

We wish to acknowledge as a school community that we continue to work, learn and play together on the homelands of the Ktunaxa People.

Principal's Message

Another month at FSS has once again flown by and although it was a very busy month, we are now settling into the routines and rhythms of the school year.

During the last month at FSS students and staff participated in the Terry Fox Run and Reconciliation Day. Both events have very significant meaning behind them, and teachers spent time discussing the significance of these days and implementing classroom activities to support learning. Other opportunities for students included Post-Secondary School Education Fairs, Grade 7 Rock Solid Day, the Trades Expo at the College of the Rockies, Hiking, Camping, Photography outings and the Shoreline Clean Up with the Elk Valley River Alliance and Ambassador Wild. Our athletics program is going strong with volleyball, cross country running, swimming, soccer, and rugby teams travelling to compete as well as hosting games and tournaments at FSS.



Over the next month we are looking forward to Spirit Week Activities, [Rock Your Mocs Week](#), Live Different Circles Assemblies (gr 7-9), a Metis presentation and our Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 8th.

On **Thursday, November 7th** we will be hosting our student-led **Open House** and look forward to seeing many families at FSS on this night.

Nicole Neufeld

FSS Open House

Date: November 7th
Time: 6:30-7:30pm
Bring your lovely families and...

- Learn about all the activities and clubs we offer!
- Meet some of our young leaders and keen students from student council!

- Talk to some of our amazing teachers and staff that keep our school running!
- Take a tour around our wonderful school!

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions at 6:30pm
- Scavenger Hunt will begin after introductions
- Bingo will begin at 7:00pm
 - \$5 for 5 games

Enjoy some homemade soup in exchange for some donations for the foodbank!

HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 28 -31

MONOCHROME MONDAY

WEAR THE COLOUR ASSIGNED TO YOUR GRADE

GRADE 12, BLACK	GRADE 9, RED
GRADE 11, BLUE	GRADE 8, GREEN
GRADE 10, WHITE	GRADE 7, PURPLE

TEAM TUESDAY

WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE TEAMS MERCH

WESTERN WEDNESDAY

DRESS AS A COWBOY

THURSDAY

HALLOWEEN/ COSTUME CONTEST

WITH PRIZES

Graduation Assessments: Our first session of Grad Assessments will run between **Oct 28th- November 5th**.

There are 3 provincial assessments that all students must write as required components of the graduation program:

1. NME 10: Graduation Numeracy Assessment to be written in grade 10
2. LTE 10: Graduation Literacy Assessment to be written in grade 10
3. LTE 12: Graduation Literacy Assessment to be written in grade 12

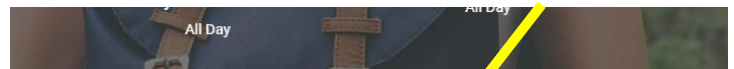
French Immersion students are also required to complete a two-part literacy assessment: L'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde

1. LTP 12: Written Component
2. LTP 12 Oral comp

This year at FSS, we will be hosting graduation assessments in November, April, and June. Typically, students will write numeracy during the semester they are enrolled in Math 10 and literacy during the semester they are enrolled in English 10 or 12. French Literacy Assessments are completed in June.

Learn more and try a practice assessment at: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/assessment>

On **November 19th Learning Updates** (report cards) will be published electronically in MyEducationBC (**MyEd**). All parents and students have access to MyEd and will be able to view report cards from their portal account. More information on the benefits of MyEd Family Portal as well as instructions for how to access the system can be found on the SD 5 and [FSS website](#) home pages




FEATURED LINKS

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 MyEducation BC Family Portal

 Satisfaction Survey

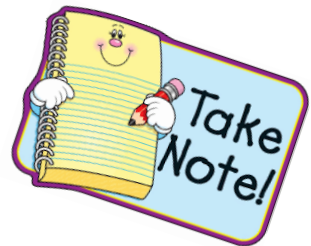
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 Graduation Assessments

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- October 28- 31st
- Wednesday, Oct 30th
- Thursday, Oct 31st
- Friday, Nov 1st
- Monday, Nov 4th
- Tuesday, Nov 5th
- Thursday, Nov 7th
- Friday, Nov 8th
- Monday, Nov 11th
- Nov 10th- 16th
- Nov 11th- 15th
- Wednesday, Nov 13th
- Thursday, Nov 14th
- Tuesday, Nov 19th
- Thursday, Nov 22nd

School Spirit Week- Scare Hunger Away
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting 7 pm FSS Library
Live Different Motivation Assemblies
No School
Picture Retakes
Metis Production: Where Have All The Buffalo Gone
FSS Open House 6:30-7:30 pm
Indigenous Veterans Day, Remembrance Day Assembly 10:40 am
No School: Remembrance Day
Metis Week
[Rock Your Mocs Week](#)
Senior Volleyball Night
Midterm (10-12) & Term 1 (7-9) reports due in MyEd
Term 1 Learning Updates available in MyEd
No School: Professional Development Day



FSS Hockey Class Hike

Jaxson Miller



The members of the Fernie Secondary School (FSS) Hockey Class traded in their skates for hiking boots on Tuesday, September 24th. This unique program was created by Mr. Kyle Cullins last school year and, with its high levels of participation and success, is being offered to youth once again. The purpose of the class is to provide students from grades eight through twelve the opportunity to develop various skills and positive character traits while engaging in the sport of hockey at the Fernie Memorial Arena. This year's group of players involve experienced, skilled players and individuals that are new to the sport—everyone is welcome!



