



The Firewire Parents' Weekly

October 1-7, 2018



Orange Shirt Day

is a day of remembrance and an act of reconciliation.

This is an annual Canada-wide event to commemorate the

history and legacy of residential schools. It grew out of a gathering of survivors held in Williams Lake, British Columbia in 2013, where Phyllis Webstad, who attended St. Joseph Mission residential school, shared her experience of having her new orange shirt taken on her first day. Here is her story

<https://youtu.be/E3vUqr01kAk>

Orange Shirt Day officially takes place on September 30. This date was chosen because it is the time of year children had to leave their homes and return to the schools. It is an opportunity for First Nations, Métis and Inuit; local governments; schools; and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

Our Eagle is now proudly displayed in the gathering space. This beautiful piece of artwork was created by the students of Fultonvale School during the 2017/18 school year as part of our Project of Heart. It is titled, On The Eagle's Wing. The inspiration for the eagle shape was chosen by our grade 9 students from the lyrics of the song, He Can Fancy Dance by Cindy Paul. The video is linked

here https://youtu.be/hi_8MB1Gn5c



The Turkey Trot & Fultonvale 500 both took place this week. It took some extra planning as we worked around the weather and soggy fields. Thank you to everyone for having flexible plans and enjoying these events with students.

Three of our volleyball teams competed in their first league play Thursday evening. The Sr. Boys started with a Bye week. The Sr. Girls lost to Vegreville, Jr. Girls defeated Veg & our Jr. Boys lost to Veg.

Cross country runners from grades 3-9 ran in the second of three races Thursday evening.

Missed previous Firewire editions? You can access archived weeklies on our school website, under [Firewire Weekly](#).

This Week's Activities

Note for volleyball parents: this week's practice times and activities have changed so I have not included in this week's Firewire. The games for this week are on Tuesday.

Monday – Day 2

- **Read-In Week begins.** This year's theme is "Bringing Stories to Life". Tracey has coordinated activities for classes Fultonvale – please refer to her email.
- Little Caesar's Pizza Kit fundraiser kickoff
- Online bookings for parent/teacher/student conferences open at 3:00 p.m. They close at noon on the 17th. *Information went home with students Friday.*
- Junior Boys 3:00 practice

Tuesday – Day 3

- Locker cleanout
- STAR & MIPI must be completed
- Senior Girls volleyball game @ FTV vs. RJH. 4:00. Boys game to follow
- Junior Girls & Boys volleyball game @ Rudolph Hennig. 4:00. Boys game to follow

Wednesday – Day 4

- **NO Kindergarten classes for the district.** All other grades have classes
- I am at an elementary principals' meeting for the morning.
- Early Dismissal & staff meeting
- Outdoor Ed. grade 8 parent meeting 6-7 p.m.

Thursday – Day 5

- Flex period
- Hot Lunch
- Emergency drill practice
- Cross country race #3 at Wes Hosford School, 5:00-7:00 pm

Friday – PD Day – No School

On Stage for the week of October 8-14:

- *Monday*
 - Thanksgiving Holiday
- *Tuesday*
 - Teaching & Learning
- *Wednesday*

- Pizza Day - \$4/slice
- World Mental Health Day
- I am at our Feeder Framework meeting for the morning

- *Thursday*
 - Mrs. Edmundson is away from the school until Monday
 - Volleyball games: Senior teams play SAB (aka JP11) Girls at 4:00 - Boys follow.
 - Junior teams host South Pointe School (SPS). Girls start @ 4:00 - Boys follow.

- *Friday*
 - I am at a junior high principals' meeting until 9:00 a.m.

School News & Upcoming Events

Pay School Fees Online!

School fee information for the 2018-19 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more. Milk tickets are also available for purchase through the Parent Portal.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2018.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees

Alternatively, contact **Michele Edmundson** at **Fultonvale Elementary Junior High School** at 780-922-3058.

From School Council/FSAC – Hot lunch Program & Silent Auction

Hot lunch ordering is now available online at: www.healthyhunger.ca. Information went home last week to sign up. On the hot lunch site parents can also purchase tickets for the October 19th Silent

Attention FTV Families: Monday, October 5 we need majority of the Dinner and Silent auction tickets sold to reserve our venue. Enjoy an evening out with great food, entertainment and wonderful people. Please see the following attachment for more information. Let's support our school! Thank you from your FSAC.

Auction. Any donations for the silent auction can also be delivered to the school office and we will forward to the parent group tracking these donations.

For more detail please see the final page of this Firewire.

Indigo Adopt a School – Final Week

Fultonvale has been adopted by Indigo Books! See below for details. Thank you in advance for your support of Fultonvale School.

We're so excited that your school is taking part in the 2018 [Adopt a School](#) program!

From September 15 to October 7, over 600 high-needs elementary schools across Canada will rally their communities and work to transform their school libraries!

