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Newsletter 3

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Ey' Swayel, Woodward Hill families,

This newsletter is packed with information! Please read to learn about what's happening at École Woodward Hill Elementary.

First People in Residence

The week of October 21 – 25, we are excited to welcome our First People in Residence cultural facilitators. The purpose of First People in Residence is to celebrate Indigenous cultures, histories, and knowledge. We are truly fortunate to welcome our cultural facilitators to Woodward Hill.

Truth and Reconciliation

On September 27, we honored children who survived the Indian Residential School system and remembered those that did not. We showed our commitment by wearing an orange T-shirt and by participating in a story walk. Below is our mascot, Eagle. Each student contributed to this collaborative art piece by decorating one feather. In the Seven Sacred Teachings, Eagle represents Love. At Woodward Hill, we believe that all things grow with love. Eagle is an important symbol of our commitment to self, to others, and to community.



Terry Fox Run

Our TFR was today! Our goal was to raise \$1400 – two dollars for every child in the school, however we surpassed the goal and are currently sitting at over \$1900. WAY TO GO WOODWARD HILL!!!! Students LOVED seeing Mr. Issel and Mrs. Sharp get three pies in the face!

Halloween

With Halloween fast approaching, here are the details you need to know!

- **Costume Parade**

With Halloween approaching, children and staff are already planning their costumes. Everyone is looking forward to our **Halloween parade on Thursday October 31**. Parents are welcome to join in the fun and watch the parade. We have very young children in the school, and we want everyone to feel safe and not frightened. In keeping with school district policy and regulation, please keep toy weapons and scary masks at home during the school day.

- **Vegetable Carving Carnival**

Have fun with your children and carve a harvest vegetable and bring to the school on the morning of October 31 for others to enjoy!



- **We Scare Hunger Food Drive**

All students are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item between October 28 – November 1. Food donations will be collected by our Leadership students every day during the campaign. Let's see how many boxes of food we can donate to our local food bank!

Drop off and Pick Up

1. Do not leave your vehicle when dropping off your child while on school property.
2. Once your child leaves your car, exit the drop-off area to make room for other drivers.
3. Have your child exit your vehicle on the curb side, not the middle of the road
4. Remind your child to use the crosswalk on school property
5. For the LOWER PARKING LOT, please DO NOT enter the lot to pick-up or drop-off your child

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is approaching, and we are planning our honoring of the people, past and present, who serve(d). We are asking families to send in photos of friends and family who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces, so they can be honored in our slide show. Please send photos to woodwardhill@surreyschools.ca or forward hard copies to the office for scanning. If your family has sent photos in a previous year, there is no need to forward them again. We will be sure to include them in this year's assembly. Also, students in Beavers, Brownies, Cadets, or Guides are asked to wear their uniforms during the day. More details to follow. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Diwali

This year we are again celebrating Diwali – Festival of Lights through a PAC sponsored event after school from 3:00 – 4:30pm on Monday November 4. The event will take place in the gym. Parents are to supervise their children. A big thank you to our PAC for helping organize our Diwali celebration! More details to come but mark your calendars 🌸

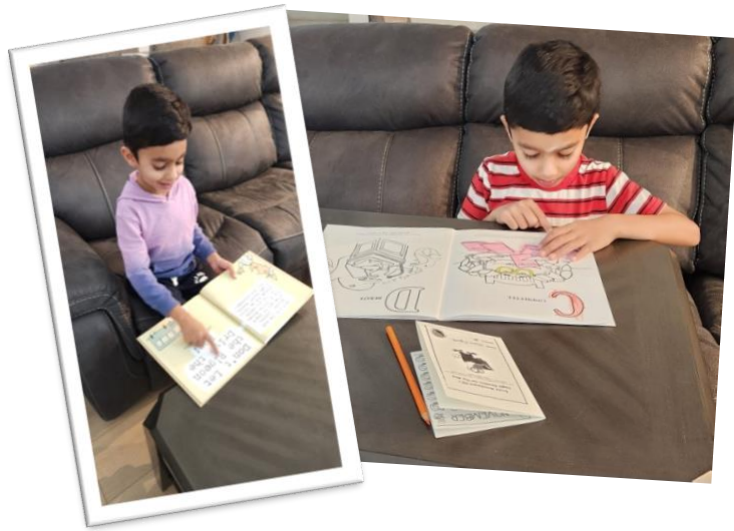
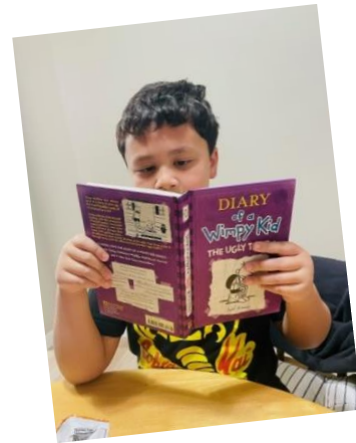
Learning Conferences and Parents as Partners Event – Early dismissal

