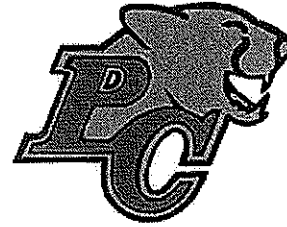




# E.W. FARR FOX NEWS



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September 2009

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back!

A warm welcome is extended to all students and families returning to E.W. Farr. We hope that you all enjoyed the summer (despite the weather!) and that everyone is prepared for what I'm sure will be an exciting and successful school year. Welcome to all families who are new to the school community. We look forward to working with you. Please take advantage of the many opportunities to become acquainted with our wonderful school community through our Open House night, School Advisory Council meetings and various functions that will take place throughout the year.

Our outstanding E.W. Farr staff has been working hard preparing for your arrival. Thanks to all teachers, our secretary Mrs. Traver, educational assistant Mrs. Warren and our caretaker Mrs. Gaverluk for all their work and preparation. We have new staff members to welcome into the community this year: Mr. Binfield is teaching grade 3, Mr. Ford is our learning resource and prep teacher, and Mrs. Mezo is teaching JK/SK.

Our school focus continues to be literacy, particularly Reading for Meaning. We are committed to working as a team with parents and students so that all students can reach their true potential. We are lucky to have a .25 literacy coach this year. Mrs. Keating will support student learning by conferring techniques, observing and demonstrating best practices and helping us purchase materials for the book room and classrooms.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Milani

### **School Advisory Council**

The School Advisory Council will meet on Tuesday, September 15th. Please join us. It's a great way to get involved, meet other parents and stay informed about school issues.

### **From the Sports' Desk**

Intramurals will begin in October. Thanks to Mr. Ford and Mr. Binfield for organizing and running the events.

### **Balanced School Day Timetable**

8:45	Entry
8:50 - 9:40	Period 1
9:40 - 10:30	Period 2
10:30 - 11:10	Nutrition Break
11:10 - 12:00	Period 3
12:00 - 12:50	Period 4
12:50 - 1:30	Nutrition Break
1:30 - 2:20	Period 5
2:20 - 3:10	Period 6

**\*\*\* Please note that the school day ends at 3:10 this year.**

#### **Kindergarten**

Morning class will dismiss at 11:20.

Afternoon class will begin at 12:40.

Staff yard supervision starts at 8:35 in the morning. For the safety of your children, please do not send them to school before 8:35 am.

All students should arrive by 8:45 in the morning.

### **Open House and Family Photo Night**

We hope you will plan to attend our Open House, which will be held on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30. Come out and visit your child's classroom, and meet the staff. We look forward to seeing you.

We will also be doing Family Photos with Pegasus Photography. Have your family photographed and receive a complimentary 8 X10 portrait. A package will be available should you wish to purchase more. Please call the school to schedule a time. Sessions will begin at 5:00. Pegasus donates a percentage to the school so this is a great fundraising opportunity as well.

### **School Photos**

The photographer will be at the school on Friday, September 18th for class and individual photos.

### **Professional Activity & Early Release Days**

This is a reminder that September 25th will be an Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed from school at approximately 12:10. Teachers will be involved in professional development.

The following dates have been slated as Professional Activity or Early Release days for Term 1:

September 25<sup>th</sup> - Early Release Day

October 9<sup>th</sup> - Professional Activity Day

November 13<sup>th</sup> - Professional Activity Day

December 4<sup>th</sup> - Professional Activity (afternoon only)

### **Hot Lunches & Milk Orders**

Hot Lunches and milk will continue this year starting in October. Forms will go home shortly. **Separate cheques** for the milk order and hot lunch order are required.

### **Staff List: 2009-2010**

Mrs. Milani	Principal
Mrs. Traver	Secretary
Mrs. Crumb	JK/SK & Library
Mrs. Mezo	JK/SK
Mrs. Liebau	Gr. 1
Mrs. Oliver	Gr. 1/2
Mrs. Kemp-Davidson	Gr. 2/3
Mr. Binfield	Gr. 3
Mr. Ford	L R T /Prep coverage
Mrs. Keating	Literacy Coach
Mrs. Warren	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Gaverluk	Caretaker
Mrs. Cooper	Nutrition Break Supervisors
Mrs. Mann	

Mr. Krar is the Child and Youth Counselor assigned to our school. If you have concerns about your child's emotional well being, you may wish to have your child receive counseling. Contact the office if you'd like to learn more.

