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Ey' Swayel Woodward Hill families,

With the arrival of October, we look ahead to the fall season and all the excitement, fun and beauty it brings. At Woodward Hill, staff and students have settled into the routine of school. Students are in their classes, learning is rich, and friendships are being rekindled and new friendships are being formed. It is such a wonderful time of the year. Already there is a lot happening in our community. Read on to learn more!

Welcome to our SFU student teacher

Welcome to Ms. Kristyn Butchart. Ms. Butchart will be working with Ms. Schoen.

Terry Fox

Our Terry Fox run and fundraiser was a resounding success! Our goal was to raise \$1500 – about two dollars per student. Our Woodward Hill community far surpassed our goal by raising over \$2700 in online and cash donations! Incredible! Our Woodward Hill community is filled with caring and loving people. To celebrate our generosity, Mr. Issel and Ms. Erceg turned rainbow. Students loved our rainbow celebration in support of our Terry Fox fundraiser.





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First People in Residence

The week of October 23 - 27, we are excited to welcome our First People in Residence cultural facilitators, Aspen Sharma, Lee Provost and Becky Parker. The purpose of First People in Residence is to celebrate Indigenous cultures, histories and knowledge. We are very fortunate to welcome Aspen and Lee to Woodward Hill.

Truth and Reconciliation

On September 29, we honoured children who survived the Indian Residential School system and remembered those that didn't. We showed our commitment by wearing an orange t-shirt and by participating in a walk for reconciliation. 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.



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 Tuesday 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**





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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 23 – 31. 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!

- **Halloween Dance**

Friday October 27 from 6-8pm. Stay tuned for more details! This event is sponsored by our amazing PAC.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is approaching and we are planning our honouring of the men and women, 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 honoured 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 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.

Surrey Elementary Schools Athletic Association SESAA

Our Grade 6-7 girls' and boys' soccer teams are off to a great start thanks to our coaches Ms. Vivanco and Mme. Fournier! Go EAGLES Soccer!

We also have a small but mighty Grade 3 – 7 cross-country running team led by Mr. Issel. New runners welcomed anytime. See the office for details if your child wants to join our cross-country team! Go EAGLES cross-country!

Library Learning Commons

Students are invited to visit the library learning commons before and after school every day. All are welcome. The library opens at 8:15am and closes at 2:45pm. Come and check out books, play a game of chess or build with Keva planks. The Reading Link Challenge for grade 4 and 5 students starts November first! More details will be available soon.

Ms. Caine and Ms. Bir-Bhatti, teacher-librarians

Diwali

This year we are again celebrating Diwali – Festival of Lights through a PAC sponsored event after school from 3:00 – 4:30pm on Thursday November 9. 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 🌟

Digital Portfolio Consent

Some teachers use Spaces as their reporting platform. Spaces is a digital portfolio that shares student learning over time. If you have not previously provided consent, you received a communication from the school to opt out of having a digital portfolio for your child. All Spaces data is stored in Canada. Please let the school office know if you have any concerns or questions regarding the



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Spaces digital portfolio platform. For families who are new to the school, you will receive a *Technology Tool General Consent* form to complete, sign and return to the school.

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 first ever 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.

Tell me more about Parents as Partners

Student success is greatly 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. **On November 2 between 2:00 – 4:00pm, please come to our gym to learn more about how you can help your child's reading competence at home.**

Emergency Drills

All schools in British Columbia are required to hold emergency drills throughout the school year. Each year, we hold drills for fires, earthquakes, hold and secures and lock downs. Staff are aware of the drills ahead of time to properly prepare their students and to practice in the classroom if necessary.

Student Leadership

"We Scare Hunger" will start on Monday, Oct. 23rd and run until the 31st (Halloween!). 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.

Stay Connected to the School

The new Surrey Schools app is available for free through the iOS or Android app stores, by searching for 'Surrey Schools'. All future newsletters and school correspondence will be distributed through the app. If you want to stay informed, please set this up ASAP. If you need assistance please reach out to our office staff.



- Search for “Surrey Schools” in your chosen app store
- Click Surrey Schools. Install. Then Open the app.
- In the app, click Menu and then click Content Sources. In addition to district news from Surrey Schools, pick which school(s) you want to receive your news and updates from. Click Next.



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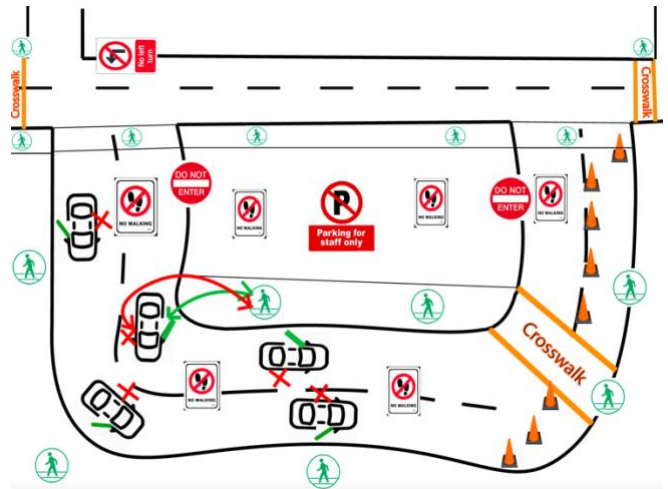
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- To receive push notifications, make sure that setting is enabled. In the app, click Menu then click Settings. Select what notifications you want to receive (Notifications, News and/or Events) and ensure Push Notifications is set to On.

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!



All school payments are online

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



- Go [here](#)
- Click “Register” and follow the steps. 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 children, 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.



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 2 degrees and raining	2 degrees or below and raining



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Snow days	Raining and so windy umbrellas will turn inside out
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Upcoming Dates

- Oct 6 Individual photo day
- Oct 9 Thanksgiving – school closed
- Oct 13 PAC Hot Lunch (new ordering site here)
- Oct 20 Non-instructional day – classes not in session
- Oct. 27 PAC Hot Lunch
- Oct. 23 – 27 First People in Residence
- Oct. 23 – 31 Food drive – We Scare Hunger
- October 27 Halloween dance – PAC sponsored from 6 - 8pm
- Nov. 1 Photo retake day
- Nov. 2 Early dismissal @ 1:30pm for Learning Conferences/Interims
- Nov. 2 Parents as Partners – school gym from 2 – 4pm
- Nov. 9 Remembrance Day assembly – parents welcome (TIME TBA)
- Nov. 9 Diwali dance and celebration 3 – 4:30pm
- Nov. 10 Non-instructional day – classes not in session
- Nov. 13 Statutory holiday – schools closed
- Nov 23 PAC Hot Lunch