



ERMA STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM MRS. HILL & MRS. VOLK

It's hard to believe that fall has officially begun. The weather certainly feels like it! Although we have had a different start to this school year, we are very pleased that the students and staff are getting used to all the new safety routines and focusing on building a strong classroom and school community.

THE ERMA STEPHENSON STAFF FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR IS:

Division 1-7	Ms. Lim	IST	Ms. Mossop/Ms. Stebbing
Division 2-7	Ms. Fransen	Counsellor	Ms. Hunniford
Division 3-IF 6	Ms. Beairsto	Speech/Language-Ms. Moore	
Division 4-6	Mr. Jeff Hook	CCW	Ms. Elliston
Division 5-5	Ms. Demaere	EA	Ms. Partington
Division 6-4	Ms. Northrup	EA	Mr. Eely
Division 7-3	Ms. Gill	Ea	Ms. Addison
Division 8-2/3	Ms. Howard	EA	Ms. Chow
Division 9-1/2	Ms. Christoffersen	ABA	Ms. Dong
Division 10-K/1	Ms. Harradine	ABA	Ms. Chen
Division 11-K/1	Ms. Povey	ABA	Ms. Le
Division 12-6/7 Bl.	Ms. Bennett/Ms. Kwasny	EA	Ms. Brar
Division 13-5/6 Bl.	Mr. Vilio	EA	Ms. Puri
Division 14-4 Bl.	Ms. Warnock	Head Clerk	Ms. Sherwood
Division 15-3 Bl.	Ms. Looi/Ms. Park	Records Clerk-Ms. Hamelin	
Division 16-2/3 Bl.	Ms. Chalmers	Head Caretaker-Mr. Santillian	
Division 17-1 Bl.	Ms. Watson	Day Caretaker-Mr. Panganiban	
Division 18-K/1 Bl.	Ms. Moreau	Supervisor	Ms. Badawi
Learner Support	Ms. Watson/Ms. Tokawa	Supervisor	Ms. Valenzuela
Learner Support	Ms. Greggain	Supervisor	Ms. Hassan
Learner Support	Ms. Clark	Supervisor	Ms. Goodfellow
Learner Support	Ms. These		
Teacher-Librarian	Ms. Sturn		
Music	Ms. Park		
Band	Ms. Morrissey		
Intermediate Prep	Ms. Dempster/Ms. Volk		

BLENDED TRANSITION PROGRAM

We were very happy to see our Blended Transition students at school this week! Beginning next week, these students will attend both Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (starting Tuesday, September 29th).

TERRY FOX WALK – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st

Our annual Terry Fox Walk will take place on Thursday, October 1st. Millions of students from coast to coast sharing the same dream: Terry's dream...a world without cancer. Detailed information was sent home via email earlier today.

Don't forget to wear **RED and WHITE** on Thursday to show our spirit for Canadian hero, Terry Fox!

We will be collecting donations all next week to support this worthy cause...students may bring a 'Toonie for Terry' (or any cash amount), a cheque payable to The Terry Fox Foundation or you may donate online:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/ErmaStephensonElementary>

MR. THEDERAHN IS RETIRING!

Congratulations to Mr. T who is retiring at the end of this month. After teaching for 31 years in Surrey (10 At Erma), Mr. T is looking forward to enjoying time with his family, his puppy, and travelling in the future. Thanks to Mr. Thederahn for his many contributions to the students, staff, and community at Erma! We wish him all the best for a happy and healthy retirement!

LIBRARY BOOKS

If you have any library books at home (even from last year), please return them at your earliest convenience so other students may enjoy them too. There is no penalty for late returns. Thank you!

PLEASE HELP THE ENVIRONEMNT!

Guidelines for Lunches and Snacks

- Please try to provide litter-free lunches and snacks as much as possible. Students do not take their wrappers, containers, etc. outside at recess. They can unwrap their snack before they go. We are hoping this will help keep our playground litter-free.

Guidelines for Drinks

- Students are asked to bring reusable drink containers to school (NO juice boxes, pop cans, etc.). Please send a filled, reusable water bottle instead. We are trying to help keep single-use containers out of the landfills. We do not have any recycling available for drink containers.

UPCOMING DATES (additional dates at end of newsletter)

Monday, September 28	Pro D Day-no school for students
Sept. 29-Oct. 2	Terry Fox donations collected all week
Wednesday, September 30	Orange Shirt Day (see information below)
Thursday, October 1	Terry Fox Walk
Monday, October 12	Thanksgiving Day-school closed
Wednesday, October 14	Individual Student Photos
Friday, October 23	Pro D Day – Students do not attend

Orange Shirt Day Wednesday, September 30th



Years ago, the Canadian government believed that Aboriginal children should dress and speak and act like all the other children. In order to make this happen, Aboriginal children were taken from their families and sent to live in schools where they could only speak English (or French), and where they had to dress and act like all other Canadian children. Children missed their families and forgot how to speak their language. Today, we know this was wrong, and we wear orange to remember those children, and to remind us that it is okay to keep our traditions.

Orange Shirt Day was created during the St. Joseph Mission Residential School Commemoration Project in Williams Lake, BC, in May 2013. As part of the project, former student, Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, told the 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, which prompted the realization that many survivors have similar stories. As a result, Orange Shirt Day is gaining visibility as an influential movement helping to educate our students and communities on the history of Canadian Residential Schools.

Our work in advancing reconciliation is helping to build a stronger and healthier Canada.

At Erma Stephenson, we are encouraging everyone to wear the colour orange as a way of bringing attention to this issue.

See Calendar on next page

Erma Stephenson School Calendar 2020-21

Due to COVID-19, events may be re-scheduled or postponed

EVENTS	2020/21
First Day of School!	Thursday, September 10
PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm on Zoom	Monday, September 21
Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm	Thursday, September 24
Non-Instructional Day - SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	Monday, September 28
Orange Shirt Day	Wednesday, September 30
Terry Fox Run	Thursday, October 1
Thanksgiving Day – SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday, October 12
Individual Photos	Wednesday, October 14
Non-Instructional Day - SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	Friday, October 23
Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm	Wednesday, November 4
Non-instructional Day - SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	Friday, November 6
Individual Photo Retakes	Tuesday, November 10
Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:30 am on Teams	Tuesday, November 10
Remembrance Day – SCHOOL CLOSED	Wednesday, November 11
PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm on Zoom	Monday, November 16
Communicating Student Learning – Term 1	Thursday, December 10
Last Day Before Winter Break	Friday, December 18
Winter Break	December 19 – January 3
School Reopens After Winter Break	Monday, January 4
Kindergarten Registration Begins	Monday January 11
PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm on Zoom	Monday, February 8
Family Day – SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday, February 15
Non-Instructional Day – SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	Friday, February 19
Pink Shirt Day	Wednesday, February 24
Communicating Student Learning – Term 2	Thursday, March 11
Last Day Before Spring Break	Friday, March 12
Spring Break	March 13-28
School Reopens After Spring Break	Monday, March 29
Good Friday – SCHOOL CLOSED	Friday, April 2

Easter Monday – SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday, April 5
Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm	Wednesday, April 28
Non-Instructional Day – SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	Friday, May 7
PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm on Zoom	Monday, May 10
Victoria Day – SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday, May 24
Non-Instructional Day – SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	Monday, May 31
Grade 7 Celebration @ 9:00 am	Friday, June 18
Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm Communicating Student Learning – Term 3	Thursday, June 24
Administrative Day – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND	Friday, June 25

Dates are subject to change with sufficient notice.