

## "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 Class In Session  
2:16 Dismissal

## Dates to Remember

**Wed. Sept. 12 - Open House- @ 5:00-6:30**  
**Thurs. Sept. 20 - PAC MTG.- 1:00**  
**Fri. Sept. 21 - Professional Development Day**  
**Mon. Sept. 24 - School Photos**  
**Fri. Sept 28 - Terry Fox Run @ 9:00am**

**September 2018**

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GREETINGS TO ALL FG LEARY FINE ARTS students, parents, staff, and community partners. The staff are really excited for the 2018-2019 school year as we have some great plans and initiatives that will make for exciting times for all of us in our school community!

At FG Leary we believe that:

- Each student, parent, and staff member is treated with dignity and respect and is expected to treat others in the same manner.
- Every person has an equal right to educational opportunities which accommodate their physical, social, emotional, artistic, and intellectual potential.
- A positive, affirming and joyful tone both inside and outside the classroom with clear and strong expectations is essential to the well-being of our students
- Social, academic and artistic growth occurs in a developmentally appropriate environment that is safe, supportive, collaborative, and challenging
- Every student should be provided with opportunities to learn, communicate effectively, to solve problems competently, to think critically and creatively, and to act responsibly in a caring, cooperative, responsible and respectful manner
- Direct instruction and integration of the Fine Arts is valuable and important in our road to personal fulfillment.

Parental involvement is vital in the success of students and we encourage you to come into the school and talk with us and to get involved. Please do not hesitate to call the school office (604-792-1281) if you require more information or wish to speak with a staff member.

We look forward to a great year.

Warmest regards

Brad Johnston Principal

Lisa Wallace Vice Principal

Please feel free to stay connected with our school. Our newsletters, are now posted on our website (<http://fgleary.sd33.bc.ca>). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office in person, by phone (604-792-1281) or email.

### **Electronic Devices At School:**

We have an increase in the number of students who are bringing electronic devices. Cell phones can only be used after school and should be turned off and kept in a safe place during the day. Students are encouraged to socialize and play during the break times. There are a number of events and activities for students to participate in at school. We will also not be responsible for damaged or stolen items that have been brought to school.

### **Keeping Kids Safe**

#### **Parking Lot Safety**

We are enforcing 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 or in Kindergarten.
- 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!
- \* 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.**

### **Our Wonderful PAC**

We are very fortunate to have a great PAC and they are always looking and welcoming new help and/or suggestions.

**Our first PAC meeting is on THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20 @ 1:00. Please join us.**

Our members are always helping with things such as late slips in the morning, field trip contributions, hot lunch, bug babes and fundraising to help us with playground equipment, resources, etc.



We would like to invite all parents and guardians to our  
**Annual Back to School Open House BBQ**  
**Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30pm.**

**5:00-6:00** the BBQ will be running

**6-6:30** Open Class Rooms

**6:30** Draw for Prizes

We look forward to seeing  
as many of you as possible.

It is a great time to meet  
Teachers, parents and the PAC



### **We Are a Nut-Aware School**

We encourage everyone to think about the foods that they bring to school. There are number of students who have a **life threatening reaction to nuts**. This allergic reaction would require the use of an EPI Pen and a call 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.**

### **Community Minded:**

We try very to encourage our students to help those who a less fortunate than ourselves through different events.

This year our staff and students will again be raising money for the **Terry Fox Foundation** during the week of Sept 24-28. **Our school will run on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am**

Should your child forget breakfast or lunch, don't panic, we have paired up with the "**Bowls of Hope**", and have fresh food for whomever needs it.

Library news:

Welcome back to another year of reading at FG Leary. We are busy getting everything ready so that students can come visit the library next week. The books have missed them and are looking forward to getting back in their hands!! Before that happens, Mrs. Knodel will be talking to students about ensuring they keep good care of these books and return them every week to the library. The library will be open this year on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Nightly reading is the best indicator of school success. ALL students should be reading at home, and this can take on many different forms (reading to self / reading to others / being read to / reading the pictures). Stay tuned for different reading incentives and programs that will be coming later in the school year.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to our school in October, so stay tuned. If you would like to help, please let Mrs. Knodel or the PAC committee know. It takes many volunteers to run this exciting event! More details will follow in a few weeks.

Finally, if you are able to volunteer in the library this year on a Tuesday or Thursday morning, please let Mrs. Knodel know. If you are a person who gets an extra sense of satisfaction in lining up your spice jars in alphabetical order in your cupboard, then this may be just the job for you! 😊

### **Positive Behaviour Systems**

At Leary we have developed a Code of Conduct and are committed to teaching students how to be:

**R- respectful**  
**O- open hearted**  
**A-always cooperative**  
**R-responsible**

The **MATRIX** of behavior expectations is posted throughout the school and in classrooms. We celebrate **PAWSITIVE** behaviour every Monday in our PBS assembly and at our Pride assemblies at the end of the month. Parents are always welcome at our assemblies and celebrations.

Students will receive a **Student A.I.D.E.** form if they have had a minor or major referral.

**A-assistance, I-intervention, D-discipline and E-education.**

This helps our staff find the correct way of handling a situation and helping the student with support that they may need in and out of the classroom.

**P.A.W.S.**



At Leary we teach our students to take responsibility for solving their own problems and not becoming a victim. They are taught to use **P.A.W.S.** This stands for **Please stop, ask again, walk away or ignore and seek help.** It is very important that students talk to their teacher or another staff member if they are having a problem that hasn't stopped and they need an adult to help.

# FGL SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-2019



Open House – 5:00-6:30	September 12
PAC Meetings @ 1:00	Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 22, Jan 24, Feb 21, Apr 18, May 16, June 13
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #1	September 21 (FG Leary)
School Photos	September 24
Terry Fox Run	September 28
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #2	October 5 (Curriculum Implementation)
Thanksgiving Day	October 8
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #3	October 19 (Provincial)
Scholastic Book Fair	October 23-25
Movie Night @ FGL- 6:00pm	October 24
Early Dismissal	November 1 (12:00)
Early Dismissal	November 2 (12:00)
Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:30	November 9
Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	November 12
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #4	November 30 (In Lieu)
Report Cards	December 7, March 14, June 27
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

