

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 31- Halloween
- Nov 1 & 2- Early Dismissal- students dismissed at 12:00 pm
- Nov. 9- Remembrance Day Assembly- 10:30am
- Nov. 9- Hot Lunch- Costco –Hot Dogs
- Nov. 12- Remembrance Day- Stat Holiday
- Nov. 15- ROC YOUR MOCS
- Nov. 15- Paint Night- 6:00 pm
- Nov. 22- Hot Lunch (Sushi)
- Nov. 22-PAC Mtg. 1:00 in Resource Room
- Nov. 23- Term 1 Ends

School Hours and Bell Schedule”

- 8:20 Warning Bell
- 8:25 Class in session
- 10:05 Recess (15 min)
- 12:00 Eating Period
- 12:15 Play Break all students
- 12:45 Classes In
- 2:16 Dismissal
- 2:31 End of Afterschool Supervision

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Is My Costume Appropriate?

FG Leary is promoting a culture that is inclusive for everyone. It is important to be respectful each and every day of the year, not just 364 days and giving up our duty of being respectful on Halloween.

On Wednesday October 31st students are welcome to wear costumes to school. In order for everyone to have fun and enjoy the day, we have set out some guidelines. If your child is not going to wear a costume on October 31st than they still can join in school spirit by wearing clothing that is “**Black and Orange**”

Costume guidelines are:

- ✓ **No weapons, blood, or gore**
- ✓ **Masks- they are allowed during our Parade Walk (10:30) but then need to be put away during the day**
- ✓ **Nothing overly scary (zombies, scary clowns) because we have young children**
- ✓ **We do not want to see undergarments of any kind**
- ✓ **The midriff area is to be covered at all times.**
- ✓ **Absolutely no spaghetti straps, lasagna straps are acceptable**
- ✓ **Shorts and skirts should be a respectable length and style**
- ✓ **Clothing is to have no reference to alcohol, drugs, sex, inappropriate comments or bad language**

Students that are dressed inappropriately will be asked to change, cover up or be provided with clothing. Please help us in making this an enjoyable day for all students by making sure your child’s costume is acceptable. Thank you.



Remembrance Day –

Remembrance Day reminds us to show respect for those who have served on behalf of our country, and it also reminds us of the need for all of us to show respect for everyone. On November 9th we will honor this special day with an assembly at 10:30. Everyone is welcome. The following Monday (Nov.12th) all schools will be closed to observe Remembrance Day.

Safe Schools

*The Chilliwack School District and F.G. Leary Fine Arts Elementary are committed to a safe and welcoming learning environment for our students, parents, and staff. To protect the teaching and learning environment and student privacy, all visitors, including parents, must report to the office during the school day (8:25-2:16). After reporting to the office, visitors must sign in and wear a **Volunteer Badge before proceeding in the school**. For the safety of our school environment, only the front doors of the school will be unlocked during the school day to ensure we are aware of all visitors to our school.*

In the mornings, we advise parents/guardians who drive or walk their children to school to use the designated line up area. We have staff supervision at that location from (8:10-8:25) and those who arrive after 8:25 a.m. are required to access the school through the front doors. With that said, we greatly appreciate your efforts in ensuring that your children arrive to school on time.

At school dismissal time (2:16), all students will be dismissed out the doors at the back of the school leading to the black top area (except for Kindergarten. Parents/guardians are encouraged to set up a "meeting spot" with their child/ren.

We value every minute of instructional time for our students and our end of day procedures are valuable in setting our students up for success. If you arrive early, we ask that you wait outside until the dismissal bell and meet your child at your designated "meeting spot". If you need to help your child or want to talk to your child/ren's teacher, we ask you to please enter the building after the dismissal bell. We are asking you to do this because in order to protect the learning and privacy of students the hallways are an area that staff use to talk and teach students.

We thank you for your cooperation and for working with us in making FG Leary Fine Arts Elementary School a safe learning environment for our students.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Every parent and guardian of a FG Leary student is automatically a member of the FG Leary PAC. We encourage you to get involved and help make a difference.

The next meeting is on Thursday, November 22nd @ 1:00pm in our Resource Room.

Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions and general condition of buildings. While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration. In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the School District website www.sd33.bc.ca, tune into radio stations STAR FM 98.3, The Drive 89.5, or The Weather Network (cable channel 90, STAR Choice 398 or Bell Expressview 505) to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will start after 6:00am and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record. In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.

Parking Lot Safety

We are encouraging a traffic pattern that should help with improving safety.

These are the important points to remember:

- * Give yourself time! Arrive by 8:15 and pickup at 2:25. The traffic volume is lower at these times.
- Students should be in the lineups on the basketball court in the morning, they will enter and leave through the north playground doors. Please do not use the main doors unless you are late.
- There is a **Drop Off** only lane next to the school. No Parking in this area at any time. **Never leave your vehicle unattended.**
- **Never** drop off or pickup your child in the drive thru lane!
- There is also a designated Bus area for Daycares right in front of the school. These vehicles must have a sign that is clearly visible to park in this area.
- * Parking is encouraged in the large parking lot or in the designated lane on the street. Obey all street signs and **do not park in handicap parking spots** unless you have a permit.
- * Be considerate and do not block parked cars!
- * School District #33 has adopted a no **idling** policy. If you need to wait please park in the parking lot and turn your car off.
- We will be on supervision to help students and parents.

Please support our students by being good role models.

Early Dismissal	November 1 (12:00)
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Remembrance Day Assembly	November 9 th @ 10:30
Hot Lunch- Costco Hot Dogs	November 9 th
Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	November 12
Paint Night @ FGL	November 15 th @ 6:00pm
Hot Lunch- Sushi	November 22
PAC Meeting	November 22 @ 1:00
Term 1 ENDS	November 23
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	November 30
Report Cards sent Home	December 7
Schools Close for Christmas Holidays	December 21
Christmas Holidays	December 24 to January 4
Schools Reopen after Christmas Holidays	January 7
Family Day	February 18
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #5	February 22 (District)
Schools Close for Spring Vacation	March 15
Spring Vacation Period	March 18 - 29
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation	April 1
Good Friday	April 19
Easter Monday	April 22
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #6	May 3 (CTA)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #7	May 17 (In Lieu)
Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday	May 20
Last Day for Students	June 27
Administrative Day	June 28

F. G. Leary In/Out Days

We are into the typical cloudy, drizzly, cooler days of fall. Please ensure that your children dress appropriately for the weather. (Jackets, boots, gloves and hats (as necessary) all help to keep the children warm as we move to wetter, cooler days.

WE WILL ENCOURAGE OUT DAYS. The day is long and children do crave exercise and fresh air.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE CHOICES AND ENSURE THEY ARE DRESSED PROPERLY FOR THE WEATHER

We Are a Nut-Aware School

We encourage everyone to think about the foods that they bring to school. There are students who have a **life threatening reaction to nuts**. This allergic reaction would require the use of an EPI Pen and for an ambulance. There are other students who have a variety of allergic reactions to food and animals. Students are asked to wash hands, face and desktops carefully.

It doesn't matter if there isn't a student in the class who has an allergy we need to think about all the students in the school when it comes to keeping them safe.

