

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

ÉCOLE FRANK ROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 5 - Firefighter Visit (Primary classes)
- Oct. 7 - Volleyball season starts
- Oct. 8 - PAC Meeting Rm 109, 6pm
- Oct. 9 - Munch - Panago
- Oct. 12 - Thanksgiving Stat (No school)
- Oct. 14 - District Wide X-country Race
- Oct. 14 - Photo Re-takes
- Oct 16 - Munch - Chopped Leaf
- Oct. 21 - Munch (Hot Dog Day)
- Oct. 23 - NID (No school)
- Oct. 30 - Halloween at school
- Oct. 30 - Munch - Tim Hortons



School Contact Information:

(250) 782 - 5206
efr@sd59.bc.ca
[www.sd59.bc.ca/schools/
eco-le-frank-ross-elementary](http://www.sd59.bc.ca/schools/eco-le-frank-ross-elementary)



Photo
Re-takes
October 14 - 15



School Schedule

8:50	Warning Bell
9:00	Instruction Begins
10:15	Primary Recess
10:30	Intermediate Recess
12:10	Lunch begins
2:40	Dismissal

From the Handbook

Attendance/Check-in for Safety

Check in for Safety:

If you know that your child is going to be absent or late, please notify the school. Students must check-in with the office upon arrival when they are late. **All school doors will be locked during the day. If the front doors are locked – You can call the school at 250-782-5206 for access.** Report student absences to this number or by emailing efr@sd59.bc.ca

Parents/Visitors

Parents and visitors should contact the school office at (250) 782-5206 to make an appointment or to connect with your child. The office staff is available as of 8:00am each school day to answer enquiries. Student Entry will begin at 8:50am, students will be guided into the school from their designated entry. Please do not drop students off before 8:30am as there will be no supervision.

Contact Us

If you have questions or concerns about anything related to your children at school, reach out to administration.

Principal – Mr. Shaun Henry shahenry@sd59.bc.ca

Vice-Principal – Mrs. Heather Regner
hregner@sd59.bc.ca

Volunteers and Visitors

Classroom doors will continue to be locked during the day, so office staff will connect with you to have a student brought up to the office if you need to pick them up early.

If you are coming to drop something off with a class, attend a meeting, or volunteer with a class, **you must sign in. Please do not by-pass the sign-in process and give yourself enough time if you need to accompany your child.**

Please consider, we are always aiming to minimize phone and in-person interruptions during class time.

A reminder that if you want to be in classrooms or on field trips, criminal record check and volunteer forms are available at the office and must be current.

Hot Lunch has Started, [click here](#) to order!

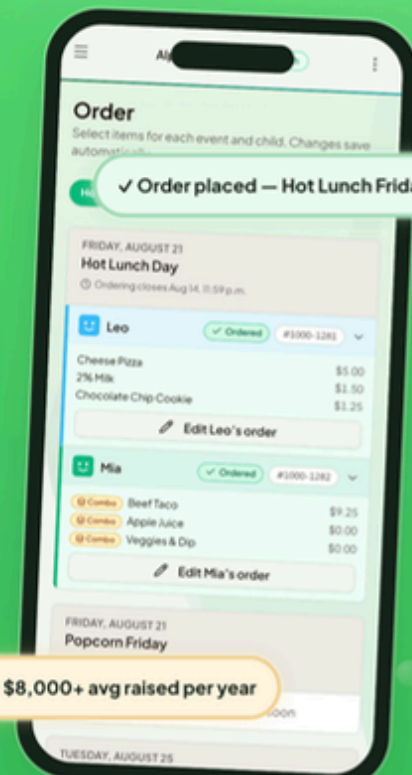


School lunch ordering and fundraising, online!

Parents order and pay in minutes. Volunteers run the whole program without paper forms. To get your school started, click below!

