

William A. Fraser Middle School

Learning in a community that values Respect, Perseverance, Integrity and Compassion

Grade 6 Parent Meeting

Pod 6K

Mrs. Jeannine Wassen (6K1)

Mr. Cameron Cal (6K2)

Wednesday, September 19 at 6:45 pm

Introductions

- ▶ Mrs. Jeannine Wassen (L. Arts/ Socials/ HCE/Art)
- ▶ Ms. Junia Reinhardt (Student teacher)
- ▶ Mr. Scott Peters (Math/Science/French/Tech)
- ▶ Other teachers your child will have:
 - ▶ Mr. Sampson: Computer Arts
 - ▶ Mr. Meyer: Industrial Arts (Wood Work)
 - ▶ Ms. Holland: Fine Arts (Music and Drama)
 - ▶ Mrs. Snow: Home Arts (Cooking and Sewing)
 - ▶ Mr. McWhinney (Gym Mondays Wednesdays DPA Tuesday and Thursdays)

Schedule

- ▶ Mon-Thurs Gym
- ▶ Explorations Mon/Wed

Classroom Rules

▶ Be Nice!

▶ Be Neat!

- ▶ Do your best.
- ▶ If you don't know, ask!
- ▶ Respectful listening, powerful speaking and engaging A/B partner talk.

What to do if...

- ▶ Your child is late to school.
 - ▶ Remind them to check into the office for a late slip
 - ▶ Phone the school if they are later than 9:00 am
 - ▶ Visitors to the school must sign into the office for a “Visitors Pass”.

What to do if...

▶ Your child is sick:

- ▶ Phone the office to let them know your child is staying home
- ▶ Send an email to the teacher requesting homework and/or send someone to pick up the work missed
- ▶ Students are required to make up all missed work. Please have them ask questions about work they don't understand and **check the blog** to see what the student has missed.
- ▶ Homework is due the day after the student returns back to school.

Homework/Planners

- ▶ Most work in grade 6 will be completed in class. If your child needs more time, he/she will get a chance to better their assignment
- ▶ There will be some studying, research and projects assigned that will need to be done at home
- ▶ Check the blog regularly to see updates in class and work
- ▶ Please sign the planner everyday even if your child has no homework.

What to do if...

- ▶ Your child doesn't understand his or her homework
 - ▶ Phone a friend
 - ▶ Check the blog
 - ▶ Ask the teacher the next day
 - ▶ Email the teacher

What to do if...

- ▶ You want to know what's going on at school, when sporting events or clubs are.
- ▶ Check the blog
- ▶ Check the WAFMS website www.wafms.com

Our Classroom Blog

<http://jwassen.edublogs.org>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'Fraser River Blue House Grade 6 Class Blog'. At the top left, the title 'Fraser River Blue House Grade 6 Class Blog' is displayed in bold black text, with a subtitle '~Grade 6 ~ Pod 6K ~ Mrs. Wassen and Mr. Cal ~' below it. To the right of the title is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the word 'Search'. Below the title is a wide banner image of a world map with white outlines on a black background. Underneath the banner is a blue navigation bar with white text links: 'Home', 'Art', 'Career Education', 'French', 'Grammar BONUS Quizzes', 'Language Arts', 'Middle School Help Sites', 'Parent Information', 'Reading Responses', 'Social Studies', and 'Yearbook'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled '#1 Useful Sites' and contains a bulleted list of links: 'Abbynet Online Login', 'Brain Pop', 'Creative Commons', 'Movie Making Website', and 'Our Classroom Wiki'. The right column is titled 'FEATURED' and has a large heading 'Welcome!' followed by a paragraph: 'Welcome! This is the grade 6 homework blog for Mrs. Wassen and Mr. Cal's class! Everyday we will update the blog. We will do our best to post worksheets on the blog as well. As always you can email either one of us with questions you have:'.

▶ Sign up for remind @6kfr (use the app!)

Thinking Sheet

- ▶ To have consistent consequences in both classes, we have implemented a thinking sheet.
- ▶ If your child gets three within a month, we will contact you.

THINKING SHEET

Name: _____ Date: _____

Time: _____ Block & Class: _____

What happened today?

