

October 24, 2016

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Upcoming dates to note:

October 24	Diwali Week begins
October 25	Babysitting Course, 2:40 – 4:40 p.m. (last day of course)
October 26	French Immersion Parent Focus Group (see below), 6:30 p.m.
October 27	Fentanyl Public Forum, 7 p.m., City Hall
October 28	Diwali Dress Up Day
October 31	Hallowe'en Spirit Day and Dance at lunch – admission to dance is \$1 or a can of food (all to Food Bank)
November 3	Some Leadership students to WE Day in Vancouver, leave here 7:15, leave there 3:30
November 10	Remembrance Assembly 10:30 a.m.
November 11	Remembrance Day – no school
November 13	Deadline for Purdy's orders
November 21-24	Book Fair in Library
November 23-24	Purdy's pick up
November 24	Parent/Teacher Conferences – no school for students
November 25	Non Instructional Day – no school for students

WE Scare Hunger

WE Scare Hunger, is an initiative from WE.org, is an action campaign that helps raise donations in support of local food banks in hopes of ending local hunger. Until November 7th, the Leadership team will be collecting canned goods and money for WE Scare Hunger. Leadership has had a bake sale and will be hosting a Halloween dance with all proceeds going to the WE Scare Hunger campaign. Classes are also collecting canned goods, which will be delivered to the Abbotsford Food Bank in November. Thanks for your support!

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, 6:30 p.m. in our Library – all District Immersion parents are invited to attend.

Fentanyl Public Forum

A panel of experts speaking to the growing problem of Fentanyl facing the community of Abbotsford. Questions can be tweeted before or during the forum to Deputy Chief Mike Serr @DeputySerrAPD. Question and answer opportunities following panelist presentation. Speakers include representatives from the Abbotsford Police Department, a clinical specialist in mental health and substance abuse and a doctor/medical official from the Fraser Health Authority. Thursday, October 27th, 7-9 p.m. at MCA Auditorium at City Hall, 32315 South Fraser Way. For ages 13 and over.

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>