Parents – Register Here

Schools – Sign Up Here



Dawson Creek Elementary Volleyball League 2026

07-Oct	Week 1
Home	Away
DTE	LPE
MCLD	DEV
NDH	NDJ
CPE	PKLD
MCS	EFRW
EFRB	CAN
TRE	PCE

28-Oct	Week 4
Home	Away
CAN	NDH
PCE	MCLD
NDJ	PKLD
MCS	DEV
EFRW	DTE
CPE	LPE
TRE	EFRB

Mountain Christian	MCS
Notre Dame H	NDH
Notre Dame J	NDJ
McLeod	MCLD
Deveraux	DEV
Parkland	PKLD
Crescent Park	CPE
Don Titus	DTE
Ecole Frank Ross Black	EFRB
Ecole Frank Ross White	EFRW
Tremblay	TRE
Canalta	CAN
Pouce Coupe	PCE
Little Prairie	LPE

14-Oct	Week 2
Home	Away
TRE	NDH
MCS	PKLD
PCE	EFRB
EFRW	CPE
MCLD	DEV
NDJ	LPE
CAN	DTE

04-Nov	Week 5
Home	Away
DTE	DEV
CAN	PKLD
MCS	TRE
CPE	NDJ
NDH	PCE
EFRB	EFRW
LPE	MCLD

21-Oct	Week 3
Home	Away
MCLD	PKLD
EFRB	DEV
CPE	DTE
CAN	EFRW
PCE	NDJ
NDH	MCS
TRE	LPE

25-Nov	Week 6
Home	Away
EFRW	PKLD
CAN	LPE
NDJ	DEV
TRE	MCLD
PCE	DTE
CPE	NDH
MCS	EFRB



Games start at 3:15 pm or earlier if both teams are present.

No games week of Parent teacher interviews. Nov 18

No games Remembrance Day Nov 11th

Volleyball Schedule 2026
Scan here

Reminders:

- **No weapons**
- **No gore or inappropriate for school clothing**
- **Check with teacher about treats**
- **Masks are okay but can't be worn to play**

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



2026 SD59 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS X(Cross)-Country Series



Wednesday,
Sept 16th
Canalta
School/Newby
Park
(Meet beside
Soccer Field)

Wed. Sept 23rd
Canalta School/Newby
Park
(Meet beside Soccer
Field)

Tuesday Sept 29th
29th Ecole Frank Ross

Wed Oct 7th
Pouce Coupe
Elementary

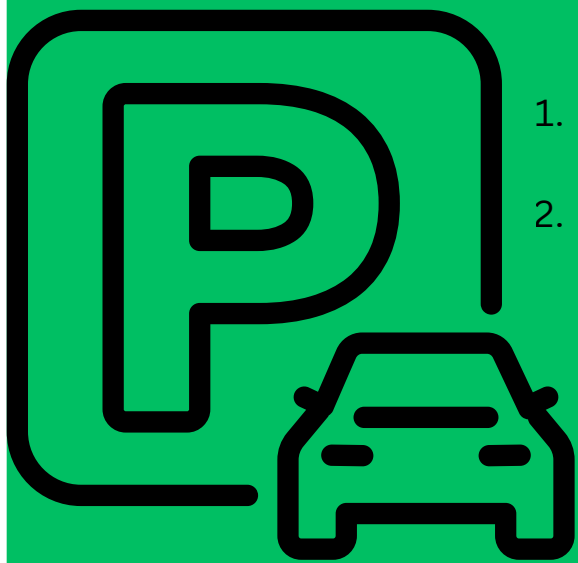
- **LOOK FOR THE RED TENT FOR REGISTRATION**
- Races are open to all elementary school students at no cost.
- Registration takes place at 3 pm at each site, Group Warm-up at 3:15,
- K-3 Race at 3:30 (1 km race), 4-7 Race at 3:45 (1.8 km race),
- Awards at 4 pm or after last race is complete
- Race results separated by Grade (K-1,2-3, 4-5,6-7) and Gender (M/F).

