



# FAIRVIEW SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2023



**No School: Monday, October 2 – Teacher PD Day  
Monday, October 10 - Thanksgiving Day**

## Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a wonderful summer break. We are looking forward to an amazing year ahead.

### Student Information Verification Form & Consent Forms

An envelope will be sent home with your child/children next week, with Consent and Student Contact Information forms. It is extremely important for us to have your up-to-date information in our Student System in case of emergencies. Consent forms let us know if we can publish your child's picture on our website, or other social media venues. Thank you for returning these forms promptly!

## Fairview is a Peanut & Nut Free School

**We are asking parents/guardians to remove any nut products from your child's lunches and snacks.**

We have students with **life threatening nut and peanut allergies**. Please speak with your children about NOT sharing food items with other students, as a precaution. Thank you!

**PARENTS  
PLEASE DO NOT STOP  
or PARK IN FRONT OF  
THE SCHOOL BUS ZONE  
BETWEEN 8:20 TO 8:40 AM  
& 2:50 AND 3:30 PM.  
THANK YOU!**

### Communication with our parents via e-mail & website

We encourage parents and students to keep up-to-date with daily announcements, homework, newsletters and our school calendar by going to Fairview's web-site at

<http://www.chinooksd.ca/school/fairview/>

Monthly newsletter links are sent by e-mail, unless there is no computer/cell phone available.

You can also follow our Facebook page for upcoming dates and highlights.

Elementary classroom teachers will also be sending home regular newsletters outlining learning and events that are taking place in their classrooms.

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- Thur Sept 21 K1 ONLY picture afternoon
- Fri Sept 22 K2 to Gr 8 picture day
- Wed Sept 27 Orange Shirt Day
- Thur Sept 28 Terry Fox Float Day & Walk
- Mon Oct. 2 PD Day - No school for students
- Mon Oct. 9 Thanksgiving Day - no school

## **Cell Phones**

**Cell phones are not allowed to be used at anytime during the school day including lunch time.**



If a student brings their cell phone to school, they are to leave it in their locker. If a student is using, or is in possession of their cell phone, any time before 3:15, the phone will be confiscated. Cell phones should be turned off or in silent mode while in student lockers or it will be taken out of the locker.

## From Mr. Boss' Desk:

Dear Fairview Families,

We are thankful for you being part of our school community! The world is changing quickly and we want to do everything we can to help students be successful in school and life. We are excited to tell you that we will be using a program by CharacterStrong this year.

The K-5 program teaches skills that will help students be successful in school and in life. We believe that students should have safe, predictable places to learn where they feel included. Students should have healthy and helpful connections with teachers and classmates. They should also experience learning that will help them tackle challenges inside and outside of school. Purpose Full People is more than a set of lessons - it is a partnership between schools and families to create a place where students feel like they belong and learn skills that will help them be the best they can be! Purposeful People has three main goals for students: Be Kind, Be Strong, and Be Well.

- Be Kind: Social skills like listening, friendship, solving conflicts, and leadership.
    - These skills are taught alongside Empathy, Respect, & Cooperation
  - Be Strong: Skills that help students focus, stay organized, and set goals.
    - These skills are taught alongside Responsibility, Courage, & Perseverance
  - Be Well: Skills that help students handle their emotions and deal with stress.
    - These skills are taught alongside Gratitude, Honesty, & Creativity
- This year, you'll be invited to join the fun! We will send letters home about the skills and strengths being taught each month. Each letter will include some ways to build these skills at home, discussion starters, and fun challenges you can try with your family. The path forward is full of growth! We cannot wait to partner with you in this work.

At the middle years level we are using a program that was created to support school communities as they engage in the work of preparing young people to thrive in the 21st century. The research supports the effectiveness of social & emotional learning in schools to increase student's academic success and college & career readiness. The lessons focus on developing skills and mindsets around building positive habits, understanding our emotions, and increasing empathy for people and communities who have lived different lives than us. The curriculum helps students think about things they want to improve in their school, their relationships, and their world and then provides tools for them to work individually and in teams to close the gaps they've identified. One of the key parts of nearly every lesson is the "CharacterDare" for Middle School students. These are invitations near the end of most lessons to put the content that they are learning into action in the real world. If you ever want to play an active role in the CharacterStrong curricula, simply ask your student about the most recent CharacterDare or To Be List challenge.

*Looking forward to a great year!*



## Volleyball Season

Volleyball season has begun! Tryouts begin the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Games begin in early October.

This year's coaches are **Mr. Boss, Ms. Caswell, Mr. Crosbie and Mrs. Toles.** Teams will be determined after tryouts.

Please check the *Middle Years Announcements* page, from the Daily Announcements, on our web-site for weekly games and practice times at: <http://www.chinooksd.ca/school/fairview>. Good luck to all our teams. League finals for Senior Teams will be in mid-November.