Each participating school will receive:

- Every dollar raised to support its students and school library
- Eligibility for a match of up to \$1,200 from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation
- 30% off books at Indigo, Chapters and Coles when using program donations

Community members can visit the [Adopt a School](#) website and support Fultonvale School.

Juuling

A new device is now available on the market. It is call a Juul and is a type of vaping. One of the biggest topics right now in junior & senior high schools is the Juul. It's a popular e-cigarette system that looks a lot like a USB flash drive. The following link provides a solid rundown on Juuling:

<https://offspring.lifehacker.com/what-parents-need-to-know-about-juuling-1823376027>

After School Program at Fultonvale

We are pleased to announce that the Boys & Girls Club of Strathcona County will be starting an After School Program at Fultonvale School beginning October 1st. Details of the program are:

Fees: \$175.00

All Non-School Days & PD Days Fee: \$200.00 (24 non-school days so it works out to \$8.11 a day)

Hours: Monday – Friday from 2:38 pm-6:00 pm

K – Grade 6

Programming Options: Homework Help, Healthy Active and Engaging programs, After School Care Snack followed by the Canada food guide and so much more!

18 Spots remaining!

Brock Day

Program Director

Boys & Girls Club of Strathcona County

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Kudos

To Mr. Brzezicki for his work on getting our video stream ready in the gymnasium.

A Final Thought...

As I walk through the school hallways and visit classes, I see the passion that each one of you bring to Fultonvale. I felt that this quote captured the spirit of Fultonvale staff & students.

**By doing what you love, you inspire
and awaken the hearts of others.**

~Amy Tangerine

Enjoy your week. ~ Brad

2 attachments below...

Come on Down Fultonvale Parents!

Short story is we need to sell a bunch of dinner/silent auction tickets by **October 5th**, to reserve our venue.

Long story is that an extremely generous and helpful Fultonvale parent has offered to host the event at her restaurant, but we need to fill the place; it would be very unfair for her to lose thousands of dollars on a Friday night when she could easily turn three dinner services that evening. **If we cannot guarantee 150 patrons by Friday, October 5th, we may have to consider alternative options.** So, if you are like me and have not gotten around to buying your tickets, you can do so at the school office anytime with cash/cheque, or log onto <https://healthyhunger.ca/> where you can pay with credit/debit online (how convenient!). Everyone is welcome as long as they are over 18.

Along with a tasty supper at the Buffet Royale Carvery on Wye, you will be able to bid on silent auction items, take part in the 50/50, play 'The Price is Right' games, take a pic in the photo booth, enjoy the cash bar and enjoy an evening out with entertainment.

Some of the auction items that have already been donated include hockey memorabilia, artwork, jewelry, booze, handmade scarves and quilts, an old fashioned bike, gift cards, movie passes, beauty products, spa services, clothing, an espresso maker and so much more. Come just to enjoy a great meal and good company, or to buy something for yourself or get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

We absolutely understand that not everyone will be able to come to this event. People are on the go with so many things and lots of fees are due around this time, so please do not feel hassled into coming. If you can attend the function, donate an item or sell a few raffle tickets, we certainly would appreciate the support. Aside from hot lunch, this is FSAC's one big fundraiser of the year, so we would really love to see it move forward.

What is this for?? The Fultonvale School Advisory Council raises funds every year to support our children and staff at the school. What we put funds towards varies year to year depending on teacher requests (the French Carnival, instruments for music, sports equipment for the gym), the principals "wish list" (blinds for the gathering space, projectors, books, literacy and numeracy aids), activities going on each year (Artist in Residence, in school fieldtrips, fieldtrip bussing), as well as things like lunches for kids who don't have one. Stop by a meeting if you have a great idea about where you believe fundraising money should be spent.

Thank you everyone!
Fultonvale School Advisory Council (FSAC)

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Who's on the Other End?

Little Billy was a boy we had met at one of our Internet Safety presentations. He seemed very on-edge and uncomfortable throughout. He approached our team and stated, "I have a great friend online. We play Xbox together. Everything you tell us is wrong. He's so nice he is going to send me a birthday present." This statement was all we needed to hear to know this boy could be in serious trouble. It seemed as though it was a miracle that his mother was picking him up from school that day. She came into the class and we asked if she knew that Billy had an online friend who was going to be sending him a gift through the mail. These words seemed to knock the wind right out of her. Like any concerned parent, her initial reaction was to contact law enforcement. Upon extensive investigation, it was found that the individual contacting Billy was an adult man residing two blocks away from Billy's home. After seizing this man's electronic devices, officials were able to find a list of 40 children's names, their addresses, and any other personal information shared.

SAFFRON TIP



TALK AND WATCH!

Children and youth can be contacted through multiple online channels - whether it be through social media or online gaming. It is essential to talk to children and youth about communicating with strangers online. Parents must be specific about what a stranger actually is because after children and youth have communicated with someone online a few times, they no longer consider them a 'stranger.' Be sure to also watch their gameplay to see who they are talking to.