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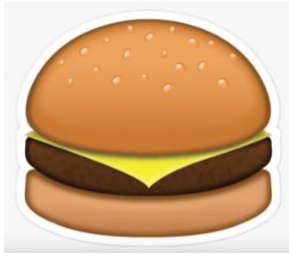
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MEET THE STAFF BBQ



Thank you to those families who were able to attend our Meet the Staff evening! We were lucky with the weather. It was great to see everyone together, having a meal, and connecting with each other. We apologize for not having the lettuce and tomatoes for the burgers...we had a miscommunication with the suppliers. Hopefully you still enjoyed the burgers! If parents have any photos that were taken during the event, could you please share them with us by emailing them to the office. Thank you!

GR. 6 AND 7 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

All our Gr. 6 and 7 students signed up for a minimum of two leadership positions in the school during their Leadership Conference. The purpose of these roles is to contribute to our school community and to be role models for other students. Leadership roles include Lunch Monitors (helping younger students in their classrooms during eating time), Office Monitors (answering the phones and helping in the office), Library Monitors (supporting the librarians), Equipment Monitors (checking the school grounds after recess and lunch to make sure all equipment has come inside), Spully Buddies (being available outside at recess and lunch to help younger students), MCs (leading our assemblies), and Morning Announcers (reading announcements at the start of each school day). We thank our students for their service and our Gr. 6 and 7 teachers for supporting these opportunities!



NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY



Last Friday, all staff participated in a District-wide Non-Instructional Day with an Indigenous focus, as required by the Ministry of Education. We were honoured to participate in the day, which had an Indigenous Welcome by Alec Dan, a member of the Musqueam Nation, a greeting from our new Superintendent, Mr. Chris Usih, a performance by Dancers of Damelahamid, an Indigenous Dance Company, and a Keynote Speech by Dr. Dustin Louie on the topic of Transformative Reconciliation. In the afternoon, staff engaged in a variety of activities around the topic of Reconciliation. It was a powerful day of learning!

CASHONLINE

ACTION REQUIRED

Don't forget to go to [CashOnline](#) to pay for school charges including agendas, Basic School Supplies, and Craft and Cooking (if applicable). We appreciate you doing this as soon as you can. If you have financial struggles that are preventing you from paying, please speak to Mrs. Stapleton.

SALEEMA NOON



Next week, we will have sessions for parents and students on the topic of sexual health. All parents were sent information directly to the email you provided us for communication. Please read the information carefully and consider attending the parent session on Tuesday, October 3rd from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Logon information is in the email.

CUTLERY

Don't forget to send any necessary cutlery for your child's lunch with them to school. An easy way to is to pack a set every day, regardless of what your child brings to eat. It's harder to organize it daily, so making it part of the everyday lunch routine means your child will have what they need all the time. We do not have cutlery to hand out to students.



MONITORING YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE ACTIVITIES

In the last newsletter, we gave you a link to a parent document called Raising Digitally Responsible Youth. We have already heard young students talking about content they are watching online that is not appropriate for children. We strongly recommend that parents monitor their children's internet use!

TERRY FOX RUN 2023



Our students did an amazing job on our Terry Fox Run! They kept going even when they got tired, just like Terry did.

Thank you for your donations! We raised \$781.15 for the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October 2	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
October 3	Foundations Skills Assessment (FSA) for Gr. 4 and 7 begins
October 3	Saleema Noon Parent Session 6:30-8:00pm
October 4	Saleema Noon Student Sessions
October 5	Saleema Noon Student Session
October 9	Thanksgiving (School Closed)
October 17	Cross Country Fun Run 3:30pm
October 20	Professional Day (No school for students)
October 25	Early Dismissal for Conferences (1:45pm)
October 26	Photo Retakes (am)
October 26	Early Dismissal for Conferences (1:45pm)

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Today we held a Primary and an Intermediate Assembly to share information with students about Truth and Reconciliation. We are learning about how Indigenous people were treated at Residential Schools and the structures in place that have continued to oppress them to this day. We learned that as settlers on this land, we have a responsibility to take action to share the Truth and to make changes that allow Indigenous people to be treated equally.



Below is some work from Mrs. Stephenson's class showing their understanding of Coast Salish Shapes and the hə́n̓q̓əmiḥəm language.

