please label any money sent to school clearly with your child's name and teacher, their order, and make sure the money is sealed in a Ziplock or envelope. We cannot provide change.

Orders need to be completed and paid for by Monday, December 15th, so we have time to communicate with vendors.

Thank you for your support!
Fernwood PAC



Country Grocer Save-A-Tape Community Program:

Thank you so much to everyone over the years, and up until recently also, who donated their country grocer receipts to Fernwood Elementary School teacher classrooms, learning services and the Fernwood PAC. The paper receipt process has now stopped and is now a convenient 'point of sale' process at the store. In line with Country Grocer's philosophy of sharing with the community, we have opted to keep it simple and have two options to choose from at the receipt scanning kiosk. There will be box number 114 to choose for Fernwood Elementary School which will be shared equally between all classrooms and a second box for Fernwood Elementary PAC. Annually approximately \$3000+ comes to our school from the Country Grocer Save-A-Tape program: this subsidizes the cost of field

trips, purchases items for the classrooms and for learning services, and helps with special event costs. Thanks for your continued support and thank you to Country Grocer



Fernwood Firebird Volleyball

Thank you, Coach Shelly Johnson and Coach Natalie Bienias!

Parents are always welcome to come out and watch!

The game schedule is below.

REVISED GAME SCHEDULE (emailed out November 27th):

Grade 4/5 students Coach: Shelly Johnson

Date:	Game Time:	Where:
Tuesday, Nov 18	Lunch Hour 12-1 approx.	Fulford
Wednesday, Nov 26	Lunch Hour 11:45 – 12:45 approx.	SSE
Monday, Dec 1 CANCELLED	Lunch Hour 12:15-1:00	HOME game (Fulford visiting)
Thursday, Dec 4	Lunch Hour 12:15 – 1:00	HOME game (SSE visiting)

GAME SCHEDULE: Grade 6/7 students Coach: Natalie Bienias

Date:	Game Time:	Where:
Wednesday, Nov 19	Lunch Hour 12:00-1:00 approx	Fulford
Wednesday, Nov 26	Lunch Hour 12:15-1:00	HOME game (SSE visiting)

Wednesday, Dec 3	Lunch Hour 12:15-1:00	HOME game (Fulford Visiting)
Wednesday, Dec 10	Lunch Hour 11:45 – 12:45 approx	SSE









Looking Ahead Dates:

Wednesday, December 10

Grade 6/7 Volleyball AWAY game at SSE

Thursday, December 11

Field Trip Curtis/Michaux Classes to BC Forest Discovery Centre

Field Trip Ms. Sarah's grade 3 class to Duncan for Skating

Field Trip Hingston's class to Ganges

Report Cards to be sent home

Please pack a lunch, wear suitable clothing and be on time for the 9:10 am bus departure.

Monday, December 15

Field Trip BC Forest Discovery Centre Cameron/Mack class

Deadline to order PAC Hot Lunch - all orders go on MunchaLunch whether you pay on that site or not

Wednesday, December 17

Field Trip Smith and Hingston classes to Duncan (swim/skate)

Thursday, December 18

Last day of school before Winter Break

Pizza Day - thank you PAC and volunteers

Winter Break Monday, December 22 (January 5 – School Back in Session)



SD64 MOBILE APP



We post news on the SD64 App. Please consider installing it on your mobile phone. Transportation Services also post information about the status of bus routes.

You can very easily choose which content sources you receive, i.e. just Fernwood School or any other schools.

Community Notices:



DEC 6TH & 7TH | 11AM-3PM
271 FURNESS RD.

Join us on the farm for a magical Christmas experience for kids of all ages. Santa photos, farm animals, hot food & drinks, locally made crafts, toys, and activities for kids!

\$5 PER PERSON, KIDS UNDER 2 FREE

CASH ONLY

SORRY, NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE FARM

LIGHTER LIVING - GOOD FOR OUR PLANET, GOOD FOR OUR WALLETS, GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY

SLOW DOWN SALT SPRING TOY SWAP



TOY DROP-OFF DAY

Friday, Dec 5th, 3-6pm

LOCATION

Meaden Hall, 120 Blain Rd.
(below the Legion)

FREE SHOP DAY

Saturday, Dec 6th, 10am-2pm

Donate no longer needed toys for tots to teens on Friday.
No need to donate to shop for free on Saturday—it's open to everyone!

Toys Accepted: Bring clean, gently used toys, games, puzzles, books, (clean stuffies only) in good working condition.

Not Accepted: No broken toys, non-working electronics, or heavily worn stuffies, please.

FREE!



This event
is made possible by:



Salt Spring's Community Toy Swap returns to Meaden Hall

Transition Salt Spring is hosting **Community Toy Swap**: a fun, family-friendly event where everyone is welcome to share, shop, and celebrate the spirit of giving.

Toy Drop-Off Day:

Friday, December 5 | 3:00–6:00 p.m.

Bring your gently used toys, games, books, puzzles, clean stuffies, or children's gear in good working conditions. Volunteers will sort and display everything for the next day.

Toy Shop Day:

Saturday, December 6 | 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Come “shop” for FREE — no toy donation required to participate! Everyone is welcome to find treasures or pick out gifts for the holiday season.

♥ The event is **free to attend**, but cash donations are welcome to help cover event costs.

Please bring only clean, complete toys in good condition. No broken items, non-working electronics, or worn-out stuffed animals, please.

Two updates from the community group SSI HOOPS!

First Announcement:

The Fernwood Elementary Grades 5-7 basketball drop-ins on Thursday from 5:00 to 6:30 pm have been cancelled due to low attendance.

We would like to resume these sessions after Christmas but will need to confirm that there's enough interest for us to hold fun skill sessions and games. (At least 8 committed participants weekly.)

If you are interested in having your child join us after Christmas, please contact us at saltspringbasketball@gmail.com

Second Announcement:

SSI Hoops is running its 2nd Annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament this Saturday, Nov. 29th

from 1-4 pm at GISS gym. A Family friendly category is available. Scan the QR code for details. We hope to see you there.

2ND ANNUAL 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Come join **SSI Hoops** in a
fun afternoon of
basketball and prizes!



NOV | **1-4**
29 | **PM**

Location: GISS Gymnasium
Look us up on Instagram
Register to join @
saltspringbasketball@gmail.com

