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Newsletter 2 September 17, 2021

Ey'Swayel Woodward Hill families,

With the first couple of weeks behind us and classes organized, we turn our attention to settling into learning, forming deep bonds with our students, and connecting with families. The following newsletter contain information about:

- Truth and Reconciliation and ordering orange shirts
- New student teachers
- Terry Fox Run
- Homeschooling
- Fraser Health updates and the daily health check
- Drop-off and pick-up
- Cold weather and outside days
- Litterless lunch
- Online cash payment account set-up
- Upcoming dates

Truth and Reconciliation

September 30 is the day when Truth and Reconciliation is officially recognized. There is no school on September 30. We encourage students and families to listen to residential school survivor, Phyllis Webstad, speak at the Fraser Heritage Park in Mission BC. Information below.

As part of our Truth and Reconciliation, we are asking students and staff to **WEAR ORANGE** on September 29. Orders for t-shirts can be [placed here](#) and are due by Sunday September 19.

Come hear Phyllis Webstad speak for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation!



Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the Dr. Joseph Milton (S.M.) Residential School (1899-1995) Commemoration Project and Reconciliation events that took place in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May 2015. Former student Phyllis (Loo's) Webstad told her story of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl.



Where: Fraser River Heritage Park (please gather on the north hill by 10:45am)
When: Thursday, September 30, 2021 starting at 11:00am
Please wear orange and bring a lawn chair, water, snacks and if you wish, a drum.
Elder Parking available onsite. Contact Marcy Buell at marcy.buell@mpsd.ca or 604 826-3103 for Elder Parking Pass. Additional parking at Heritage Park Middle School and Windebank Elementary.
Contact Vivian Searwar at vivian.searwar@mpsd.ca for questions.
Partnerships: S'wal Shwee Indigenous Department, SD75, City of Mission, Mission Friendship Centre

Welcome to our SFU student teachers

Welcome to Ms. Deol, Ms. Peters, Mr. Miller and Ms. Pahal. Our student teachers will be working and learning with Ms. Stregger, Ms. S. Kim, Ms. Beaver and Ms. Sinniah.

Terry Fox Run

Our TFR is scheduled for Friday September 24. Teachers will be taking their classes out to run at set times. Please send your child to school with appropriate footwear for running.



Homeschooling information

Please click [here](#) for information on homeschooling.

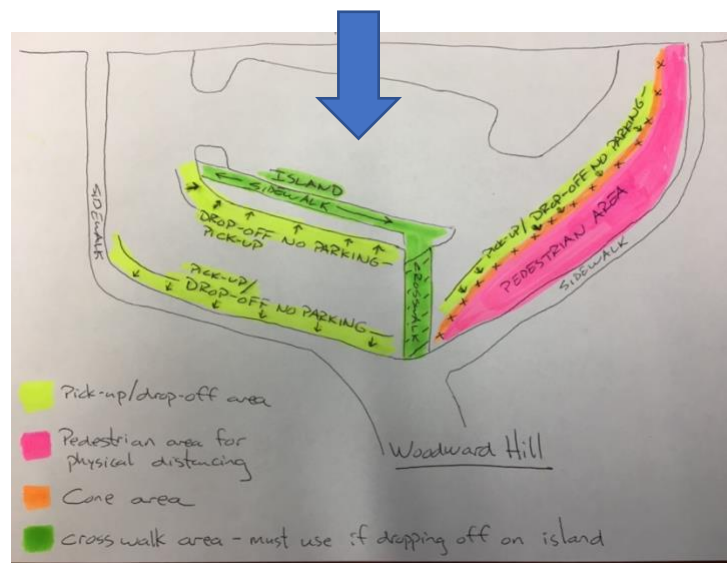
Fraser Health updates

- Vaccination is the best way to protect our communities and ourselves. Clinic locations are available at fraserhealth.ca/vax
- All K to 12 staff, students in grades 4 to 12, and visitors wear masks in all indoor areas
- Students will continue to complete a daily health check, stay at home when feeling sick, and practice diligent hand hygiene. The daily health check is [here](#).
- Strict physical distancing and cohorting is no longer required
- As per provincial direction, public health will notify staff and students who need to take specific action in the event of an exposure
- More guidance and information can be found [here](#).

Drop-off and Pick-up

When driving onto school property to drop-off or pick-up your child curbside, please remain in your vehicle. The front of the school is drop-off/pick-up only and not meant for parking. If you need more time to drop-off/pick-up your child, please park on one of the neighbouring streets and walk to the school. Also, please use the crosswalks on 142nd Street and in the school's parking lot. We ask drivers to obey all traffic signs including the **NO LEFT TURN** for traffic coming up 142nd and wanting to enter the school. Students should always exit and enter the vehicle on the sidewalk side not the lane side. Please refer to this map – thank you!

Do Not Enter (Buses and Staff Only)





Cold weather and rainy days reminder

As a reminder, the following general criteria is used when deciding to send students outside at recess and lunch. Please send your children to school with appropriate outdoor clothing.

OUTSIDE DAY	INSIDE DAY
Above 5 degrees and raining	5 degrees or below and raining
Snow days	Raining and so windy umbrellas will turn inside out

Litterless lunches

As part of our commitment as a LEED school *Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design*, students are asked to pack litterless lunches. If students have any waste from their lunch, encourage them to bring it home to recycle.

All school payments are online

All school related activities, events, and materials are completed online. To register for *School Cash Online* follow these steps:



1. Go [here](#)
2. Click the “Parents” tab and select “Pay Fees Online”
3. Click “Register” and follow the steps
 - a. After receiving the confirmation email, log in to your account and add each of your children to your household account

Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You will also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don’t have to worry about missing the deadline. If you have any questions during the registration process, please select the **SUPPORT** option in the top right hand area of the screen.

Upcoming dates

Sept 24	Terry Fox Run
Sept 27	Non-instructional day – classes not in session
Sept 29	Truth and Reconciliation; Orange Shirt Day – wear orange
Sept 30	Truth and Reconciliation – classes not in session
Oct. 8	Individual picture day
Oct. 11	Thanksgiving holiday – classes not in session
Oct. 22	Professional development day – classes not in session
Oct 25 – 29	We Scare Hunger Food Bank donations
Oct 29	Costume Day!