

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,

Our first learning updates (report cards) will be published on Monday, November 18. You can view your child's learning update through the [MyEducation BC Family Portal](#).

These learning updates will include junior classes that are semestered and all senior classes taught this term. Junior classes that are linear, as well as junior elective classes, will be included in the report cards that come out at the end of Semester One. If you are curious how your child is doing in this class so far, please refer to the Informal Report you received from their teachers in October.

I want to encourage you to review your child's learning update together to reflect on their progress this year. If you have any questions or would like more detailed feedback, please reach out to your child's teachers.

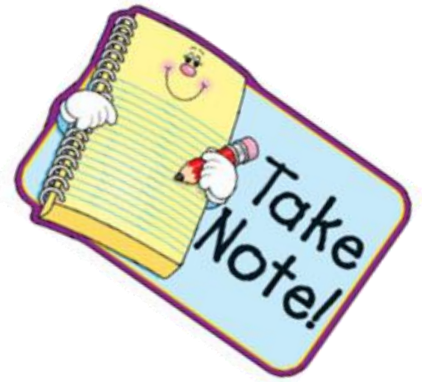
Regards,
Jason Sommerfeld
Principal

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

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- Nov. 10th- Nov.14th – Rock Your Mocs
- Nov. 10th – Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 11th – Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 14th – Day 2 – Thursday
- Nov. 17th- Nov. 20th – Metis Week
- Nov. 18th – Learning Updates Published
- Nov. 21st – Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 24th – Nov 28th – Ministry of Education Career Week
- Nov. 28th – Day 1 – Monday
- Dec. 12th – Yellow Day – NO SCHOOL
- Dec. 19th – Day 1 – Wednesday
- Dec. 22nd – Jan. 2nd – Winter Break



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The FSS Hockey Class recently teamed up with the Fernie Trails Alliance for a full-day trail-building adventure near Fairy Creek. Students learned about the important work of the Fernie Trails Alliance and gained hands-on experience in sustainable trail development. From moving dirt and shaping berms to swinging pickaxes and raking new lines, the team showed outstanding effort, teamwork, and dedication. This place-based learning experience not only strengthened students' sense of community but also highlighted the value of volunteerism and stewardship in the beautiful Fernie outdoors.

Fall in Motion: Adventures in PE at Fernie Secondary

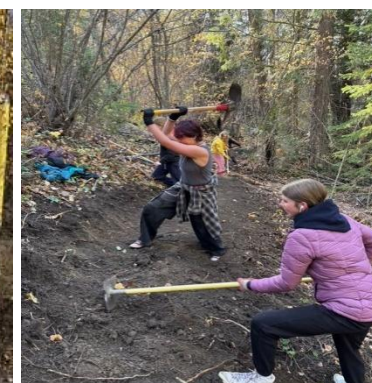
This fall has been a big one in Fernie Secondary's PE program. I could not be prouder of the students who showed up ready to work hard, try new things, and embrace every adventure that came their way.

We kicked things off with our **Grade 7 Castle Mountain and Kikomun Creek camping trip** — a few incredible days of hiking, disc golf, beach volleyball, and shared campfire time. A special shout-out to the staff who helped make that happen, creating an



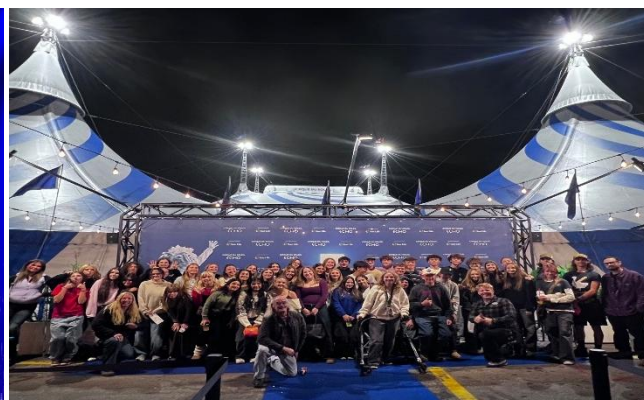
experience that brought students together outside the classroom. Next came our **first-ever trail-**

building project with the Fernie Trails Alliance, where students dug, hauled, and



shaped berms to help build the new “Bacon Bits” connector trail. Mr. Collins also jumped in to support with the Fernie Hockey Academy class, involved in meaningful community work.

And to close out the season, the **Athletic Arts Trip** took Grades 10–12 to Calgary to experience *Cirque du Soleil: ECHO* — an epic collaboration between the PE Department and Mr. Caldwell's Drama program.



To wrap up October with some serious energy, our Grade 7 and 8 students packed the gym for a high-energy **Halloween Just Dance Party!** Costumes, music, and laughter filled the space as students moved, cheered, and danced together. It was an awesome reminder of how movement brings people together — building confidence, connection, and plenty of school spirit along the



way.

These fall adventures

highlighted what PE is all about — moving with purpose, working together, and finding joy in every challenge. From the trails to the dance floor, our students showed incredible spirit, teamwork, and heart. Great hustle, everyone! — *Mr. Gulyas*



Dear Grade 9 Parents/Guardians: Please watch for an upcoming email that contains a new digital consent form for school immunizations, which will be sent out in the next few weeks. Be sure to check your inbox and school communications regularly so you don't miss this important information. If you have any questions or would like to discuss school immunizations, please call Cheryl Public Health Nurse at 250-423-8289.

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- Do you have patience and are you able to mentor a young person?
- Can you open your home and your heart to a child or teen in need?
- Can you work with the child's family and social worker?

If you answered 'yes' we want to hear from you!

Our program will help connect you to a resource social worker in your area to get your application started. While the requirements vary in each community, there is a need for Foster Parents wanting to work with: children and youth with support needs, babies, youth and sibling groups. Scan the QR code or contact:

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