



## Communication from False Creek School and PAC to Parents, Students, and Staff

### Important Upcoming Dates

#### Wednesday, November 1

- Boys Volleybal Practice at 8am
- Boys Volleyball Game at Livingston at 3:30

#### Wednesday, November 1

- Kindergarten 2017 Registration Starts

#### Thursday, November 2

- Girls Volleybal Practice at 8am
- Girls Volleyball Game at Livingston after school

#### Monday, November 6

- Photo Retakes

#### Tuesday, November 7

- Coed Volleyball Practice



### Principal's Message



I can hardly believe it's November already!! I am enjoying getting to know the students, Staff and parent community.

We have had two new teachers join our team within the last month. Please welcome Mr. Todd Harvey

teaching in Division 4 and Ms. Emily Olson teaching in Division 5.



### Emergency Drills



As part of our ongoing practice to prepare our students and staff for possible emergencies, we had a Fire Drill on October 4 and we will have another one before Term One ends. We also had an earthquake drill on October 12. Our first lockdown drill will be at the end of November.

We are expected to hold 6 fire drills, 2 earthquake drills and 2 lockdown drills every school year. We practice

these drills because we don't want children to be scared if emergencies do arise – i.e. we want them to practice ways of being safe if something unusual or possibly unsafe were to be happening in the school. We encourage you to discuss these drills with your children at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask your child's teacher or myself, the school administrator.

### Remembrance Day Assembly



At 11:00 am on November 9th, False Creek students and staff will honour all of our fallen heroes in a memorable Remembrance Day assembly.

We welcome parents to join us in paying our respects.



## Safe Arrival and Sign-Out Procedures



The Vancouver School Board has introduced a safe arrival protocol district wide. Information on this protocol went out in an email yesterday. . If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling (604) 713-5159 – enter the two digit extension for your school – 28 prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence. Upon calling the Safe Arrival phone line you will be asked to leave a message and will require the following information:

First & Last Name of your child (Please spell the last name)  
Grade & Division  
Reason for Absence  
Date & Length of Absence

### Student Sign-Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office.

## Cross Country and Soccer



Both the False Creek cross country and soccer teams have completed their season. Congratulations to all those students that put in their time and effort in representing their school.



## Change of Clothing



Students are being reminded to dress for the weather and have a change of clothing, including extra shoes, at school as we move into the rainy season. We are encouraging students to be prepared versus phoning home

open up the gym for primary students and the library for intermediate students to do quiet activities. However, on most days, students will be expected to go outside at recess and after they eat lunch.

On particularly torrential days, we will

## Roots of Empathy



Division 10 is participating in the Roots of Empathy Program. Today they are beginning a year long relationship with baby Henry who is ten weeks old. The students will start to observe his likes and dislikes and learn about his particular temperament and unique personality. The focus of this program is to build the capacity of the next generation for responsible citizenship and responsive parenting.

Welcome to False Creek Elementary  
Baby Henry!!!





FOR MORE PAC INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

[WWW.FALSECREEKPAC.CA](http://WWW.FALSECREEKPAC.CA)



### Family Movie Night on November 8th - BOSS BABY!

All False Creek students and parents/guardians are invited to attend our **Family Movie Night on Wednesday, November 8th<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30-8:00pm in the school gym. We will be showing "BOSS BABY".

Tickets are \$5 each **AT THE DOOR - CASH ONLY** and include a bag of popcorn and raffle ticket for the Boss Baby DVD.

THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT – parent supervision is required.

Pizza will be available for \$2.50/slice and a small concession will include additional treats for purchase. [Please click here to RSVP](#) to ensure we have enough food available.

Parent volunteers are needed to ensure this event goes smoothly. If you are able to help out for ½ hour for set up, door ticket sales, concession and/or clean up, please add your name to our online [Movie Night Volunteer Sign Up Sheet \(click to view.\)](#)



### Grouse Mountain Season Pass School Fundraiser

With snow already falling on our local mountains, it will soon be ski season! If you are buying a season's pass at Grouse Mountain, please use our school code **PAC-FCREEK**. PAC will receive 15% of the season pass sales that use this code so please share with your family and friends too! To order your pass online and for more information, please visit: <https://www.grousemountain.com/early-bird>. **This deal ends November 30th.**

### PAC Committees are looking for volunteers!

Our Social/Arts & Culture, Sports & Recreation and Environment Committees are always keen to involve volunteers! PAC committees plan events and activities to enrich the school experience for our students and parents. If you would like to get involved but are unable to attend a PAC meeting, you can still add your name to our [PAC Committee Sign Up Sheet](#).



## **Direct Donation Fundraising Drive**

Many thanks to all who have already contributed to the Direct Donation Fundraising Drive. **The DIRECT DONATION Campaign**, now in its seventh year, is the **main fundraising initiative** of the False Creek Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

False Creek School PAC is requesting a tax-deductible donation from each False Creek School family. We recommend an amount of **\$50.00** per child. This is a significant amount but will go a long way to address the many needs of our students and our school.

**The DIRECT DONATION Campaign guarantees that 100% of the money raised benefits our children at False Creek School.** Previous approaches garnered a fraction of that percentage (such as constantly asking parents to buy and have students sell things from outside sources like poinsettias, chocolates, emergency supplies, and cookbooks.)

Through additional fundraising programs, PAC aims to promote and provide services to our school and local community. These include a Weekly Lunch program (\$5000), various Social and Cultural Events (\$1000), Family Photo Sessions (\$1000), Lemonade Stand (\$800 - \$1500) as well as a few other programs.

Your support is greatly appreciated! To make your contribution online, please visit [www.falsecreekpac.ca](http://www.falsecreekpac.ca) or submit the attached Direct Donation [form](#) along with payment to the school office.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED FUNDS!**