



F.P. WALSHE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Ok! and hello everyone! We are near the end of our 3rd quarter and here are a few updates of what is happening at F.P. Walshe.

Our 3rd quarter wraps up on Thursday, April 6 with the 4th quarter beginning on Monday, April 17. Report cards were sent home on Friday, March 31 (middle school) and our High School report cards will go home on Friday, April 21.

We have a few staffing announcements as well with it being announced recently that Mr. Greg Freer has accepted an Assistant Principal position at F.P. Walshe school starting in the 2023/2024 school year. Mr. Freer is currently the principal at Matthew Halton High School and will be replacing Mrs. Krizan who will be retiring at the end of this school year. We also will be welcoming Mr. Michael McTighe to our team starting on Monday, April 17. Michael will be teaching CALM 20, PE 10, Health 9 and Tourism 9.

Our Blackfoot Culture series option for high school students continues to be a great way for students to learn more about First Nations culture while earning credits. Recently students engaged in a day of learning around traditional plants/medicines and smudging. In the middle school, Jaron Weasel Bear has been working with a group of students on Mondays building drums and teaching them more about Blackfoot culture. Plans are also underway for our annual Niitsitapi Day taking place on May 18.

Coming up May 3-4 we are proud to announce five of our students who have qualified to compete at the Provincial Skills Canada competition in Edmonton. Kyler Provost (hairstyling Junior), Cordelia Yip (photography), Tess Muirhead (public speaking), Daniel Choi (public speaking) and Kaydence English (2D animation) all qualified for the event and we are very proud of them!

Our middle school and senior high band are gearing up for spring performances as well. On Wednesday, April 5 both groups will be performing a concert @ 7:30 pm at the school. The day prior, our middle school group will be performing for W.A. Day students.

With basketball season now wrapped up a number of our students are now participating in baseball, softball, badminton, and rugby. We are very grateful for all of our volunteer coaches who are providing our young athletes the opportunity to participate in athletics.

Our next Parent Advisory meeting is set for Wednesday, April 19 @ 5:30 pm at the school and we will have both an in person and virtual meeting option available.

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming Easter break!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Jensen".

Chad Jensen

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Principal