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We're Off to the Races!

The year is already off to a wonderful start, and our school is buzzing with positive energy! Each day, staff and students are settling into routines and building strong systems that set the stage for a great year together.

Our **Breakfast Table** is up and running daily, thanks to the generosity of our amazing volunteers—what a great way to start the morning! **Student Council** has already been hard at work and will be leading their very first event this Thursday: the **Terry Fox School Run Day**. A huge thank-you to Ms. Marche for guiding this group and helping them launch so quickly. Our **kindergarten students** have been filling the halls with enthusiasm, curiosity, and plenty of cuteness—we feel so lucky to welcome them into our school family! Our whole school art project has come together with each student's feather joined in the shape of a heart, showing that we are all connected and symbolizing a **caring, compassionate community**. Along with these highlights, countless other positive moments are unfolding in our classrooms and around the school each day.



We have several exciting events coming up this week (see details below). As students continue to settle in, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or to share information that will help support their success. We welcome and appreciate your ongoing feedback and communication.

It truly makes a difference!

Orange Shirt Day & Whole School Lunch

Our school is recognizing Orange Shirt Day this Friday, September 26th. Classes will be paired up in the morning to take part in a special activity that connects to our whole-school focus on **Love—showing compassion and kindness**. Each student will write a personal commitment on an orange shirt, adding their voice to a school-wide display that celebrates our culture of safety, caring, and belonging. At lunchtime, we will gather as a whole school to share a meal together. On the menu: **beef and potatoes with corn**, with the option of gravy and a bun. Yum!

A **heartfelt thank-you** goes out to our dedicated volunteers for helping to prepare this meal and making this day extra special for our students.

Remember to wear an orange shirt on Friday! Our kindergarten students and new students to our school will be gifted an orange shirt.

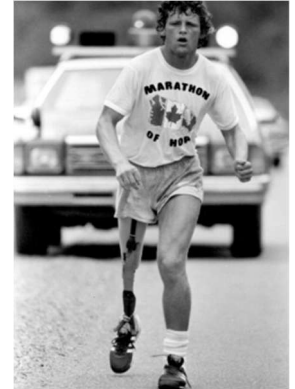
September 30th – National Holiday.



Terry Fox School Run – Join Us!

Our Terry Fox School Run will take place **this Thursday at 1:30 pm** on the **top soccer field**. To kick things off, our leadership students will host a lively **pep rally**, complete with music, a tattoo station, and a **T-shirt draw** to make the event extra special. Families are invited to join us and run alongside students in support of cancer research. A **Loonie or Toonie donation** is optional.

Together, we can carry on Terry's legacy of hope and determination.
See you on the field!



Cross-Country Run Team

We met together today in the gym with students in grade 2 – 7 who are interested in being part of our Cross-Country Running Team. **It is not too late to join!** Encourage your child to join the team so they can attend the races happening on October 16th at Forest Grove Elementary. Practices will start tomorrow – bring your running shoes!

Hot Lunches

Our PAC is excited to launch their alternating **Hot Dog / Pizza Fundraiser**, starting on **Wednesday, October 8th**. PAC lunches will continue to be offered every Wednesday, with orders placed through the same online system as last year. We are also in the process of organizing our **Bring Your Own Bowl (BYOB)** lunches, which we hope to begin in November—stay tuned for details!

At our school, food is a priority. Each day, we provide a **breakfast program** and **classroom fruit bowls**, ensuring that every student has access to healthy food, a full tummy, and a welcoming start to the day. **Sandwiches** are also available at lunch as needed.

School Supports

We recognize that with the rising cost of living, some families may experience financial challenges at different times during the year. If support would be helpful, please don't hesitate to **email me directly**. We can assist with the cost of school supplies, access to our hot lunch program, and help ensure students have appropriate winter clothing to be outside each day at recess and lunch. All communication will be kept **confidential** and focused on the best interests of students and families.

"It takes a village"

Our school is honoured to support families whenever we can.

Donations

We are grateful for the many families and community members who look for ways to support **all of our students** through contributions to our food programs. This year, we are streamlining food purchases and orders to make things more organized and effective. If you would like to make a donation to support our **PAC lunches** or **Bring Your Own Bowl (BYOB) program**, please contact the school directly.

Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 25th – Terry Fox School Run
Sept. 26th – School Orange Shirt Day Activities
Sept. 29th – Professional Development Day – no students
Sept. 30th – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – no students
Oct. 3rd – Recognition Assembly
Oct. 7th – Bus Safety Presentation for K – 4
Oct. 8th – PAC Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
Oct. 9th – Wranglers – Role Models in Schools
Oct. 5-11th – Fire Safety Week

