

*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**

Hello FSS Families,

I've really appreciated the warm welcome to Fernie Secondary School from our school community over the opening month and a half of school. I truly feel grateful for my role as principal at FSS. Here are a few updates I wanted to share:

- Informal reports will be sent home on Friday, October 17. These reports provide an update on your child's progress so far this term.
- Foundation Skills Assessments (FSAs) will continue throughout the month for our Grade 7 students. While the scheduled portions are complete, we will be following up with students who missed any part of the assessments.
- The first round of graduation assessments will begin in a few weeks. Due to the size of our school, not all students can write graduation assessments at the same time. In the coming weeks, students and families will be provided with information on when they can expect to write if they are writing during the first set of assessments.

Regards,

Jason Sommerfeld

Principal

Fernie Secondary School

(250) 423-4471

I am grateful to learn, work, and play on the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.

## Upcoming Dates to Note:

- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – Picture Retakes
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL – Yellow Day
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Great Shakeout (Earthquake Drill)
- Oct 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Take Me Outside Week
- Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>-Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – Grad Assessments
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> – Rock Your Mocs
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> – Start of Quarter 2
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL – Remembrance Day



## Attendance:

**9:30 AM report:** Sent out to catch absences for the first class of the day.

- **2:00 PM report:** Sent out to catch absences for the entire day, covering any classes missed, not just the last one.
- If the absence from the first report at 9:30 AM is not excused, you will receive the message again at 2:00 PM.



### **School Counsellor**

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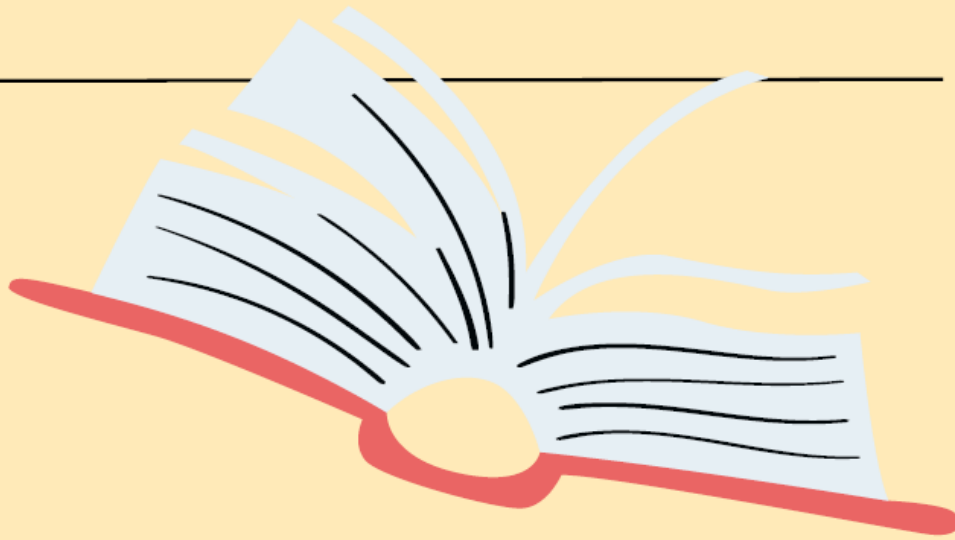
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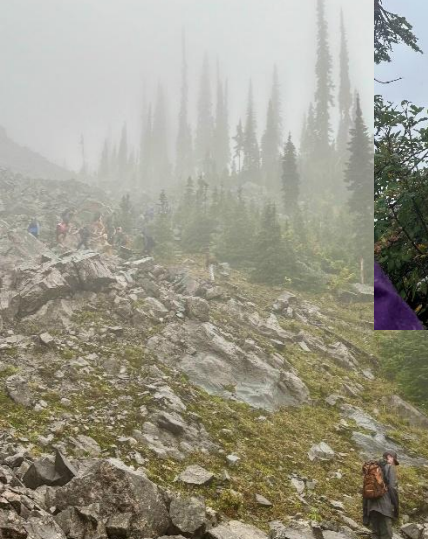
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**Mr. Cullins  
Hockey Class –  
Hiking Spineback  
Trail**



The Fernie Secondary Hockey Class showcased their resiliency, athleticism and teamwork on a challenging 15km hike on the Old Growth and Spineback Trails at Island Lake. Despite unfavourable weather and trail conditions, the entire team stayed positive and persevered-fueled by laughter, smiles, and memory-making moments. Thank you to the three parent volunteers who accompanied the players on this adventure!