## Orange Shirt Day



Wednesday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

**Parents please do not text or call your child's cell phone during the school day.  
Please call the school if you need to contact your child at 306-778-9265**

**THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES OR LOSSES OF  
ELECTRONIC ITEMS.**

**Attention Parents/Guardians of Grade 1 and Grade 7 Students:**

Pursuant to section 28(2)(n)(i) and 28(2)(n)(ii) of the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (LAFOIP), eligible Grade 1 and Grade 7 student contact information will be shared with the Saskatchewan Health Authority for the Enhanced Preventative Dental Services program. ***If you do not want this information to be shared with SHA, please contact the school by September 20, 2023, at 306-778-9265 or e-mail [pmckenna@chinooksd.ca](mailto:pmckenna@chinooksd.ca)***

The SHA's Enhanced Preventative Dental Services team will visit every school and colony in Chinook to do a dental screening on all Grade 1 and Grade 7 students, in coordination with the provincial Oral Health Program Committee. The dental screening gives SHA a chance to monitor the oral health of kids and determine the oral health needs of each school and community. The SHA will request parent/guardian consent for the screenings.

**Fairview is a Fragrance Free School. THE USE OF ANY TYPE OF FRAGRANCE IN THE SCHOOL IS NOT ALLOWED.**

***BUSSING- Only students registered for bussing are allowed to ride on that bus. No exceptions are made for students to ride on any other bus. A copy of the bussing policy and procedures they are on the Chinook School Division Website, under Transportation, or a copy can be obtained at the school.***

***Students who use Inhalers***

Many students who have Asthma carry their inhalers with them in their backpacks or store them in their locker. We understand the need for a student to have an inhaler within close reach, however it is important that the teachers and the office staff is aware that your child uses an inhaler. Inhalers can be stored in the office, if parents feel the child is too young to manage it on their own.

**School Dress Code**

**Dress Code** – As a respectful learning community, we wish to promote a positive image and encourage healthy lifestyles. Clothing should reflect these goals and be suitable for a positive and safe learning environment. All students should strive to present a neat, clean, and respectable appearance while at school.

**Rationale:** Most days, students have Phys Ed, open gym, intramurals, or recess time. Wear clothing that allows for movement and is comfortable, without being excessively revealing. Strapless tops, short crop tops, or shirts with low necklines are not appropriate for school sports, or activities. Excessively short clothing or excessively ripped jeans may be worn with tights/leggings underneath. Underwear is to be worn under your regular clothes and should not be visible.

Clothing with profane statements, or wording of a demeaning nature, is prohibited. Clothing bearing a printed message will be judged improper if the message is subject to more than one interpretation, is obscene, racist, prejudicial, or promotes intoxicants or drugs.

For health and safety reasons, ***students must wear proper footwear while in the school, especially the gym.*** Sandals and slides are fine in the hallways, but are not secure enough for sports. No socks, slippers, or bare feet!

Hats/headgear are not to be worn in the school. These items can be placed in lockers when students arrive.

If, in the opinion of a staff member, a student is inappropriately dressed, they will be asked to put on their Phys Ed clothes or go home to change.

*The teaching staff and administration will enforce the dress code.*

**Terry Fox Walk**

Our Terry Fox walk will take place on Thursday, Sept. 29th. On that day, students in Kindergarten to grade 2 will walk around Fairview School's outside blocks. Students in grades 3 to 8 will walk to the Southside Park.

We will be selling **Ice Cream Floats** on the same day to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation. A form will go home in the next couple of weeks to order an Ice Cream Float for your child/children.

# RESPECT

## Family Newsletter

PurposeFULL  
People

### Respect Overview

This month's focus is Respect. One way to think about Respect is "seeing value in all people and things & treating them with care." Many people feel Respected in different ways. We hope this month inspires discussions with your family about what Respect means to you and how you can practice it together!

Respect is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Kind**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership.

### Conversation Starters



- Can you share or show what Respect means?
- What is 1 way you have practiced Respect lately?

### PurposeFull Pursuits

*Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Respect. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" you can complete together!*

#1

A fun way to remind students to show Respect to others is to create a non-verbal cue. As a family, come up with a non-verbal way to cue your student to remember to show Respect to others. An example of this would be anytime you raise the "Respect Rooster" on your hand by closing the middle 2 fingers and bringing your pointer finger and pinky finger up, your student would be reminded to practice living out Respect.



#2

*Review Respect as a family! In our lessons we are teaching that Respect means to see value in people and things and treat them with care. Agree as a family to set aside a certain time each day this week to unplug from devices and plug into family time. It shows Respect to practice being present in the moment without the distractions that can come from technology. Debrief and discuss this challenge afterward. Consider to embracing this practice at least 1 day each week!*