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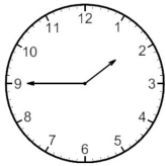
FORMS FROM THE OFFICE

Don't forget to return the Verification form, Walking Field Trip Form, Media Use, Request for Administration of Medication at School (and Action Plan, for students with life-threatening allergies and who have EpiPens).

KINDERGARTEN HEARING AND DENTAL SCREENING

Every year, the Public Health Nurses come to schools to conduct Kindergarten hearing and dental screenings. These are completed during the school day and parents will receive a follow-up in case any concerns are noted. This year, the date is October 13th.

EARLY DISMISSAL



On Wednesday, October 12th and Thursday, October 13th, all students will be dismissed at 1:45 (both days) so that staff can hold Learning Update #1 for their students. Expect to receive a notice from your child's teacher to schedule a time to meet with you. Please mark your calendars and ensure that you and your caregivers are aware of the early dismissal time on these days so they can be on time for pick-up.

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING

There are some changes to how we will provide information to parents about their child's learning this year. For the last number of years, the Ministry of Education has had a pilot project in place to find ways to communicate with parents about their child's progress in formats that better match the revised curriculum. Teachers will continue to communicate with parents five times a year: The two conferences are now called **LEARNING UPDATES #1 and #2** and instead of report cards, we will have **WRITTEN LEARNING UPDATES #1 AND #2** and one **FINAL SUMMARY OF LEARNING**.

Portfolios will continue to be used as the place where students will post their Core Competency Self-Assessments throughout the year and may be used to post additional learning, but we will no longer use the portfolios in place of a Written Learning Update. All students will receive their Written Learning Updates in the same format. As we learn more about the new requirements, we will share information with you in our newsletters. **Look at next week's newsletter for information about what information will be included in Learning Update #1 (formerly, the Term 1 Conference).**



ORANGE SHIRT DAY



This afternoon, we took steps toward Truth and Reconciliation by participating in a school walk around the field to learn more about the truth of First Nations in Canada and to reflect on how we can make a difference in the future. We honour residential school survivors, their families, and communities. Our hope is that everyone will commit to one action to help

educate others and lead to positive change. If you've been trying out the provocations in our last two newsletters, here is one we considered along our walk. If you would like to participate in an event, there are many to choose from. Here are a few:

<https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/national-truth-reconciliation-day-events-metro-vancouver?auto=true>



You may have noticed that the trees surrounding the school have had orange ribbons tied around them for several years, as we have learned more about the truth of First Nations in Canada. When we arrived this morning, we realized that the orange ribbons had been removed and thrown in the garbage. On a positive note, the staff pulled together to gather materials to replace what had been taken down and found a way to get the new ribbons up in time for our walk this afternoon. We also had a visit from our Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, who brought us orange hearts with messages of support written on them from the team at the School Board Office. We learned a lesson today about the importance of community and turning a disappointing experience into a positive one! We have chosen to share our story to help educate the community about Truth and Reconciliation. At school, we continue to stress to our students that we support equity, diversity, and inclusion for all.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 30	Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
Oct. 11	Cross Country Fun Run – Steveston
Oct. 12/13	Early Dismissal at 1:45
Oct. 14	K Hearing and Dental Screening
Oct. 18	Photo Retakes
Oct. 20	Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill
Oct. 21	Pro-D (No school for students)
Oct. 31	Halloween

