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Newsletter #3

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Messages from the Principal, Mr. John Morrison

Please see the attached October calendar; lots of classroom newsletters are going home too. Our school is in full swing. Please keep checking those backpacks! We hope to see lots of you at our Open House tomorrow, Thursday, Sept. 27 from 6-7 pm. Halloween is on the horizon – already!

And a big *thank you* times two: to all who participated and graciously contributed towards our Terry Fox fundraising drive. We've raised close to \$2 000. A final tally will be announced shortly And to everyone for following through with our requests to respect the staff parking lot and NOT use it as a drop-off or pick-up. You make a big difference out there! And, most importantly, kids are safer too.

Orange Shirt Day Friday, September 28

Orange Shirt Day is a nation-wide event aimed at recognizing Truth and Reconciliation particularly bringing awareness to the history of residential schools in Canada. All learning community members are encouraged to participate by wearing orange shirts. Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May, 2013.



Open House

We are hosting our Open House on **Thursday, September 27th**, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. The Open House is an opportunity for family members to come into the school, see your child's classroom and meet the teacher. Just a reminder, this is not a time to ask specific questions about your child's learning nor is it a time for teachers to report on student progress.



FSA Assessments for Grades 4 & 7

The Foundation Skills Assessments – on numeracy, reading and writing – for all Grades 4 & 7 students begins in October and is completed by mid-November. Parents, guardians, please watch for further information home about this assessment from B.C. Ministry of Education.

Be Active Everyday

Be Active Every Day is the annual Doctors of BC initiative to help kids be more active and make healthy choices. Now in its 7th year, *Be Active Every Day* has continued to grow with more than 5,800 students in 66 schools across BC. For more information, please visit be-active.ca. Don Christian begins the activity challenge October 1. Please help your kids can learn about the importance of good health, nutrition, and fitness from a medical perspective. Home support is requested; children will keep a log book to help record their one hour of daily activity. Watch for information home next week. Thanks!

Early Dismissal October 24

We have an early dismissal on Wednesday, October 24 at 1:30 p.m.. This is one of two Ministry-designated early dismissals for teachers to work on assessment, evaluation and program planning. This is not for parent-teacher conferences; that first parent-teacher conference occurs on December 12th after the December 7th formal report card. However, please remember, you don't need to wait until then to speak to your child(ren)'s teacher. However, an appointment is recommended and encouraged.



October 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Hot Lunch Be Active Everyday starts	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Thanksgiving 	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Snack Day Crazy Bread	16 CATs Assembly 9:00 am	25 Pumpkin Fundraiser 	26 Pumpkin Fundraiser Interim Report #1 BC Shakeout / Earthquake Drill	19 Pro-D (classes not in session)	20
21	22	23	24 Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm		26 Be Active Everyday ends	27
28	29	30 Gr. 6 Immunizations (HPV) 	31 Halloween Hot  Lunch 			