School District Elementary Cross Country Race
Wednesday Oct 14th.

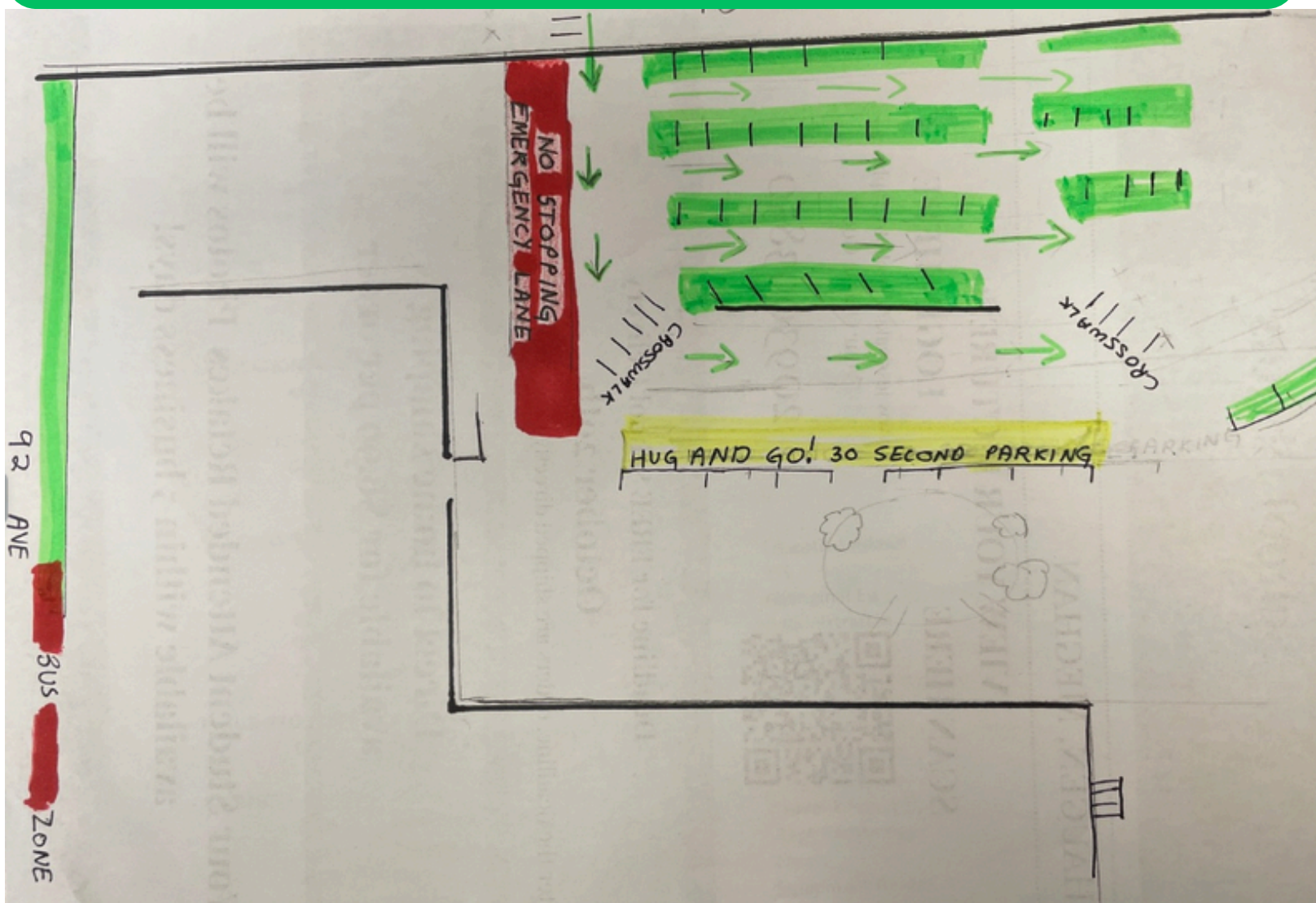
Crescent Park — 93rd Avenue & 20th Street

K-1- 10:30, 2-3 10:45, 4-5 11:00, 6-7 11:20

Register through your school for District Race.



