

FERNIE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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“Home of the Falcons”

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Website: <http://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/fss/Pages/default.aspx>

If you wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please make sure we have your address! E-mail your address to: fss.mailing@sd5.bc.ca. All Newsletters can be viewed on the FSS Website.



PARENT REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE...

For attendance purposes, please notify the office @ 250-423-4471 or email fss.mailing@sd5.bc.ca if your child will be away from school for any reason. It is also important to contact the teachers for homework. To contact any staff member in our school please email by using: firstname.lastname@sd5.bc.ca


If there are ANY changes in your personal contact information (phone number, addresses, email, etc.) or your child's medical information, please let the office know by emailing: fss.mailing@sd5.bc.ca

Student fees of \$15.00 are now due. All students of FSS must pay these to cover the costs of lock and lockers \$5.00, agendas \$6.00, and student council fees \$4.00

Please make cheques payable to Fernie Secondary School



NOVEMBER:

Nov. 10 th	Fri	- IDES & FSS Remembrance Day Assembly 11 AM
	<small>Remembrance Day</small> 	
Nov. 13 th	Mon	Stat Holiday (NO SCHOOL)
Nov. 20 th	Mon	Term 1 Report cards to Students
Nov. 21 st & 22 nd	Tues & Wed	- Parent / Teacher Interviews 2:00 – 4:00
Nov. 24 th	Fri	-No school Day
Nov. 29 th	Wed	- PAC Meeting in Library @ 7:00 PM

YEARBOOKS

We are now selling the 2017-2018 yearbooks. The cost is \$40.00 to the first 100 sold and then the price goes up to \$50.00. International students are \$60.00 (includes shipping).

Lost & Found

Our lost and found is located in the GYM and is overflowing. If your son or daughter has misplaced something..... please check it out.

FROM THE OFFICE OF FSS COUNSELLOR

Parent information evening November 27th, 7pm-8pm FSS library

Join us to find out more about how to support your child to navigate the grad program years. We will discuss:

- Graduation requirements
- University/College application process and entrance requirements
- Trade programs
- Scholarships
- Graduation Transitions

Email Karen Walker, School Counsellor, if you have questions about this event – karen.walker@sd5.bc.ca

Scholarships – Parents of grade 12 students, if you would like to receive email updates about the scholarships that are open to grade 12 students, please provide Mrs Walker with your email address. Email – karen.walker@sd5.bc.ca

Grade 10-12 Students – Check out www.educationplannerbc.ca. This government website helps you to plan your educational journey, search for programs, and apply to BC post secondary institutions.

The **Mount Royal University** on November 9th has been cancelled. We will reschedule this visit for early next year.

FROM THE ABORIGINAL ED DEPT



**School
District No. 5 (Southeast
Kootenay)
Aboriginal Program
Fernie Secondary**

Hello! My name is Amanda Lavoie, I am the Aboriginal Education Support Worker for Fernie Secondary School. I work with students from grades 7 to 12 with Aboriginal Ancestry by providing direct and indirect support in the areas of academics, before school tutoring support, as an advocate for students, classroom presentations/field trips, help with communication between home and school, help increase awareness, understanding of Aboriginal cultures, histories, and language amongst our school and its community.

Every year students with Aboriginal Ancestry (or parent/guardian) have not identified themselves as Aboriginal because they mistakenly believe they need Status or a Metis card and/or any other proof. This is NOT the case. Aboriginal ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (status and non-status), Metis or Inuit Ancestry. No documentation is required and the ancestry can go back several generations.

If you believe or know that you or your children have Aboriginal Ancestry (First Nations, Metis, Inuit), your word is all that is required.

Please feel free to call or come in if you have any questions or concerns. Things to watch for: class Presentations, field trips, assemblies and more.

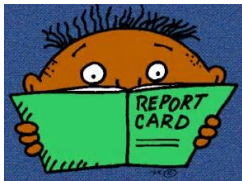
I can be reached by cell phone (250-425-3683) or school phone (250-423-4471 ext. 228) or email: Amanda.lavoie@sd5.bc.ca

Amanda Lavoie

Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day is a day to remember, recognize, and appreciate the efforts of the brave Canadian soldiers who have died for our country. There will be a ceremony at Fernie Secondary School on Thursday, November 10th at 11:00 am in the gymnasium. Please come out and show your appreciation for the people who have fought and died for us.



