



Fernwood School Newsletter October 17th, 2025

HAT DAY PICS! Whole School Spirit Day today...









Cross Country Event for Grades 4-7

Thank you to teachers, Melissa Hingston and Brandon Bronson, for organizing the Cross Country Event – Mouat's Park

'The Fernwood Cross Country Team was in good spirits on Wednesday, the day of our district Cross Country Meet at Mouat's park. The kids brought home many ribbons.

Cross-country running is for students in grades 4-7; training for the event will start again next September, but you can encourage your child to train throughout the year. Hope to see you next September, whether you are new to the team or a returning member! Adults are welcome. Thank you, Ms Hingston' Thanks for the photos from Melissa Hingston and Kari Burgess.









Lifetouch Photography has delivered the proofs to the school, and the proof packages have been provided to students to take home. Families have the option to order online at mylifetouch.ca or return a paper order form to school. There is an order deadline of October 20th. Photo Re-Take day is November 6 for those students who missed photo day or whose parents do not like the picture from the first photo day.

Whole School Meeting

It was a quick fun meeting celebrating birthdays and good deeds and reading out the jokes from the kids!

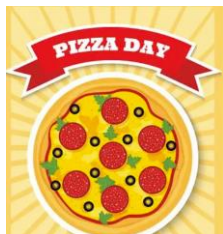
Thank you, Izzy and Sparrow, for opening and closing our Whole School Meeting with the Territorial Acknowledgement

‘What do you call popcorn for dogs?.pupcorn!’

‘Knock Knock! (Who’s there?) Woo! (Woo Who?) Having fun are you?’

‘What kind of a key opens a banana?...a monkey!’

‘What room can you not go in?...a mushroom!’



PAC
PARENT
ADVISORY
COUNCIL

THANK YOU FERNWOOD PAC!

Thank you to the PAC and the parent volunteers today (and the student helpers too!) for organizing the first PAC Hot Lunch of the year. Meaghen, Kate, Samantha and Shawna – thank you!

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA) with Grade 4 and 7 students are underway. The FSA is an annual province-wide assessment of students' academic skills. There will be both online and written components of the assessment that will be conducted over several weeks in October and November. Parents will receive their child's scores and written booklets. Information from the FSA helps the school and district identify strengths and stretches of our learners and contributes to the formation of our school and district goals.

Earthquake Drill

We had our first earthquake drill of the year yesterday for the province's ShakeOut October 16th at 10:16 am. Students practiced their 'Drop, Cover and Hold' then proceeded to our muster station on the front playground. Our next drill is a shelter in place drill in November as part of an emergency preparedness protocol for the school.

Pedestrian Safety

Now that students are settled with drop offs and bus registration, it is time for a parking lot safety reminder. If your child must be driven to school instead of taking one of our two buses, please adhere to the following for the safety of children (and adults too) during the busy drop off and pick up times:

- Please do not stop to let your child out while your motor is running while there is a queue of vehicles attempting to park. Please park in the parking stalls rather than stopping or idling your vehicle in the queue.
- Do not drive in the DO NOT ENTER way that is marked DO NOT ENTER. Please enter through the proper ENTRANCE.
- There are both children and adults on foot in the parking lot at these very busy times. Please drive slowly and carefully using extra caution.
- There are Zones that must be free of vehicles: in front of the steel fence where buses stop AND beside the Fernwood chalkboard at the exit. Buses cannot navigate a turn if a car is parked there causing delays.
- The school zone speed limit along Fernwood Road is a maximum of 30 km/hr.

Thanks for helping us to keep drop off and pick up as stress free and SAFE as possible!!

From the Library!

FERNWOOD PUMPKIN BOOK CHARACTER **CONTEST 2025!**

It is almost Halloween! Ms. Amber is looking for the Fernwood students to decorate a pumpkin as a popular book character to display in time for Halloween!

- Decorate a pumpkin using paint, and props to look like a well-known children's book character (not a movie unless also in a book!).
- Use colour and creativity!
- Please don't choose a HUGE pumpkin!
- **NO** carving of the pumpkins please! This will cause them to rot quickly inside! Yuck!
- **Bring your pumpkins to the library between October 20th and October 30th NOT BEFORE!!!**
- Please make a sign with the book character's name and YOUR name and grade.

The winning pumpkins (one primary one intermediate) will receive a prize to be announced October 30th!



Ms Hingston's Class Stewards In Training SS Conservancy Field Trip to Cusheon Cove



LOOKING AHEAD DATES:

Tuesday, October 21 – Stewards in Training Conservancy Pre-Trip sessions onsite for Ms Heidi and Mr. Mac's class, Ms Sarah's class and for Pyper's Peeps for their trip to Blackburn Lake later this Fall

Friday, October 24 – Professional Development Day for Staff

Monday, October 27 – Early Dismissal Day (12:00 dismissal) for informal learning updates

Wednesday, October 29 – Mrs. Pyper's Peeps go to Blackburn Lake today for their Conservancy Field Trip

Thursday, October 30 – Hallowe'en Parade at school 8:45 am (please no scary masks/weapon-like parts)

Sunday, November 2 – daylight savings (clock fall back 2 a.m.)

Wednesday, November 5 – Ms Sarah's class goes to Blackburn Lake today for their Conservancy Field Trip

Thursday, November 6 – Photo Retake Day (for any individuals who missed photo day October 2)

Tuesday, November 11 – Remembrance Day (school closed)

Thursday, November 13 – Ms Heidi and Mr. Mac's class goes to Blackburn Lake today for their Conservancy Field Trip; Melissa Hingston's class to Ganges

Friday, November 14 – Friday school day

SLOW DOWN SALT SPRING CLOTHING SWAP






CLOTHING DROP-OFF
Fri, Oct 24th
3:30pm - 6:30pm



FREE SHOP
Sat, Oct 25th
10:00am - 3:30pm



MEADEN HALL
(120 Blain Rd.
(below the Legion)

Donate no longer needed adult and children's clothing on Friday. Anyone can shop for free on Saturday!

>Drop-off Your Clothes: Friday, Oct 24th, 3:30pm-6:30pm @ Meaden Hall

>Free Shop Day: Saturday, Oct 25th, 10:00am-3:30pm @ Meaden Hall, 120 Blain Road, (below the Legion)



Accepted: Freshly laundered clothing (outerwear, shirts, sweaters, coats, pants, dresses, PJs).



Not accepted: Underwear, socks, shoes, accessories, stained or damaged items.

We would really appreciate pre-sorting by size and type before arrival for donation.

Clothing donations are not necessary to participate in the shopping day.

Remember to bring a reusable shopping bag. Cash donations are appreciated and will go directly to cover the cost of swap events.

For more details: <https://transitionsaltspring.com/fall-clothing-swap-2025/>