November 2 is an early dismissal day (students dismissed at 1:27pm) for interims and/or learning conferences and our Parents as Partners event! An interim is a written report of your child's progress to date. A learning conference is a meeting or a phone call to discuss your child's progress. Either way, parents will receive up-to-date information on how their child is doing socially and academically. Your child's teacher will connect with families prior to November 2 to provide more details about interims/learning conferences. More information to follow about Parents as Partners.

Tell me more about Parents as Partners

Student success is dependent on schools and families working together to foster academic growth, social and emotional development, and the shaping of productive citizens who contribute meaningfully to our world. No small feat indeed! One small (yet important) act towards this vision is working together (school and family) to raise readers. Here are some pictures of Woodward Hill students reading at home. **Together, we raise readers!** Would you like your child featured in an upcoming newsletter. If so, send a picture of your child reading (alone or with others) to woodwardhill@surreyschools.ca. Be sure to include name.

Miguel immersed in an enjoyable book at home!



Vihaan having fun learning to read!



Crystal loving her reading!



West Coast Recess and Lunch

Students will be outside for recess (15 minutes) and lunch (25 minutes) most days. We ask that parents ensure their children are dressed appropriately for our rainy west coast weather with a coat, boots and umbrella if necessary. Students should keep a spare change of clothes in their backpacks.



We know that students benefit from daily opportunities to play outside in the fresh air. After being outside, students are better able to focus, and it also strengthens their immune system. There are more open spaces outside for children to be physically active.

As a reminder, the following general criteria is used when deciding to send students outside at recess and lunch.

| OUTSIDE DAY | INSIDE DAY |
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| Above 2 degrees and raining | 2 degrees or below and raining |
| Snow days | Raining and so windy umbrellas will turn inside out |

Student Leadership

"We Scare Hunger" will start on Monday October 28 and run until Friday November 1. Students are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to contribute during that week. Prior to our Food Drive, Leadership students will make the rounds to classes to explain which food items are appropriate to bring.

Student absence or late - Contact the office

A friendly reminder to please call the school before 8:30am if you know your child will be staying home ill. If you call in before the school opens, please listen to the options on our phone system and leave a message. You can also email the school at woodwardhill@surreyschools.ca to let us know.

Also, a reminder to please have your child come to the office to check in if they are late coming to school.

Please bring your own Cutlery/Take Home Waste

Attention Parents!

As we aim to reduce waste and promote sustainability, please remember to pack cutlery in your child's lunchbox. It's a small step that makes a big difference for our planet!

We will not be giving out cutlery at the office.

Please also make sure your child brings home their garbage "Take home what you bring in"

Thank you for your support!

Visitors/Parents must sign in at the office

All visitors/parents must report to the office to sign in, We don't have visitors/parents walk down the halls. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher, arrangements should be made ahead of time. If you need to speak to your child for an important reason, inform the office staff and they will phone the classroom and ask that student to come to the office. Please be aware that unplanned interruptions have to be for a good reason, and that teaching/learning time for the students needs to be maximized. We thank you again in helping to make Ecole Woodward Hill a vibrant learning community where the children and staff feel safe and valued.

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](#)
3. Click “Register” and follow the steps. After receiving the confirmation email, log into your account and add each of your children to your household account

Once you have registered your children, you will be able to see when they have an added 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 do not have to worry about missing the deadline.

Upcoming dates

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| Oct. 4 | Individual picture day |
| Oct. 11 | Yom Kippur |
| Oct 11 | International Day of the Girl Child |
| Oct. 11 | Hot Lunch Day |
| Oct. 14 | Thanksgiving Holiday - classes not in session |
| Oct. 18 | Persons Day |
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| Oct. 21 – 24 | First People in Residence |
| Oct 22 | Grade 6 Immunizations |
| Oct. 25 | non-instructional day – classes not in session |
| Oct 28 - Nov. 1, | We Scare Hunger Food Bank donations |
| Oct 31 | Costume Day and School Parade! |
| Nov. 1 | Pajama Day! |
| Nov. 4 | Diwali celebration at Woodward Hill |
| Nov. 6 | Early dismissal #1 interims and learning conferences |
| Nov 7 | Remembrance Day at Woodward Hill |
| Nov. 8 | non-instructional day – classes not in session |
| Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day – classes not in session |
| Nov 15 | Hot Lunch Day |
| Nov 15 | Spirit Day |