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October at a Glance



October 2 - Div. 14 to Evergreen Care Home

4 - Div.1 & 2 Dragon Boating Field Trip

8 - ***Thanksgiving Day - No School***

11 - Individual Picture Day

12 - Div.7 to Evergreen Care Home

16 - PAC Meeting 8:45am in the Staff Room

19 - ***Non-instructional Day***

26 - Div.1 & 14 to Pumpkin Patch

31 - Halloween - Costume Parade at 9:30am in the Gym - parents and family members welcome to attend

School Spirit Day - Wear a costume!

Terry Fox Run



The Terry Fox Run was another wonderful school-wide event this year. The students were spirited in their run to honour the legacy of Terry Fox. Thank you to Ms. Cannon and Ms. Reiter who organized the event and to the parent volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to help out along the route. Thank you also to the PAC who sponsored a water table for our students as they finished their run. As a school, we raised a total of **\$2520.50** toward cancer research. Way to go, Hawks!

School Safety and Drills



If you are entering the school, please make the office your first stop as all visitors need to sign-in and wear a visible "Visitor" tag. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter as it is in the interest of safety for all who work and learn in the building.

Several times over the school year, we will be practicing fire, earthquake and school safety drills. The following is some information about school safety:

What is a Lockdown?

A Lockdown results in a full lockdown of all rooms within the school and is initiated by any staff member when potentially life-threatening violent events are occurring inside the school. Staff and students secure themselves in rooms or hide or, if a secure option is not available, evacuate from a high risk/insecure area. All regular school activities cease and the students will not be allowed to leave their locked classrooms until it is safe to do so.

What is a Hold and Secure?

Formerly known as Lockout – Hold and Secure is the action of holding students and staff safety inside a school when there is a known danger or threat outside of the school. This could be an altercation in the neighbourhood, an intruder on school grounds, or even a bear or coyote on the playground. Under Hold and Secure, all perimeter/exterior doors of the school are locked and no persons are to enter or leave the school once it is underway. Normal functions are maintained in the school. Students may not even notice any difference, especially if it doesn't happen during a time when they would be outdoors.

What is Shelter in Place?

For extreme weather, poor air quality, missing child, animal. Everyone is directed into the building. Close classroom doors and windows. Remind students of cell phone expectations – silent cell phones, no social media.

In the event when it is deemed unsafe for the staff and students to assemble on the school site, our offsite assembly area is White Rock Baptist Church (1657-140th Street).

Be Nut Aware and Fruit and Veggie Program



Just a reminder to all families that we are a nut aware school. Please be mindful when packing snacks and lunches for your child(ren) as we do have several students at school who are anaphylactic and some students and staff who have nut allergies. Thank-you.

Ray Shepherd will once again be participating in the B.C. Agricultural Program that encourages healthier eating habits by providing fresh fruits and vegetables to the school bi-weekly for sampling. It is our hope

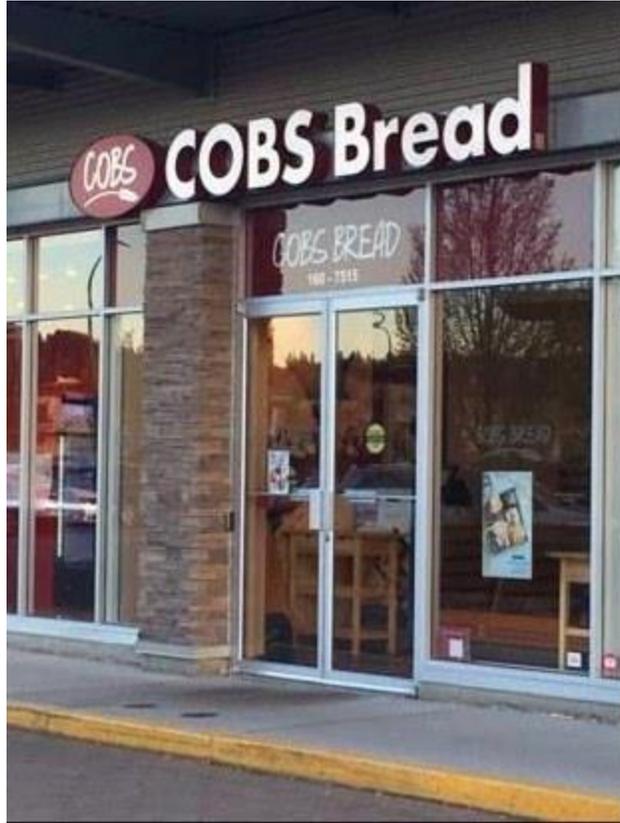
that this will encourage students to taste new fruits and vegetables and develop greater variety in their diet. A new fruit or vegetable is delivered to the school every two weeks.

Foundation Skills Assessments (FSAs)



The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how BC students are progressing in the foundational skills of reading, writing and numeracy (mathematics). The assessment was updated this year to respond to changes in the curriculum and to reflect current classroom practices. Students in Grades 4 and 7 will be participating in this assessment beginning Oct. 1- Nov. 9. For more information visit: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment-reporting/newfoundation-skills-assessment>

Cobs Fundraiser



DOUGH RAISER PROGRAM at COBS BREAD in Ocean Park! We are delighted that our local Cobs Bread in Ocean Park is donating 5% of the value of the total purchases made by the Ray Shepherd Community. Tell your friends and family! All you need to do is...**BEFORE YOU PAY**...let the salesperson know you are with Ray Shepherd School. Easy Peasey! Thank you Cobs Bread Ocean Park for your support!

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