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**October 23, 2023**

## Principal's Message

Another month at FSS has once again flown by and although it was a very hectic 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 Orange Shirt 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 a Post-Secondary School Education Fairs, Drama Club trip to Theater Calgary, visiting the Trades Expo at the College of the Rockies, learning from guest speakers such as Mayor Nic Milligan, and helping in the Shoreline Clean Up with the Elk Valley River Alliance. Our athletics program is going strong with volleyball, track, soccer, and rugby teams travelling to compete as well as hosting games and tournaments at FSS. Recently our coaches participated in a Boundaries presentation by Mr. Tichauer, SD 5 Director of Student Learning. Collectively we have taken time to review safety policies and procedures and practiced our Fire Drills.

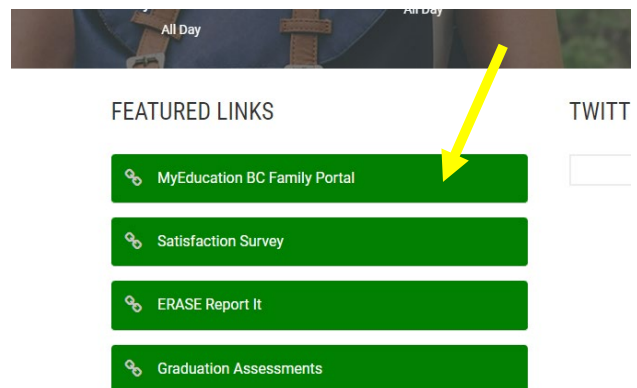


Over the next month we are looking forward to having a presentation by Brady Leavold, Halloween Activities, University presentations, Roc Your Mocs Week, Live Different Circles Assembly (gr 7-9) and a Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Our first session of Grad Assessments will happen between Oct 30<sup>th</sup>- November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On November 17<sup>th</sup> reports 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.

On Tuesday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a student-led Open House and look forward to seeing many families at FSS on this night.

Nicole Neufeld





**FSS OPEN HOUSE**

Tuesday, October 24th  
6:00-7:00 pm

We invite all new and returning FSS families to join us for our student-led Open House.

- enjoy a bowl of homemade soup and bread from our school cafeteria
- meet staff and tour the school
- get connected to School Messenger and the Family Portal
- complete the school scavenger hunt to learn more about our school and get entered into a prize draw





## Terry Fox Run

On September 21st, 2023, Fernie Secondary School hosted their annual Terry Fox Run, in support and fundraising for cancer research. Thanks to the enthusiasm and planning from Ms. Webber's leadership 8/9 class, the fundraising efforts and event were a big success.

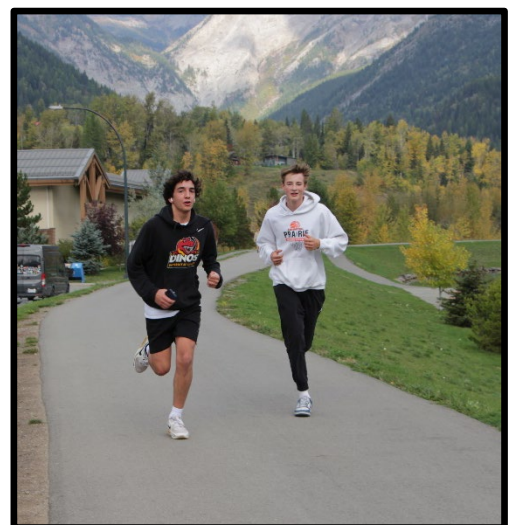
To kick off the day, Ms. McKee and her wonderful cafeteria students prepped and baked muffins for the entire school. At 10am the entire school gathered in the outdoor amphitheater while three senior students (Ruby, Dylan, and Jorja) delivered a motivational speech about Terry Fox and the Foundation before the staff and students set off on the run.



In total, Fernie Secondary fundraised over **\$6000** to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. A special recognition goes to grade 8 students, Oliver McCormick and Eli Hare who were the greatest contributors. They used their love of basketball and hosted a 2 on 2 basketball tournament, raising over \$200 from entry fees. A local Fernie board shop, Boardstiff generously donated prizes for the tournament. Additionally, Eli and Oliver reached out to our local mining company, TECK, who

generously contributed \$2000 to our fundraising efforts. Additionally, Transcendent Mining kindly donated \$500. Ms. Aubin's grade 7 French Immersion class raised \$800 dollars through donations which earned them a pizza lunch for being the class that raised the most money.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and supported the efforts of Fernie Secondary School.



