

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,

We have had an excellent start to our school year so far! Please be aware of a few important dates coming up for our school community.

Our first round of Informal Reports will be sent home on October 16. All senior classes and most junior classes will receive Informal Reports at this time. This is a good opportunity for you to get a snapshot of how your child is doing in their classes and provides an opportunity for you to connect with their teachers if your child is not on track.

The Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs) will take place for our Grade 7 students during the week of October 19–22. These assessments give our Grade 7s an opportunity to see where they are in comparison to Grade 7 students across our district and province. The FSA also provides excellent practice for the Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 and 12 assessments that students must complete as part of their graduation requirements.

Our first round of Graduation Assessments will take place during the week of November 2–6. Our Grade 12 students will write the Literacy 12 Assessment if they are currently enrolled in an English 12 class at our school. Please reach out if your child is completing their English 12 class online, or if they have not yet written their Literacy 12 Assessment and plan to graduate by the end of the first semester.

As always, please feel free to reach out by phone or email if you would like to discuss what is happening at school or our academic programming.

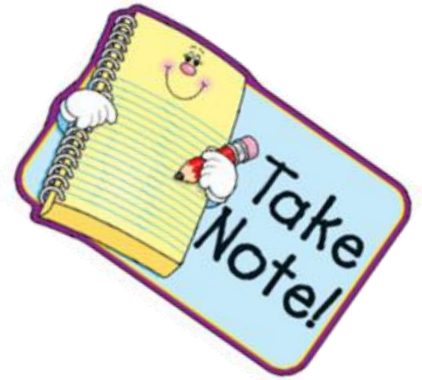
Regards,

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:

- Oct 13th – Retakes in Library
- Oct 16th – Informal Reports Go Home For Many Classes
- Oct 16th – Monday Day 2 Schedule
- Oct 19th-22nd – FSA – Grade 7
- Oct 23rd – NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day
- Oct 30th – Live Different Assembly
- Oct 30th – Tuesday Day 1 Schedule
- Nov 2nd -6th – Graduation Assessments
- Nov 6th - Wednesday Day 2 Schedule
- Nov 10th – Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 11th – NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day
- Nov 13th – Thursday Day 2 Schedule
- Nov 13th – End of Quarter 1
- Nov 16th-19th – Metis Week
- Nov 20th – NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day



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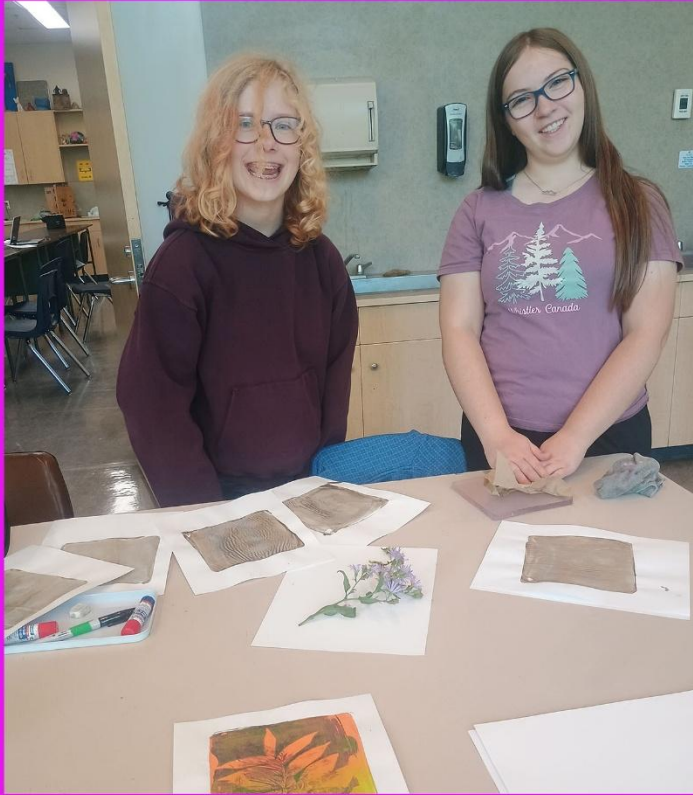
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Student Council

This month marked the start of the Student Council. We started September strong by organizing two major events, the Terry Fox Run, and Orange Shirt Day. FSS raised **\$4228** for cancer research, with Mrs. Prest's class raising the most to win a pizza lunch! Students then ran the Terry Fox Run alongside the elementary school, ending the morning off with pancakes provided by the cafeteria. To recognize Orange Shirt Day students participated in sharing what reconciliation means to them and placed handprints on a school mural. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped out.

Emma Jackson





Art 8/9

Botanical Prints Project



The FSS Hockey Class kicked off the season with a challenging hike along the Old Growth Trail to Island Lake Lodge, continuing up the Spineback Trail. The demanding adventure gave students an opportunity to push themselves, encourage one another, and build the team camaraderie that will be so important throughout the season.

Despite rainy weather and tough conditions, students remained positive, enthusiastic, and full of laughter. It was a fantastic opportunity to build connections, strengthen friendships, and start the season on a positive note. The experience was a great reminder that Hockey Class is about much more than what happens on the ice—we are building a team based on teamwork, respect, responsibility, and perseverance.



Fernie Secondary runners had a great day of racing on Tuesday, October 6 at Idlewild Park hosted by Mt Baker Secondary School. We are proud of the outstanding efforts, attitudes and sportsmanship of our Fernie Falcons!



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