1. Note that the area marked for emergency vehicles is **NO PARKING** at any time.
2. The area in front of the school is for dropping and going. There should not be anyone getting out the vehicle. **STUDENTS SHOULD EXIT OUT THE RIGHT SIDE**, so that they are not getting out into traffic.



TERRY FOX = RUN =

Money raised

= \$3459.75 =

Go Bulldogs!

Thank you for
your support!





All about the Foundation Skills Assessment

What is the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)?

The FSA is a learning assessment for all grade 4 and 7 students. It focuses on the areas of **literacy** and **numeracy**.

FSA results are one way of measuring how the education system is doing in these key areas. It assesses how students think, communicate and reflect - not just the facts they know.

The FSA is not intended to be used to rank students, teachers, or schools. The FSA is a snapshot of student learning at a moment in time. For parents and caregivers, it tells you where your child is at in their literacy and numeracy development, as well as areas where they may need support. When all students participate, it also gives the Ministry of Education and Child Care a clear picture of how the education system is performing as a whole.

Why is the FSA important?

The Ministry of Education and Child Care sets the standards for what your child learns and, along with teachers, figures out ways to measure how well they are learning. The goal is for your child (and all students in BC) to get a great education that readies them for life after graduation and helps them become educated citizens.

One way the Ministry ensures the quality of student learning is through the FSA. The FSA helps us understand what learning looks like across the entire province. It lets us see how different groups of students are learning and find out where they might need extra help. It also helps us understand how well BC is doing over time.

The Ministry uses this information to make sure that your child's learning is "on track" and that they don't fall behind. This data also allows us to know how BC students are doing in relation to students in other provinces in Canada and the rest of the world. The FSA provides both the Ministry and parents and caregivers with the assurance that students possess the literacy and numeracy skills necessary for their future.

Literacy is your child's ability to understand language and communicate in a variety of ways.

Numeracy is your child's ability to apply important math skills, solve problems, and communicate solutions.

The FSA:

- Is **not** a high-stakes assessment
- Is **not** meant to be used for ranking students, teachers, or schools
- Does **not** impact student marks or report cards
- Provides valuable information about student learning
- Ensures all students are developing a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy
- Guides improvements to BC's education system

Information for Parents and Caregivers



How will your child participate?

The FSA will be completed by your child as part of their regular classroom learning. Your child does not need to prepare for the assessment. The FSA has five parts that can be spread out over several days or weeks during the fall of your child's grade 4 and 7 school year. Each component of the assessment will never be longer than an hour, so it won't take too much time away from classroom learning. Here is what your child can expect:

Component	Description	Time
Paper-based literacy task	A collaboration activity and 3 written response questions	60 minutes
Online literacy task	30 questions	60 minutes
Paper-based numeracy task	3 written response questions and 1 self-reflection question	45 minutes
Online numeracy task	30 questions	60 minutes
Self-reflection	1 selected-response question and 1 written-response question	5 minutes

Some students may feel nervous about tests. Talking about the FSA at home can help your child understand the purpose of the assessment. It can also help your child feel more confident writing it.

You will receive your child's test booklet back after it has been marked. Marking is done by teachers using the provincial proficiency scale, the same scale used for report cards for kindergarten to Grade 9. For FSA, "Developing" and "Proficient" have been combined on the scale into a single category, so that you know if your child is "On Track" in their literacy and numeracy learning.

Emerging	On Track	Extending
means your child is beginning to understand the expected concepts	means your child mostly understands the expected concepts	means your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways

Along with written comments from teachers and the proficiency scale on report cards, the FSA results can be another helpful source of information to see where your child is in their literacy and numeracy development and where they can go next in their learning.

