



Fernwood School Newsletter November 27th, 2025




**Ms Heidi would like students to arrive at their
classroom by 5:45 pm!**

**Please bring a non-perishable food item
for the local Food Bank.**

No entrance fee – your donation is appreciated!

- We ask students to be in 'best dress' and not have anything that distracts or blocks the student behind them, such as reindeer antlers with jingle bells.
- Students to be dropped at their classroom at **5:45 pm** and picked up from their classroom at the end of the concert.

Invitation to Dress Rehearsal:

If you cannot attend the evening concert there will be a Dress Rehearsal that you are welcome to come to: 2:00 pm Tuesday, December 2nd 



Library Book Fair

Thank you for helping to add awesome new books to our school library! Your support with the fair raised \$1000 for our library today.

The Book Fair was a great success! Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help make the Book Fair happen for the kids. The library will open back up as usual starting Monday. Thank you to our school librarian, Amber Thompson, for all the fun events she has organized this Fall for the students at Fernwood School: the pumpkin character contest, the design of bookmarks by students; the 'Guess Which Adult's (Staff) Favourite Childhood Book is?' display, the Library Book Drive, and the Schoolhouse Teaching Book Fair!

Whole School Meeting

We celebrated birthdays and good deeds that got the whole school standing in recognition. Thank you to those who shared some funny jokes with us!

- *What do you call a famous fish?... a starfish*
- *Why was the bee's hair sticky?...because he used a honeycomb*
- *Why did the kid eat his homework? ...because his teacher said it was a piece of cake*

- *What kind of hair cut does a bee get?... a buzz cut*
- *How do you keep a skeleton from joking? ...take away its funny bone!*



Thank you to Ellora and Isla for opening and closing the meeting with the Territorial Acknowledgement.



There will be a drawing club now... on Tuesdays at lunchtime, 12:15-1:00 pm. Thank you, Sarah, and to Gabe, who made the announcement today. Thank you to Jessica too, Gabe's mom, for volunteering also. You'll be able to do free drawing, and there will also be guided drawing instruction.



The students that are not in band from Ms. Bienias' and Ms. Montgomery's classes presented a readers theatre for 'The Day the Colourer Pencils Quit'.



Please Bring Extra Clothes to Have On Hand 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.

Brian Reid's Grade 5/6 Class went to Duncan to Swim and Skate! Here are a couple of photos from the day:





Shayce Johnston, Indigenous Support Worker for SD64 invites all Indigenous students to connect at 'Culture Club' Mondays at lunch.



This year the class participating in the Roots of Empathy curriculum is Ms Pyper's Peeps (her grade 1-2 class). Thank you to facilitator Angela Huser. Roots of Empathy is a school based program that builds empathy and fosters social and emotional skills in children by guiding to observe and connect with an infant and parent in their a classroom setting. They will engage in activities such as measuring and charting Nora's growth, reading and talking with the baby and reflecting on their own emotions and those of classmates.





Fernwood Firebird Volleyball

Thank you to coaches, Shelly Johnson and Natalie Bienias! Both the grade 4/5 and 6/7 Fernwood Firebird teams played games this week with Salt Spring Elementary and showed great enthusiasm and team spirit!

Parents are always welcome to come out and watch! The 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









Lost and Found

A big thank you to parent Jackie Suzanne for offering to sort our lost and found and we are very grateful for her offer. Please before this big task begins it would be helpful if some of it (any of it!) went home. It will be out at the Winter Concert near the entrance to the gym so please after finding your seat or after the show look at the items and take home what is yours before it goes to the thrift store 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. Jackie is also offering over the holidays Dec 15-Jan 4 to help out with pet services. See below. Thank you Jackie!



Looking Ahead Dates:

Tuesday, December 2 -

2:00 pm Concert Dress Rehearsal (parents who are unable to attend in the evening have an opportunity to come to dress rehearsal)

5:45 pm Winter Concert 6 pm in the GYM – food donations requested for the local food bank

Wednesday, December 3 – Grade 6/7 Volleyball HOME game (Fulford here)

Thursday, December 4 – Grade 4/5 Volleyball HOME game (SSE here)

Wednesday, December 10 – Grade 6/7 Volleyball AWAY game at SSE

Thursday, December 11 - Field Trip BC Forest Discovery Centre Curtis/Michaux Classes;
Ms Sarah's grade 3 class to Duncan for Skating; Melissa Hingston's class to Ganges;
Report Cards to be sent home

Monday, December 15 – Field Trip BC Forest Discovery Centre Cameron/Mack class

Wednesday, December 17 -Field Trip Smith and Hingston classes to Duncan (swim/skate)

Monday, December 22 – Winter Break

Monday, January 5 – School Back in Session

Songs for the Concert if you would like to practice also at home...

Heidi has had some parents asking if they can help their kids practice songs for the concert, so here are links so that you can practice if you like:

3-6 I'se the B'y

<https://youtu.be/S-bQn9DtgUA?si=wMbEafiMTvjwCM4d>

K-2 Canada in My Pocket

<https://youtu.be/VnZIAOSEmYQ?si=oHBOaxmZaJqfDUE>

K-2 Five Little Ducks

[RAFFI - Five Little Ducks - In Concert with the Rise and Shine Band](#)

ALL Frosty

<https://youtu.be/jCjrcjFGQCA?si=STO5sq6YGA8uYobC>

ALL Jingle Bells

<https://youtu.be/hUoHPzWPldo?si=imr0R9HBDgdF0rGt>

ALL Feliz Navidad

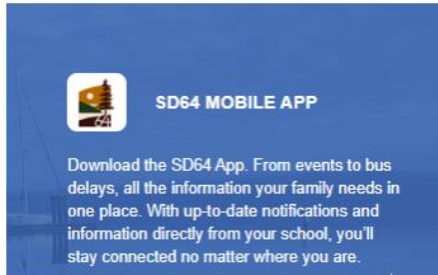
<https://youtu.be/TigBQ-3EncU?si=YPm2BliDOd-ck9YL>

3-6 Dona Nobis

<https://youtu.be/9fhJ6XrZ4jg?si=Bno07zWn8z55poCp>



SD64 MOBILE APP



We post news on the SD64 App. Please consider installing it on your mobile phone. Transportation Services also posts 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:

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:

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🎁 Give Joy, Not Waste!

✳️ Salt Spring's Community Toy Swap returns to Meaden Hall

This holiday season, let's spread joy and reduce waste by giving pre-loved toys a second life! The **Community Toy Swap** is a fun, family-friendly event where everyone's welcome to share, shop, and celebrate the spirit of giving.

How It Works

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 condition. Volunteers will sort and display everything for the next day's event.

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.

Why It Matters

By swapping instead of buying new, we reduce packaging waste, save money, and cut down on the energy and emissions used to make and ship new toys. Shopping second-hand helps protect our planet *and* brightens local holidays!

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

 Come celebrate **community, creativity, and sustainability** - because **joy doesn't have to come in new packaging.**

Warmly, and with Gratitude

Andria Scanlan, Ph.D

Lighter Living & Climate Coach Lead, Transition Salt Spring

Two updates from community group SSI HOOPS!

First announcement is:

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 is:

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



