October 28, 2022

**Week at a Glance October 31 – Nov 4**

**MONDAY 31st**

Halloween – Grade 7’s host carnival games for students

**TUESDAY 1st**

School Spirit Day – PJ’s

Volley Ball Game afterschool Grade 7 Team 1 vs Whiterock

**WEDNESDAY 2nd**

Grade 6 volleyball practice at lunch

**THURSDAY 3rd**

Volley Ball Game afterschool Grade 7 Team 2 vs Whiterock

Hot lunch order deadline

**FRIDAY 4h**

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Oct. 31 Halloween Carnival/Parade (hosted by Grade 7s)

Nov 1 Grade 7 Team 1 Volleyball Game vs Whiterock afterschool

Nov 3 Grade 7 Team 2 Volleyball Game vs Whiterock afterschool

Nov. 2,3 &7 IEP Meetings

Nov 7 Division 15 to Stewart Farm

Nov 8 Picture Retakes

Grade 7 Team 2 Volleyball Game vs HT Thrift afterschool

Nov 9 Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov. 10 **Non-Instructional Day**

Nov. 11 **Remembrance Day No School**

Nov 18 Grade 6/7 Immunizations

Division 16 Surrey Nature Centre

Nov 16 Grade 7 Team 1 volleyball Game vs Bayridge afterschool \*away game

Nov 17 Grade 7 Team 2 volleyball Game vs Bayridge afterschool \*away game

Nov 23 – 25 Scholastic Book Fair

Nov 24 Grade 7 Team 1 volleyball Game vs HT Thrift afterschool

**Halloween**

Although students are invited to dress-up for Halloween, Monday is a regular instructional day at school. Students will enjoy a rotation through the gym with carnival stations designed and run by our grade 7’s. Students should still be prepared for outside play at recess and lunch.

As many kids gear up for a night of tricks and treats, it’s important to remember to stay safe and respectful while celebrating the spookiest night of the season. Please be mindful that costumes do not include elements of cultural appropriation or other potentially offensive themes. Some costumes may also be traumatic if they contain violent imagery, such as weaponry or gore. Students are reminded that weapons (even fake ones) are not allowed at school as part of their costume, and to be aware of cultural or racial stereotypes with their costumes and consider if their outfit may be offensive to others. Masks – for safety reason students may not wear masks in hallways or outside.

Please remind students to be mindful about costumes with small parts such as gloves, hats, belts etc. and consider leaving things in the classroom that may be lost or damaged during outside play.

The Government of Canada also has a number of [Halloween safety tips](https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/home-safety/halloween-safety.html) to help keep kids safe on Halloween night.  
  
**VolleyBall**

We had a **very** big group show up to practice this week! In order to make this work so everyone can play we will be adding lunch hour practices and games for the grade 6’s. We do not have enough balls or gym space to continue with grade 6 & 7 combined. At practice, coaches shared this with the group and students should now be aware. Grade 6’s are welcome at games afterschool to cheer on their peers. The grade 7’s have been split into two teams that we hope are even in terms of skills. Please email Mrs. Fadum or Ms.Carter if you have any questions.

**Remembrance Day** - students and staff are encouraged to wear red, white or black (or a combination of) for our assembly on November 9th.

**PAC**

[Sign-Up](https://semiahmootrail.hotlunches.net/admin/?action=login-form) for communications & hotlunch ordering

*Next PAC meeting: November 17th 9am (school library) or zoom*

**Dress for the Weather**

Please encourage your child to dress for the weather including coats, boots and umbrellas. Outside breaks are an important part of the school day and students should be prepared for the weather.

**Financial support to make school more affordable for families that need it most.**

In late August, the provincial government announced [$60 million in one-time funding to school districts in B.C.](https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022ECC0057-001290) – including $7.385 million to Surrey Schools – to make school more affordable for students and families.

Our district has now received this funding and has allocated amounts to all of our schools. Moving forward, these funds will be used to support families struggling with the rising cost of living due to inflation. We can use these funds at our school to ensure students can continue to participate fully in school, despite challenging financial situations. These funds can be used to help with school supplies, food and clothing costs, and additional fees so that students in need can take part in activities, such as field trips.

*Families are encouraged to reach out to principals, teachers, or their school office staff if any financial support is needed for school-based supplies or* activities.