How are the FSA results used?

The FSA results offer insights to parents, caregivers, teachers, schools, districts, and the Ministry. They provide valuable information to all levels of the education system that help improve student learning.

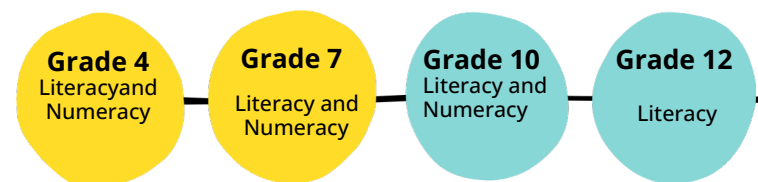
- For parents, caregivers, and teachers, these results can show how students are doing in literacy and numeracy.
- Teachers, schools, and districts can use the FSA results to help support classroom teaching. They can see where students are doing well and where they might need more help.
- Schools, districts, and the Ministry can use the FSA results to help make the education system better. The Ministry also relies on the FSA to uphold high learning standards to help all students develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

It's important to know that the FSA results aren't for ranking students, teachers, schools, or districts. Rankings don't help learning and don't make BC's education system better. The FSA is just one data point and doesn't reflect all the teaching and learning that happens in a school. That's why the Ministry doesn't make, share, or support any rankings.

When are literacy and numeracy assessed?

Foundation Skills Assessments

Graduation Assessments



Contact Us



assessments@gov.bc.ca



Curriculum.gov.bc.ca



Dear Parents,

Once again it is time for PAC's annual Stofer's Art Fundraiser!

Attached to this letter you will find an order form along with your students art work. You can choose to have this art work transferred to any of the items on the order form.

If your student was sent home with a blank paper, please have them create their very own masterpiece to have transferred! If your student would like to create a second piece of artwork OR a sibling would like to participate, that is also allowed. We can arrange to send home extra paper and order forms with your child or you may cut your own but it **MUST** be 5 inch x 7 inch in size, preferably cardstock. Photos can also be used as per instructions on the order form. Each piece of art work needs to have its own order form, please feel free to email us at ecolefrankrosspac@gmail.com and we can get you what you need.

The **DEADLINE** to hand in order forms **with** artwork attached is **NOVEMBER 2nd**. This will ensure that all orders will be back before Christmas as these make wonderful gifts.

Any questions, please email us at ecolefrankrosspac@gmail.com. As always, thank you for your support!!

École Frank Ross Parent Advisory Council



Stofer's suggests to not have your student's name on the artwork as it could be lost in the process. **IF** you're student does want to include their name, please have them put it away from the edges and corners, anything outside of the black outline may be lost in the trimming process.

Stofer Art Fundraiser

Your child has brought home artwork along with this order form. If you would like to have this image transferred to any of the products listed below, please indicate on this form and return with payment and the artwork by **NOVEMBER 2nd**.

- **Make cheques payable to Ecole Frank Ross PAC or e-transfers to ecolefrankrosspac@gmail.com with students full name in the message.**
- The products are of high quality and make excellent gifts. You may order as many as you like. Note: You **save money** by ordering more of one item.
- The company scans the artwork or photo and the original is returned to you.

Parent's name _____ Phone # _____

Child's name _____ Teacher _____

Please use a separate order form for each piece of art or photo and use a separate order form for each child

Quantity	Item	Cost	Subtotal
1	trivet (hot plate) 7 x 9 inches gloss finish	15.50	
3	or more of one image - calculate at 13.50 each	13.50	
1	puzzle 5 x 7 inches gloss finish magnetic	16.25	
3	or more of one image calculate at 14.35 each	14.35	
1	set of 4 coasters 3.5 x 4.5 inches gloss finish	18.00	
3	sets or more of one image calculate at 16.25 each	16.25	
1	set of 4 fridge magnets 3 x 4 inches gloss finish	16.25	
3	sets or more of one image calculate at 14.35 each	14.35	
1	set of 6 note cards 3.5 x 5 inches with envelopes	11.75	
3	sets or more of one image calculate at 10.80 each	10.80	
1	wall plaque 5x7 inches gloss finish	18.15	
3	or more of the same image calculate at 16.25	16.25	
pst and gst included in the prices above		Total	

PHOTOS!

