

School Newsletter

September, 2023

Please welcome the following new staff members and returning staff members:

Natalie Crane – Grade 5/VP Relief Hyeran Kong – ECE Lead Pre Primary Olivia Hines – ECE Support Pre Primary Robin Sibley – Grade Primary/1 Erin-Leigh Bond – Phys. Ed Stephanie Fitzgerald – EPA 50% Nick Pettipas – Band Robert Wilhelm - Strings Joanne Gouthro – Core French Robyn Estabrooks – Learning Centre Shelby Trueman – Grade 6 Michelle Purdy West-Resource/Reading Recovery Dale Barnes – EPA Angela Naugler - EPA

Important Dates:

September:

- 12 Home and School Meeting 6:30
- 13 Last Day To Order Pizza
- 14 Stand Up to Bullying Day Wear PINK
- 18 First Pizza Monday!
- 21 Ice Cream Social

22 School Picture Day

29 Truth and Reconciliation - Wear ORANGE

October:

- 2 Truth & Reconciliation Day-No Classes/No pizza this week
- 9 Thanksgiving-No School/No pizza this week
- 10 Retake Day for School Pictures
- 11 Milk Sports Fair 3-6
- 26 Halloween PTO Event
- 27 Provincial Conference Day (Please let me know which conference you will be attending)

Pizza Mondays

Pizza Mondays are beginning September 18th, with the deadline to order September 13th. This first session will run until Christmas Vacation. We will start a second session in the new year. Please check for notices and emails regarding this.

^{**}Terry Fox Walk date still waiting to be determined**

Yearly PowerSchool Information Update

We will be collecting updated information from all our MWES families in September like usual but this time we will be doing it electronically! The week of September 18th we will be emailing you a link to complete the online form. This will cover any updating required for you child's emergency contacts, contact numbers and consent for publication. The sooner this is completed the sooner we will have accurate information! Thanks so much for your cooperation and support.

Cutlery for Lunches

We are having a hard time finding plastic spoons and forks to have on hand if your child forgets to pack one for lunch time. We don't have many left so if you can please remember to pack utensils in their lunch bag.

We also try to keep paper cups on hand in case someone doesn't have their water bottle. We can get low on these from time to time so please remember to pack a water bottle every day. We no longer have water fountains, so they need a bottle to get drinking water.

Late Arrival

Although we understand that students may be occasionally late for one reason or another, we strongly encourage students to be on time to limit the interruptions of learning as much as possible. Students who arrive during or after announcements will be asked to check in at the office. Parents do not have to sign in their children but please ensure that children enter the school before leaving them.

Parents/Guardians in the building during drop off and pick up: Important***

Due to our fire safety protocols we are required to know everyone that is inside the school at all times. We have sign in procedures to ensure we have accurate information. We do ask that parents do not enter the building when dropping off your children to school. All visitors to the school MUST check in to the office as soon as they enter the building. If a student is required to be escorted to their classroom, a staff member will do this. Thank you for your understanding.

Leaving the School at Lunch

Please provide a note or notify the school if you will be picking your child up for lunch. We only need to know if it is a different plan than their regular routine. Students are not allowed to leave the school grounds at lunch time unless it's to leave with their parent/guardian or to attend top of the hill.

Lunch Monitors

We are still in need of lunch monitors. If you are interested and able please call Susan @ 902-435-8357 or email susan.stevens@hrce.ca

That's it for now! Please keep checking upcoming emails regarding the Terry Fox Walk and Ice Cream Social!