### **Volunteers**

We are lucky to have so many parents willing to volunteer their time. We are always looking for more volunteers, and always need help with hot lunches, and providing academic support to students. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office. Thank you.

### **Indoor Shoes**

Please be sure to provide indoor shoes for your child. Running shoes are required for gym so using the running shoes as the indoor shoes may be a good option for you.

### **Parents/Visitors to the School**

**For the safety of our students, all visitors/parents must report to the office and wear a visitor pass.** At dismissal time please remember to wait outside. The end of the day is a very important time for the teachers to prepare students for home time. It can be very distracting to have extra people waiting at the classroom door. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please let the office know and we will make arrangements for you to see the teacher at the earliest mutually convenient time, outside of instructional and supervision time. Thanks.

### **Student Drop-off**

When dropping off your child at school, **please park and walk your child to the door** for safety reasons and to keep the area clear for the busses. Remind your child to never walk between busses or cars. Your co-operation in ensuring safety in our school is vital.

### **Safe Arrival**

To guarantee the safe arrival of your child at school, we take attendance each morning and afternoon (after 2<sup>nd</sup> nutrition break at 1:30). If for any reason your child will not be in school, or will be late, it is extremely important that you contact us at 905-892-3251. The school answering machine is on at all times, so calls can be made early in the morning or late in the evening. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### **Student Verification Forms**

Please review the Student Verification Form carefully, note any changes and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

### **Accident Insurance**

Each year a Student Accident Insurance Plan is made available for all students on a voluntary basis. The plan provides protection for DENTAL DAMAGE DUE TO ACCIDENTS, FRACTURE BENEFITS AND OTHER IMPORTANT COVERAGES, which are **NOT** covered under the Provincial Health Plan. Some parents may have Dental Plan coverage through their work but many of these plans are limited in one way or another, while this accident coverage is not. You should compare to make sure you have the coverage you need or desire.

**UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT THE BOARD IS NOT PERMITTED TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ACCIDENTS TO PUPILS, THEREFORE**, the Board recommends consideration of this plan to any parent who wishes to obtain this kind of insurance. Although the policy has all the advantages of a group plan, it is essentially a direct contract between the parent and the insurance company.

Details of these plans are described on the enclosed application form.

You may also enroll online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com)

### **Staying Safe**

Please review the following with your child to keep him/her safe:

- Walk with a buddy
- Stay away from unpopulated areas
- Do not walk between parked cars or busses
- Teach your child when and how to dial 9-1-1

### **School Vandalism**

The cost of vandalism often comes out of the school budget. We earnestly seek your cooperation in reducing vandalism. Should you observe unusual activity at the school or on the school grounds, please call in confidence either of the following numbers: (905) 682-8065 or (905) 563-1293.

### **Medic Alert Membership**

E.W. Farr is part of a program called No Child Without. The program was developed to ensure children receive MedicAlert protection at no cost to the parent. If your child has a medical condition and you would like a free MedicAlert bracelet or necklace, and access to a 24 hour hotline for emergencies, please call the office for more information.

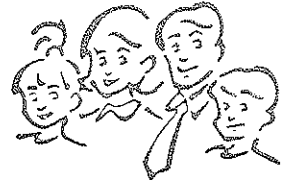




# September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Labor Day	<b>8</b> day 1	<b>9</b> day 2	<b>10</b> day 3	<b>11</b> day 4	<b>12</b> day 4
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> day 5	<b>15</b> day 6 SAC Meeting at 6:30	<b>16</b> day 7	<b>17</b> day 8	<b>18</b> School Photos	<b>19</b> day 9
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> day 10	<b>22</b> day 1	<b>23</b> day 2	<b>24</b> day 3	<b>25</b> Early Release Day Terry Fox Run	<b>26</b> day 4
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> day 5	<b>29</b> day 6	<b>30</b> day 7 Open House: 6:30 - 7:30 Family Photo Night			

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# PHOTO NIGHT



- ☆ Great Fundraising Opportunity ☆
- ☆ Complimentary 8x10 Portrait Included ☆
- ☆ Professional Portraits Priced Right ☆
- ☆ Build School and Community Spirit ☆
- ☆ Enjoy an Evening With Family and Friends ☆

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