Good evening Fairview Parents and students

**Welcome back officially !!!**

A special Bienvenue and hello go out to our new families. Thanks everyone for the ongoing support with Covid-19 Protocols. Please be vigilant with your child’s health to ensure the safety of everyone. We will regularly send home information to you using the online system this is primary way of communicating to the whole school system.

We have many new faces on staff including our new Vice Principal, Krista Aucoin as well as many teachers and support staff. We welcome them all to Fairview 2021-22 school year.

**A few things to go over as reminders and a few new things to note.**

**Lock down practice** will take place the week of Sept 20-24

**Curriculum Night: (22nd)**
This year's curriculum night will be held virtually. On Wednesday, September 23th, after 6:30 pm please log into your child's GNSEPS account and find the link that teachers have created to "walk you through the curriculum". We have created one place to see all of your child(ren) teachers. You will only need to know which section/homeroom your child(ren) are in (ex 71, 72…)

Teachers will be introducing themselves and present to you the curriculum that they will be covering in the courses they are teaching. If you come away from the virtual curriculum night with any questions, please reach out to your child's teachers directly for clarification. We will send a Powerschool Message containing the information on Tuesday as well.

Looking forward to "seeing you" Wednesday the 22rd after 6:30 pm...

**Professional Development Day (24th)**

Next Friday, September 24th is a teacher professional development day so there will be no school for our students.

**Truth and Reconciliation Day(30th) /Orange Shirt Day (29th)**

Thursday the 30th of September is Truth and Reconciliation Day. There is no school this day. This is a day to reflect on and honor the survivors of the Residential School system, which only ended less than 25 year ago.  We encourage you to wear an orange shirt on September 29th at school. Please take time to learn about the history of residential schools and the long-lasting effects they have had on our First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities across Canada.  Orange Shirt Day was started when residential school survivor Phyllis Jack Webstad, of the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, was strong enough to start sharing her story. Phyllis told a story of how staff at the Residential School stripped her of her brand-new orange shirt and she never saw it again.

**Morning entrance:**

To clarify questions about entrance in the morning.

* Classes do not start until 8:15.
* Supervision takes place starting at 7:55
* It can take place inside or outside.
* If the weather is good we will be outside until approx. 8:05, if it is raining (as an example) we will allow students in at 7:55.
* There will be staff supervision of students inside the school, in assigned classrooms, and outside.
* As classes begin at 8:15 *there is no need to be really early*.
* Some students are arriving at 7:30 there is no supervision and no entrance at this time regardless of weather.

**Arriving late at lunch**

Many students are making the decision to travel to McDonald’s, Subway, Sobeys and Dairy Queen at lunch. They are regularly arriving back late to school causing a disruption in the office as Metro Transit times and walking times do not line up with school times. It is important for students to be on time so that classes can begin and the focus can be on learning and disruptions are kept to a minimum.

**Bikes/scooters** will not be permitted inside the school. We do not have storage for these there are bike racks outside. School is not responsible for items left there.

**Water Bottles**

Please remind your child to bring a water bottle as we do not have cups or extra water bottles

at Fairview Junior High.

**Scents in school**

There are many people in the building who are sensitive to scents including perfume, cologne, deodorant and AXE like products. Students are not to wear these in the school. They may be required to go home to change their clothes

 **SAC 2021-22**

This year as in previous years our SAC (School Advisory Committee) will work to meet regularly. Our meetings will be virtual though Zoom. On Tuesday Sept 21 at 6:30pm we will hold our first virtual meeting of the school year. (If Public Health permits we may have in person meetings as well)

If you would be interested in being on SAC or just visiting as an observer the agenda will be posted on the school website later this week. We will post which positions do not currently have members in them, we are always open to observers as well.

If you are interested please contact me through lmarch@hrce.ca or 902-719-5572.

**Lost and Found**

We have a lost and found bin outside the office. Please ensure that ALL items are clearly labelled with student first and last name (i.e. water bottle, lunch bag, school bag, school supplies, coat, personal devices brought to school etc.). It makes it easier to return items to the owner.

**School CASH**

Please sign up for the new online schoolcash system to pay for any sports/trips/school realted items etc that may happen through the year. It is very easy I did it myself in under 5 minutes. Parents can register for SchoolCash Online. When items get posted, parents that are registered will be sent an email notification from the system advising that there is now an item available for purchase. The URL to the site is: <https://hrce.schoolcashonline.com/>

**That’s all for now!!**

Leanne March Principal

Krista Aucoin Vice Principal

 and Staff of Fairview