Below are a list of rules that we have in our classroom. Please check mark which rule(s) you did not follow:

Be Nice

- Respect other students, teachers and adults.
- Help and encourage others
- Work out your problems using feeling statements
- Include others
- Listen to the teacher
- Talk at the appropriate times/put up your hand when you want to speak
- Watch your voice level
- Do your homework
- Ask before borrowing something
- Ask before leaving the room or getting a drink
- Come prepared to class

Be Neat

- Keep your desk area clean during class time and after lunch
- Keep your binder organized
- Write your assignments neatly and take pride in your work
- Follow instructions
- Put litter in the trash can
- Leave things better than how you found them
- Keep your locker tidy

What will I do better next time?

*After three of these a month total, parents will be contacted.

Valuables

- ▶ Cell phones if brought to school are to be turned off and put in the student's locker. Cell phones are to be used only before or after school, **AFTER** the student has left the building.
- ▶ Cell phones in class will be taken and locked in the office to be picked up by the parents.
- ▶ There is a student phone at the office for use with permission
- ▶ Ipods and gaming devices are to be left at home.

Supplies

- ▶ As students do not use their desks, binders must be kept neat and tidy. Binder checks will happen regularly.
- ▶ Please check that your child has brought all the necessary supplies to school. Supply lists are available in front of the office.
- ▶ Extra supplies are stored in your child's locker for safe keeping.

Lockers

- ▶ Lockers are school property and may be checked at any time.
- ▶ To get a new lock, please talk to the teacher. A cost of \$7 if the lock is lost and \$2 if you need a change because the combination was told.
- ▶ Locker checks happen regularly to ensure cleanliness and prevent mould growth.

Books

- ▶ A charge will incur at the end of the year, if textbooks or library books are defaced or lost. Please make sure your child keeps track of them
- ▶ Library times: undetermined

Dress Code

- ▶ Students are to dress appropriately at all times. Writing on shirts must be appropriate. If you have to ask, don't wear it.
- ▶ Skirts and shorts must be fingertip length or longer and straps on shirts must be three fingers wide and fully covered in the front.
- ▶ Pants must be worn so no undergarments are showing.
- ▶ Students may be sent home to change.

Computer Safety

- ▶ Please go over your internet rules with your child
- ▶ Make sure if your child is on social media, you are his/her friend
- ▶ Supervise your child's time on the internet
- ▶ Keep track of who your child is chatting to online. Please print any inappropriate conversations for future reference.
- ▶ Do NOT allow your child to have his/her cell phone in the bedroom at night. Most active times for children are between 11 pm and 3 am.

What to do if...

- ▶ There is a problem at school regarding your child (i.e. with friends, bullying, with a staff member...)
- ▶ Have your son or daughter talk to the others involved
- ▶ Tell an adult at school.
- ▶ Email the teacher to notify them of the problem.
- ▶ Then, set up a meeting if its not solved.

Explorations

- ▶ Your child has 4 explorations: Computer Arts, Home Arts, Fine Arts and Industrial Arts
- ▶ They will have each class for approximately 10 weeks with each exploration Monday and Wednesday block 5 (1:26-2:25)
- ▶ Student fees go towards supplies for these explorations
- ▶ Students are to behave respectfully towards these teachers --just as they would their classroom teacher

Gym and Daily Physical Activity (DPA)

- ▶ As there is limited time in the gym, students are to wear Fraser colors --gray or black shirt and black shorts at all times.
- ▶ Appropriate behavior to get the best out of our limited time is expected.
- ▶ Sports schedules are available on WAFMS website

Snacks and Lunches

- ▶ We are unsure when the canteen will open. (When that time comes, your child may purchase a canteen card from the office for \$20 to keep in a safe place).
- ▶ Fraser is a health conscious school, and we would appreciate you sending healthy food options. Pop and candy are not recommended.

How to contact us...

- ▶ The quickest way to contact us is via email or remind.
- ▶ If you would like to talk to us, please phone after school.
- ▶ Please do not leave a message on our school phone as we are unable to receive them.

Thank you!

- ▶for making the first two weeks of school a success!
- ▶ Any questions?