On the beautiful morning of September 24th, players of the FSS Hockey Class, accompanied by volunteer parents Andrew Hawkins and Colin Lynch, were dropped off by school bus at the Old Growth Trailhead in Mt. Fernie Provincial Park. The players trekked through towering 800-year-old Western Red Cedars, surrounded by the natural beauty of the ancient forest, before making their way to Island Lake Lodge. After circling Island Lake, the team faced their biggest challenge of the day—ascending the famous Spineback Trail. Despite the grueling incline, all students successfully reached the summit, where they were rewarded with spectacular mountainous views, a well-earned lunch, and team bonding. The atmosphere was lively, filled with laughter, encouragement, and hilarious moments as the team descended the mountain.

Reflecting on the experience, many students felt the hike was more than just a physical challenge. It fostered a sense of unity within the group, helping them feel connected not only as teammates but as part of the broader FSS community. It was a day full of personal growth, team spirit, and unforgettable memories that will surely contribute to their success both on and off ice this school year.

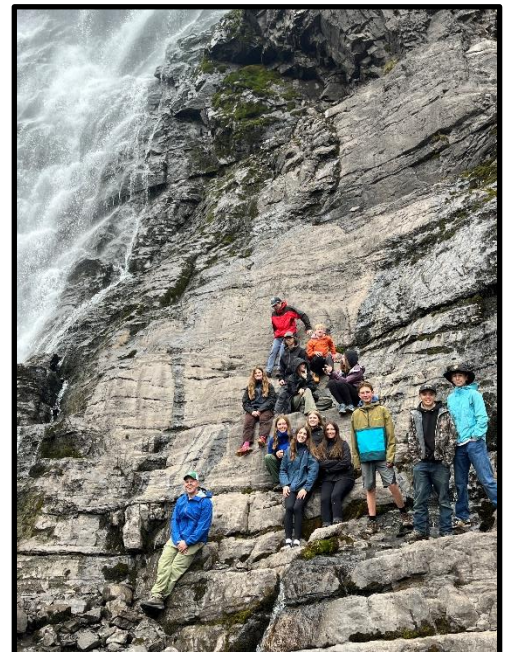
Mr. Gulyas's PE: Adventures and Community Stewardship at Fernie Secondary School

This fall, Mr. Gulyas' PE classes participated in three exciting adventures that showcased the importance of community involvement and environmental stewardship: the Grade 7 camping trip, the PE 10 trip to Elk Lakes, and the PE 8 day at Fernie Alpine Resort.



Our Grade 7 students had an incredible adventure, where they started with a Wild Sites Presentation and learned about fascinating local wildlife, including cougars, bears, moose, and deer. They also enjoyed an exciting round of disc golf, showcasing their teamwork and resilience. They then climbed Castle Mountain, demonstrating their grit and determination to reach the summit. Finally, they had a wonderful overnight camping trip at Kikomun Provincial Park, where they set up their own tents, built their own fire and made their own food. Students awoke to a sunrise walk around Surveyors Lake and then finished the morning with Big Bang Bagel for breakfast.

The **PE 10** students embarked on an unforgettable journey to Elk Lakes Provincial Park, where they experienced the breathtaking beauty of nature. Despite facing cold, wet weather, the students displayed tremendous positivity and toughness as they trekked 15 km through stunning landscapes, supporting one another along the way. At Petain Falls, they stood in awe of the power and majesty of the cascading water, deepening their appreciation for the environment and the importance of preserving these natural wonders.



Finally, the **PE 8** students experienced a challenging day at Fernie Alpine Resort. Battling cold and wet conditions, they approached the day with remarkable positivity and resilience. During their time at the resort, the students engaged in trail maintenance activities, where they learned how to identify and address issues affecting the trails, such as erosion and debris. They worked hard to clear paths, fix berms, and improve drainage to ensure safer and more enjoyable experiences for all users. This hands-on work not only taught them valuable skills about trail maintenance but also emphasized the importance of caring for our natural surroundings.

We would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you to the FSS administration, Fernie Alpine Resort, and Elk Valley Thrift Shop** for their ongoing support of these adventures and programming. These experiences offer valuable lessons in teamwork, environmental stewardship, and community engagement, enriching our students' education and personal growth.

Great hustle everyone, Mr. Gulyas.



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Hey there!

Scan to donate



My name is Miya Schiller, I am a grade 12 student here at FSS raising money for Twin Meadows Animal rescue for my final capstone project.

My goal is to raise over \$1000 by the beginning of November. I appreciate your help and donations. A little goes a long way!

Thank you! Miya



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Wednesday, October 23



7:00 – 9:00 PM



Virtual via Zoom



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