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On behalf of FG Leary staff we wish everyone a healthy, happy, and memorable 2019. Our staff will continue to foster our vision of being a positive community where the highest standards for academics, arts and social responsibility are met through exploration, collaboration, creation, and inspiration.

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.

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 11- Hot Lunch- Sandhar Hut
- Feb. 12- Ready Set Learn 8:45-10:00
- Feb. 18- Family Day holiday ~ no school
- Feb. 22 Pro-D Day ~ no school
- Feb 26-28- Wizard of Oz-Performances
- Feb. 27 Pink Shirt Day
- March 1- Pride Assembly/ TERM 2 Ends

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
February 21 @ 1:00pm @ FG Leary**

Our 2018-19 PAC Executive are:

President- Emilia Superan & Sarah Sorenson

Vice-President- Jen Kragh

Treasurer- Kelley Bjarnason

Secretary- Meghan Masson

**Parents of
3 and 4 Year Olds**

Help our preschooler(s) Get Ready for
School

READY, **S**ET, **L**EARN

An important preschool

OPEN HOUSE

You and your child won't want to
miss

**F. G. Leary
Fine Arts Elementary
School Library
February 12th
8:45-10:00 am**

All 3 and 4 year olds and their parents in our community are invited to
attend

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OPEN HOUSE

Families attending will receive:

- *An information kit with helpful tips for supporting
- *Preschoolers' learning and development
- *a storybook and workbooks

What is Ready, Set Learn?

Ready, Set, Learn is series of fun and information events for preschoolers and their parents focusing on early childhood development and school readiness skills. There are different events so, please mark your calendar with the location and date convenient for you and your preschooler. This will be a great opportunity to connect with your preschooler's future neighborhood school and to learn about early development and school readiness skills. For parents, there will be handouts and an information kit to take home. For young children, there will be craft activities, snacks, storybooks, workbooks, and stickers.

(*Ready, Set, Learn is sponsored by the Chilliwack School District, the Ministry of Children and Family Development and Ministry of Health)



PINK SHIRT DAY ~ February 27th

Every day we strive to teach our students the importance of treating everyone with kindness and respect. On February 27th we specifically celebrate Pink Shirt Day as a symbol of our desire to put an end to bullying, to show acceptance of everyone, and to teach our children how to handle bullying behavior when they encounter it.

Grade 5 Hoodies:

Grade 5 hoodie orders go out today! They are \$35 and orders are due back **Jan 31 with a \$10 deposit**. The remaining \$25 is due when hoodies are delivered to students (end of February).

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Wallace.

Lego:

We would like to start a Leary Lunch time Lego Club but need a bin of Lego to get us started. If you have any Lego that you would like to donate to our school, please drop it at the bin by the front of the office. Thank you kindly.

Website:

We have launched our new website and are updating our calendars regularly to always keep you informed.

Check it out <https://fgleary.sd33.bc.ca/>



TICKETS ON SALE SOON!

**WE ARE JUST CONFIRMING
WITH CHILLIWACK
CULTURAL CENTER**

Hot lunch is now open for February!

To place your child's order please visit: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/fgleary/>

Orders can be paid for online with Visa or Mastercard, pre-paid credit card or visa debit. Cash may be dropped off at the school office. A paper copy of the menu is available at the office.

The last day to order Shandhar Hut is February 4th
The last day to order Mary Brown's February 18th

Any questions please contact, fglearyhotlunch@gmail.com

Parents that ordered The Chopped Leaf, salads or rice bowls will notice a credit on their munchalunch account.

Parking Lot 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.
- There is a **Drop Off** only lane next to the school. No Parking in this area at any time. **Never leave your vehicle unattended.**
- * 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.

Please support our students by being good role models.

BAD WEATHER – SCHOOL CLOSURE GUIDELINES

Information for Parents and Students



Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can strike during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, the decision on the opening or closing of schools is made by the Superintendent in consultation with management staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions and general condition of schools.

While service to students and parents is a priority, schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible. Student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

Just a reminder that school closures will be announced on the school web site (www.fgleary.sd33.bc.ca) and district web site (www.sd33.bc.ca), on

STAR-FM radio (98.3FM), and via direct email. If there is snow or freezing rain, be sure to check if schools are open before sending your child to school. And if the school parking lot is empty at 8:30am, there is no school!

In the event that there is inclement weather but the schools remain 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.



We are a Nut-Aware School

We encourage everyone to think about the foods that they bring to school. There are a 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.

Please try to save peanut butter sandwiches and treats to enjoy at home. Thank you

