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# THE FERNFORESTER

The Monthly Newsletter for Fernforest Public School



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*From the Principal's desk...  
New Beginnings!*

It is with great pleasure that I welcome students, staff and parents to the 2008-2009 year at Fernforest Public School. I am very happy to be here as the new Principal.

September is always an exciting time of year. It is a time of new beginnings and a time to establish new goals for academic and personal success. It is also a time to re-establish effective routines that put students on a path to learning. This involves a commitment by students and their parents, by teachers and all staff to nurture our talents and to work to our personal best. It is a time to reunite with friends and to develop new relationships.

We remember the importance of co-operation, kindness, and respect. It is our goal that each and every student feels valued and respected. We truly believe in the strength of diversity and the joy of learning. All students have abilities that should be celebrated daily.

On **Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**, we will be having a **RE-ORGANIZATION/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**. There will be no classes for students on this date. If changes are to be made to classes, parents and students will be notified on/after September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Rules and procedures will be re-enforced during the first week of school in order to ensure a safe learning and teaching environment. Many papers will be coming home with the students. The Fernforest Handbook (flipchart) contains important dates and information. Classroom newsletters and agendas will be coming into your homes. Please take the time to review these items with your children.

The door to the office is always open and the key to student success is the strong partnership between home and school. Parents – please come out to our Open House, be part of our volunteer community, join the School Council. We need your help and your time.

We wish all a wonderful, exciting, and safe start to our new school year. May the coming year be a successful and happy one for all!

*Mrs. S. Whaley, Principal*



## **Book fair!**

**Please plan to join us on the evening of September 25<sup>th</sup> for our annual Open House and Book Fair. More information will be coming – please watch for it!**

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**



This newsletter contains a Fernforest School Council nomination form. All parents/guardians who have students attending Fernforest are most welcome to attend any School Council meetings. We require parent volunteers who would be willing to serve as members of the School Council Executive.

Please consider becoming a member of the School Council Executive by completing the nomination form and sending it into the school office by September 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to assume an active role on our Council, please come out to our organizational meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the staffroom.

We hope to see you there!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WHITELEY FAMILY ON THE BIRTH OF JACKSON, THEIR SON!**



**FERNFOREST CLOTHES**

*Show your school spirit!*

*Soar with the Fernforest Falcons!*

Clothing with the school name and logo will again be available to order. This high quality clothing comes in a variety of sizes, in our school colours.

Order forms will be sent home with students during the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Clothes will be on display in the school gym on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Open House. Samples will be available for sizing.

## **LOCKS AND LOCKERS**

Next week, information regarding lockers and locks will go home with students in Grades 4 and 5. Please look for this notice with your son or daughter. Lockers will be assigned on our first day of school. Students cannot occupy the locker unless the student has a combination lock registered with their classroom teacher. Dudley locks may be purchased through the school.

**P.L.A.S.P.**

**(Peel After School Program)**

The PLASP program will continue at our school on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. The PLASP program will be located on the stage (gymnasium).

For further information please contact the PLASP office at 890-1711.

## **LUNCHES at FERNFOREST**

We encourage all children to go home for lunch. However, if they must eat lunch at school. Please send nutritious food with your child.

Please do not send peanut butter, nuts, or nut products to Fernforest Public School. We have students with life-threatening allergies and we do not want to be unsafe nor create a risk for any student.

Thank-you in advance for respecting this.



## **CONTACTING THE SCHOOL**

Realize that during the day students are in the process of learning in their classrooms and

unless it is an emergency, learning cannot be interrupted for telephone messages.

Thank-you for your understanding in this matter.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 – Ramadan begins

September 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes begin Grades 1-5 (Kindergartens are on “staggered entry”)

September 19<sup>th</sup> Re-Organization Day  
(no classes for students)

September 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm  
School Council Meeting – please come out!

September 25<sup>th</sup> Open House and Book Fair (more information to follow)

September 26<sup>th</sup> – Annual Terry Fox Run