## Graduation Assessments

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<sup>e</sup> 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>

## School Counsellor

If you need to contact our school counsellor, please see their emails below

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## Youth Care Worker Support

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## Looking to get rid of some unwanted clothes?

Don't throw them away just yet instead donate them to the Fernie Secondary Schools, Taicia's Thrift Store.

Why you should donate – you'll be helping a fellow student, it's going to a good cause, and you won't have to go through the difficult process of figuring out what to do with old clothes or keeping them around if you don't want them.

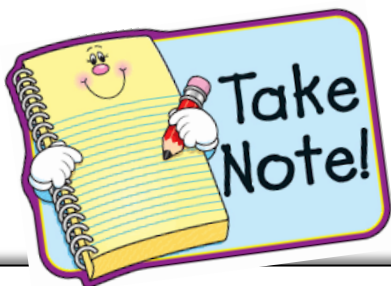
What will happen to the clothes? A grade Ten student will be using the clothes for their careers project and donating will help both the school and the students.

All donations are greatly appreciated, and they'll be accepted at the front office.

Taicia Oler

### Upcoming Dates To Note:

- Tuesday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00 pm: FSS open House
- Wednesday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>: Brady Leavold Presentations
- Wednesday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm: PAC Meeting in Library
- Tuesday, Oct. 30-Nov 1: Provincial Assessments
- Wednesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>: Picture Retakes
- Monday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>: Live Different Circles Assembly (gr 7-9)
- Tuesday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>: U of C Presentation
- Wednesday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>: Last Day of Q1 Electives
- Thursday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: First Day of Q2 Electives
- Thursday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45am
- Friday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>: No School: Stat Holiday
- Nov 13<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup>: Roc Your Mocs Week
- Friday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>: Report Cards published in MyEd





# FLY FISHING CLUB



Ewan Dunfield has been a significant and committed member of the Fernie Secondary School Fly-Fishing Club for the past three years. Recently, Ewan hooked into a remarkable westslope cutthroat trout along the Elk River during a fishing adventure with the club after school. This was Ewan's special moment, his first fish! Ewan's contagious smile and enthusiasm spread to everyone involved as he respectfully handled the fish and released it back into the pristine waters.

# CLUBS

**Glee club is Wednesdays 3:15-4:30**

**Basketball Skills and Drills gr 7-12 7:00 am-  
8:00 am Wednesday mornings**

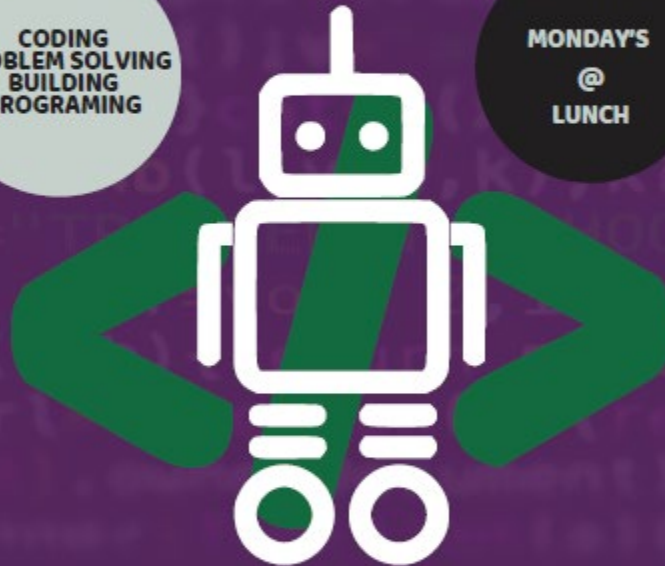
**Creative Writing Club Tuesdays at lunch**

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## ROBOTICS CLUB

CODING  
PROBLEM SOLVING  
BUILDING  
PROGRAMING

MONDAYS  
@  
LUNCH



**Open to all the creators and innovative minds out there!**

Room 205- Mrs Lloyd

