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TERRY FOX RUN



After a rainy week last week, we were finally able to get out on the field on Tuesday to have our Terry Fox Run. All classes participated in the run (or walk, when we got tired!) in smaller groups. We also stayed on the field to avoid coming into contact with people on the path. Great effort to run for Terry! Don't forget that donations can be made through [CashOnline](#). If you have not yet registered for this convenient method of payment, you will need your child's pupil number. If you don't know it, just email or call the office and someone will help you.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Thank you for supporting Orange Shirt Day! It was wonderful to see so many students and staff choosing to wear orange, and to be creative in making something orange if they didn't have an orange shirt! By recognizing the mistakes made in the past, together we can ensure that all people are treated with the respect they deserve in the future.

STUDENT DROP OFF

Thank you for helping make student drop-off go so smoothly in the morning! We appreciate that parents are using the drop off lane and not using the staff parking lot.



We have noticed some congestion on sidewalks outside a few primary classroom doors. We ask that parents who want to see their child enter the classroom leave their child in line and stand away from the classroom where they can still see their child but are not causing people to walk too closely to each other to get around them. We still need to keep space between us, and children need to develop independent skills. Students should change their shoes and take off their coats on their own.

CONFERENCES AND EARLY DISMISSAL

We will have Early Dismissal at 1:45pm on Wednesday, Oct. 14th and Thursday, Oct. 15th. Please be sure that someone is at school to pick up your child early on those days. You will be receiving information shortly from your child's classroom teacher about the format of the meetings and when the meetings will be held. Some may be in person, or by phone or Zoom or through portfolios. Even if your child's teacher is not conferencing on those days, all children will be dismissed at 1:45.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

ACTION REQUIRED

As we are expecting all of our students to return to school at some point and as we can provide pick up of items, we are asking that all families pay for basic school supplies as usual this year. The District offers this program as a convenience to parents. [CashOnline](#) is set up to take your payment. For those students who are currently at home, we can gather supplies for you to pick up. Once your payment has been made, you can contact us and we can arrange a pick up date and time. If you have any questions, please call the office.

GREEN EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM – PARENT ACTION REQUIRED (In-Person Learners)

ACTION REQUIRED

Parents/Guardians of students learning at school were sent a bright green paper to update emergency information. Thank you for returning them as soon as possible. If your children did not give you the form, please take a look in their backpacks! Students currently taking TL will bring home the form once they return to school, but alert the office of any changes to your contact numbers or email addresses.

MEDIA RELEASE FORM – PARENT ACTION REQUIRED (In-Person Learners)

ACTION REQUIRED

Parents/Guardians of students learning at school should also be receiving (or have received today) the Media Release Form. It is important to list *all* emails that your family would like the school or school district to send emails to on this form. If only one email is approved for the school district to email to, the other one may be removed and emails may be missed. Please return this form as soon as possible. TL students will receive this form once they return to school.

Transitional Learning (TL) – PARENT ACTION REQUIRED (TL Learners)

ACTION REQUIRED

Yesterday an email was sent to the parents/guardians of transitional learners and included a form that needs to be completed and returned to the school by email. On the form, you need to select YES or NO when asked if your child(ren) will return to school on October 13th.

Please note that TL is not the same as being at school and is not the same as online learning in the third term last year. The work is prepared and sent from the District, and it is not the same as the work at school. When we receive the work and links, teachers send them out to you as soon as they can. The teachers work with students all day and there is very little time to respond to any emails they receive.

Changes have been made to the number of attendees at the webinars, so there should not be difficulty in logging in any more.

We are aware that there are students not attending the check-ins and/or not completing and uploading their work. Students missing the daily check-ins will be marked absent. Also note that parents are responsible for helping their children with their work during the day. The check-ins are designed so that your children can ask questions about that day's work. If your children are not doing their work during the day, they are missing the opportunity to get help. There are other responsibilities associated with TL for parents that are new this year and if you choose this option, you need to ensure that you can meet those responsibilities.

If the TL format is not working for your family, please send your child(ren) back to school on October 13th, where they can be with a teacher during the school day.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT (FSA)

The FSA is typically administered to students in Grades 4 and 7 in October of each year. This year, the Ministry of Education has postponed the assessment until January. More information will follow closer to that time.

MESSAGE FROM THE PAC HOT LUNCH COORDINATOR

Dear Spul'u'kwuks Parents and Guardians,

We do not yet have a timeline for the PAC Hot Lunch 2020-2021, at this time all remaining PAC Hot Lunch balances for 2019-2020 are remaining on your account at munchalunch.com. We remain hopeful that we will be able to resume our Monday PAC Hot Lunch during the school year 2020-2021. You may decide to have your balance refunded or kept on the account as a credit for use later when the PAC Hot Lunch does re-open. If you do nothing, credits will stay on your account at munchalunch until you decide how you would like to proceed. To request a refund, please email spullyhotlunch@gmail.com with the following information:

- Parent/Guardian's full name
- Child/children's full names and division number(s)

We ask for your patience while refunds are calculated and individually processed. If you have any questions regarding the process please contact spullyhotlunch@gmail.com

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

SPAC Hot Lunch Team



WORLD TEACHERS' DAY IS OCTOBER 5th

Thank you to our teachers for all that they do to support our Spul'u'kwuks students! Think about a time when a teacher made a positive difference in your life. What did that person do that made them so memorable? Ask your child what teacher is special to them and why. Share your thoughts with each other. You will find out what matters to your child!



UPCOMING DATES

Monday, Oct. 12 th	Thanksgiving Day – Schools Closed
Wednesday, Oct. 14 th	Conferences – Early Dismissal (1:45)
Thursday, Oct. 15 th	Conferences – Early Dismissal (1:45)
Thursday, Oct. 15 th	PAC Meeting and AGM
Tuesday, Oct. 20 th	Individual Photo Retakes (for students attending in-person)
Friday, Oct. 23 rd	Professional Day (no school for students)