We can also make these products from your family photos. Send us your photo with a separate order form

or

complete the order form and email your digital photo (largest .jpg you have) to info@schoolfundraisingcanada.ca

Please indicate the school, class, child's name etc. in your email

GIFTS

These products make great gifts for grandparents etc..
Order more and save \$\$\$

Stofer Images
www.schoolfundraisingcanada.ca
250-967-4880

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All are Welcome!



*Please bring in all
donations
from NOW
until Oct. 13*

- EFR Social Justice Club is putting on a winter free store!
- Bring in your clean winter gear and cozy clothing to Mrs. Tinto in the library!

Open hours for parents and guardians:
Wed. Oct. 14 from 12:30 - 4pm
Fri. Oct. 16 from 12:30 - 4pm
In the library

Become a Member

Every member counts: together, we fund projects for our schools.



JOIN NOW

- Become part of a community
- Have a local impact
- Support bilingualism



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Parents
for
French

CPF

5 REASONS TO JOIN CPF

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REGISTRATION



01

Events, learning & networking

Join us at events such as Concours d'art oratoire, FSL Awareness Breakfast, and many more in the community. Explore real-life learning opportunities, like summer camps and virtual French programs.

02

Member savings and discounts

CPF has connected with incredible organizations like Bayard Jeunesse Canada, Les 400 Coups and Watermelon Works, who support our mission and want to offer our members some amazing discounts!

03

Tools & resources

CPF offers a wealth of French language support resources for parents, students, and educators. Whether you need information on French language learning, support for your child's studies, or tools to enhance your school's French Language programs, CPF is a go-to resource.

04

Research

CPF stays at the forefront of French as a Second Language research, helping to understand program effectiveness, identify gaps, and promote the lifelong benefits of official bilingualism.

05

Advocacy

CPF amplifies the voices of thousands across Canada, advocating for expanded French language opportunities. Our influence spans from local school boards to federal government levels, shaping policies and enhancing French instruction across the country.

CPF MEMBER BENEFITS

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is a national network powered by people like you who **value access to French language learning opportunities for all youth** in Canada.

ADVOCACY

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AWARDS, BURSARIES & RECOGNITION

CPF celebrates volunteers, educators, and students nationwide with various awards and bursaries.

PUBLICATIONS & INFORMATION

Stay informed with CPF's **comprehensive resources**, including the CPF Magazine, engaging social media updates, and various publications like policy briefs, posters, resources and videos.

EVENTS, LEARNING & NETWORKING

Join us at events such as Concours d'art oratoire, FSL Awareness Breakfast, and numerous Branch and Chapter events. **Explore real-life learning opportunities**, like summer camps and virtual French programs too.

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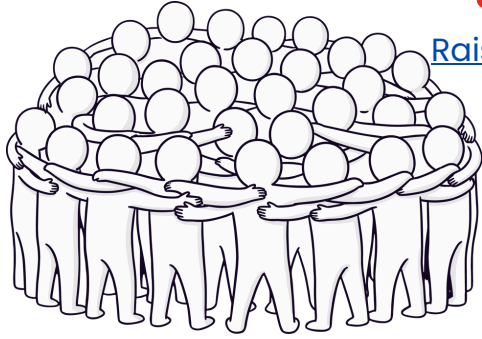
RESEARCH

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ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Gain access to **research reports, find volunteer opportunities, and receive support** from CPF National, Branches, Chapters and Teams.