**REPORT CARDS TO
STUDENTS
MONDAY,
November 20th**

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

**Tuesday, November 21st &
Wednesday, November 22nd**

2:00 – 4:00 PM

**Call the office @ 250-423-4471
to make an appointment with
the teacher you want to meet
with.**

Update at FSS

Halloween Activities planned by student council are in full swing. The junior student council has organized a "WE SCARE FOR HALLOWEEN" campaign - each student/staff member in block 3 is asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the local food bank. They have also prepared a haunted house for older IDES students and FSS students. Senior student council has organized a spirit week with a pie eating contest (Monday) and pumpkin carving (Tuesday). Many creative costumes were evident in the hallways. Well done students. Last Friday students participated in a loonie toss organized by student council and Ms. Arnold to help buy supplies for people on the small island of Dominica in the Caribbean. These people lost everything during hurricane season. \$180 was raised. Thank you for your participation. Junior student council members are attending WE in Calgary on Wednesday November 1. Mr. Baty with the support of PAC is starting a fly-tying club at lunch hour. Any student interested in fly-tying and fishing are asked to join. Ms. D. Alsafi has been hired to replace Ms. Jansen. We wish Ms. Jansen a wonderful retirement. Please mark your calendars - November 8 is the last day of term 1, report cards will be sent home on November 20 and Parent-Teacher Interviews will run November 21 and 22 from 2 pm to 4 pm. IDES and FSS Remembrance Assembly is November 10 at 11 am in the FSS gym.

Thoughts from the VP – Mike Kelly

Digital citizenship is a new buzz phrase commonly heard in education today. Digital citizenship means more than knowing your way around the web. Digital citizenship means knowing how to interact and collaborate with others through the digital world in a safe, respectful and responsible way. Schools can promote digital citizenship, but **it must start at home.**

Vicki Davies in *What Your Students Really Need to Know About Digital Citizenship* shares the 9 Ps of digital citizenship:

1. **Passwords:** Do children know how to create a secure password? Do they know that some passwords need to be more secure than others?
2. **Private Information:** Do children know how to protect details such as their address, email, and phone number?
3. **Personal Information:** Who do you share this with – how well do you know the person you are communicating with?
4. **Photographs:** Including street signs and licence plates in photographs can provide more information than intended.
5. **Property:** Do children know how to generate a licence for their own work? Do they respect the property rights of others?
6. **Permission:** Do children know how to cite the work they use?
7. **Protection:** Do children understand how to limit exposure to viruses, malware, phishing, identity theft, etc.?
8. **Professionalism:** Can children differentiate between academic and social norms?
9. **Personal brand:** How do they want to be perceived online? What cookie trail do they want to leave (what happens on the net, does not stay on the net).

The responsibilities of teaching and parenting seems to be changing at an equally fast pace as the technology that children are using today.

Davies, Vicki. "What Your Students Really Need to Know About Digital Citizenship." Edutopia, <https://www.edutopia.org/blog/digital-citizenship-need-to-know-vicki-davis>. Accessed 5 November 2017.



Haunted House

The Junior Student Council's **Haunted House** was a huge success bringing in over \$85 in donations and 70 donated food items all for our local food bank. This was a **WE Scare Hunger** initiative. To get your child and family involved, please consider becoming a WE Family by checking out the WE day. Thank you grades 7-9 council members for all your hard work and the hours put in creating this haunted house.

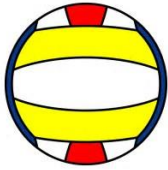
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WE SCARE HUNGER

Congratulations to Mrs. Esch, and Ms. Elliot's block 3 classes for bringing in the most food items in our WE SCARE HUNGER Challenge!

Stayed tuned for our next activities that will take place in late November and early December.



Notice to anyone interested in Fernie Club Volleyball:
AGM meeting
November 9th,
7-9 PM

in the meeting room at the Park Place Lodge. All current members and interested parties are invited to attend.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DRIVER TRAINING



Drive to Survive:

39 Ridgemont Ave. Fernie BC V0B 1M2
PHONE: 250-423-4058
EMAIL: dbird10@telus.net

GLP Course Nov. 25th & 26th – Dec. 2nd & 3rd,
2017 - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Classes are held upstairs in the Sparwood Chamber building. Fernie Students are provided transportation. Program qualifies for Teck Health Living Grant. Students must attend all four days to fulfill the classroom requirement. Driving instruction will be by individual appointment and may start prior to the classroom portion.

This course provides students with all the required skills and manoeuvres for the road test as well as excellent defensive skills to last a lifetime.

If also entitles the student to:

- Reduce the time in "N" phase by six months
- Receive two grade 11 credits
- Develop good defensive driving habits