

October 17, 2016

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Upcoming dates to note:

October 18	Babysitting Course, 2:40 – 4:40 p.m.
October 19	PAC QSP sales ends
October 20	Grade 8 hoody orders (optional) due to Mrs. Spindlove
October 20	Jazz Band students to Fraser Middle, leave here 12:00, there 2:00
October 21	Non Instructional Day – no school
October 24	Diwali Week begins
October 25	Babysitting Course, 2:40 – 4:40 p.m.
October 26	French Immersion Parent Focus Group (see below)
October 31	Hallowe'en Spirit Day and Dance (at lunch)

Power Outage

We would like to thank all of the students, parents and staff for their cooperation and understanding during the recent power outage on Friday. It was a very chaotic start to the school day with gusting winds knocking down trees to temporarily disrupt power to our school. Many of the parents chose to take their children home, but those students who remained at school waited in the multipurpose and band rooms until the power returned at about 9:10 am. Then the students went to their classes until the end of the school day. Please note, that during power outages, the school remains open until we receive authorization from the Superintendent of Schools to temporarily close the school. However, as was the case on Friday, if parents/guardians believe their local conditions are unsafe, they may keep their child at home or arrange for his/her early dismissal.

Please note during the late fall and winter months, it is necessary on occasion to temporarily close a school or schools when weather conditions might endanger the safety of students. The Superintendent of Schools has authority on behalf of the Board, to temporarily close a school or schools. A number of factors go into this decision, including the conditions of: roads near schools, school grounds, school bus routes, and whether facilities are fully operational. If parents/guardians believe their local conditions are unsafe, they may keep their child at home or arrange for his/her early dismissal. If possible, we will notify parents via the school district website, automated voice message, or via public announcement messages in the local media.

If you have any questions, in regards to the power outage, please contact Mr. Singh. Thank you.

French Immersion Parent Focus Group Meeting

As you may already know, the Abbotsford School District is conducting a review of the French Immersion Program over the next 3 months. The review will help highlight promising practices and areas of challenge to inform short and long-term planning. An independent consultant, Michael Audet, will be working with District Staff, teachers, parents and students. Based on information gathered there will be a report containing unique strengths, promising practices, risks and considerations for future directions. The report will be presented to the Board of Education in January 2017. A focus group meeting for parents planned for Wednesday October 26 – all Immersion parents are invited to attend.

Parents As Career Coaches

The sessions are offered over two evenings, Nov. 2nd and 9th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Abby Sr. in the Library Mtg. Room.
Tickets are free!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parents-as-career-coaches-marion-haythorne-presentation-tickets-28296618949>

District App

Have you downloaded the District App yet? It's a great way to be notified of upcoming events at our school – see here for further information: <http://www.sd34.bc.ca/news/new-abby-schools-app-released>

Pay School Trips/Fees Online

Reminder that our district is making it possible for parents to pay for items such as fees and field trips online at abbotsford.schoolcashonline.com

Abbotsford Community Services

Community Events and Programs for Parent/Students

Check out the community/parent info page on the district website for lots of great activities for parents/students at <http://www.sd34.bc.ca/parents-students/CommunityInformation>