Let's look out for one another and safe and caring school communities.



[Raising Digitally Responsible Youth: A Guide for Parents and Caregivers](#)

[Raising Digitally Responsible Youth: A Parent's Guide](#)

Safer Schools also provides webinar sessions for families. [Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities session](#)

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SCHOOL SWAG EXCHANGE

**HAS YOUR CHILD
OUTGROWN THEIR SCHOOL
T-SHIRT?**

**IS IT IN GOOD, USED
CONDITION?**

**EXCHANGE IT FOR A NEW
SIZE FROM PREVIOUSLY
OWNED T-SHIRTS
OR
RECEIVE A \$5 CREDIT
FROM OUR SWAG SHOP!**



**EMAIL
ECOLEFRANKROSSPAC@GMAIL.COM
TO EXCHANGE A SHIRT**

**PLEASE INSPECT YOUR SHIRTS BEFORE
BRINGING THEM IN.**

**ANY SHIRTS WITH RIPS, HOLES OR
STAINS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

SWAG STORE NOW OPEN !!

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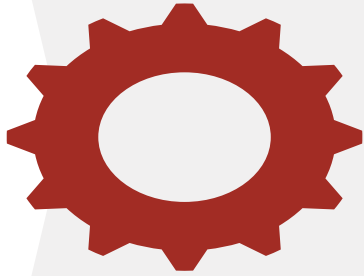


Adult Youth Other Headwear



Deadline: Friday, June 4, 2027 (11:59 PM MDT)

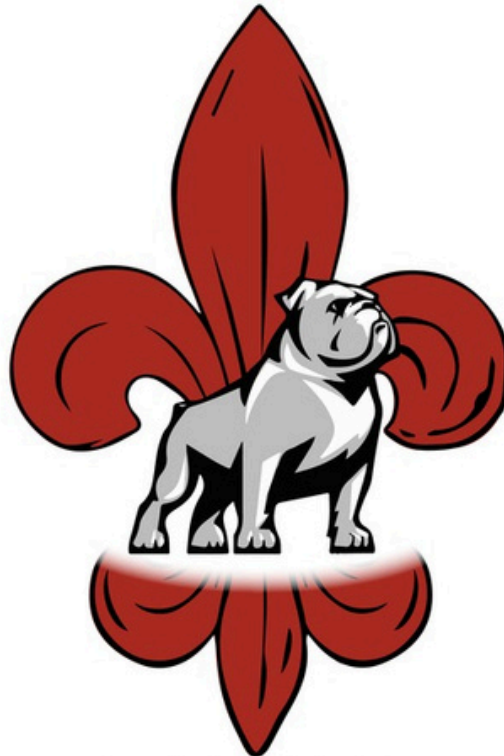
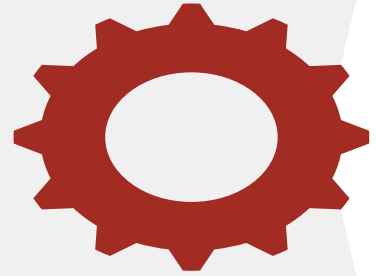
Ecole Frank Ross Student Spirit Wear 2026



NEXT PAC MEETING

October 8th, 6pm Rm 109

EMAIL: ecolefrankrosspac@gmail.com



EFR

Are you interested in caring for children & youth?

JOIN OUR FOSTER CAREGIVER COMMUNITY.

We are seeking nurturing homes that can offer temporary inclusive care to children and youth, including those with support needs.

Caregiving is a rewarding position, and you won't be alone; additional financial resources and support are available to help you provide care.

Every child and youth deserves a safe place to belong, a home where they feel valued, understood, and cared for.

Make a lifelong difference to a child and youth today.

If you are interested in becoming a foster caregiver, please scan the QR code or visit:

[Foster Caregiving - Province of British Columbia](#)

