

Newsletter

October 3rd, 2018



October

Friday, October 5th

Turkey/Turnip Trot

Monday, October 8th

Thanksgiving

Schools are closed

Monday October 15th

Skating 12:30 to 2:25

Tuesday October 16th

Apple Orders Due

Friday, October 19th

Professional Development Day

School is not in session

Friday October 26th

Hazelmere Pumpkin Patch

Fieldtrip

Monday October 29th

Skating 12:30 to 2:25

Tuesday October 30th

Student Picture Retakes

November

Monday November 5th

Skating 12:30 to 2:25

Thursday November 8th

Remembrance Day Ceremony

10:30 – 11:15

Friday November 9th

Professional Development Day

School is not in session

Monday November 12th

Remembrance Day Statutory

Holiday – Schools not in session



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Welcome to Fall!

Parking

There have been a few issues with parking with the increase in traffic this year. We are looking into getting signs and concrete barriers to help with better flow but it will take some time. In the meantime, here are some reminders about safe parking and crossing habits.

- **Enter** on 28th avenue
- **Exit** on 184th street
- Park close to other cars to allow for more cars to fit
- Ensure your child walks **close to you** as you walk across the cross walk for safety
- Walk along the **fenced path** toward the school
- **Do not walk in the staff parking lot** with your children: trucks and other vehicles may be moving in here.
- Encourage your children to greet Mrs. Mabie and thank for her help in keeping them safe as they cross.



Monday November 19th

Skating 12:30 to 2:25



Terry Fox

Thank you, thank you, thank you!! Our School may be small, but we have big hearts! The families in the school raised a total of \$1,377.65 for the Terry Fox Foundation. WOW!

Our students also have a great deal of stamina. Some of them ran 8 laps of our school field. Way to go staff and parents who joined in!



East Kensington Fall Fair

Our first Fall Fair was a success considering the tight timeline to get it up and running. Between admission, concession and vendor donations we made \$500. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who worked so hard to organize this event. It was well attended and the children had a lot of fun!

Our next community event will be our **Winter Fair and Pancake Breakfast on December 9**. There are many opportunities for you to help in small ways or large. Contact Joanna Cramond or Tracy Harris to find out how you can volunteer your services.

Every Child Matters Day



It was a delight to see children wearing orange shirts last Friday in solidarity for all children and for awareness of residential schools. The youngest children learned that every child is precious and about the rights for all children to live with their families and to freely express their language and their culture. The children in Ms. Leslie's class wrote a poem based on what they felt about residential schools. All

children in the school made a hand as a symbol of their right to matter. Our outdoor assembly was touching and lovely.



Turkey/Turnip Trot

This Friday, October 5, we will be having a Turkey/Turnip Trot in the afternoon. We will make silly turkey or turnip hats at 1:25 p.m. in the gym. Then we will head outside and chase the “turkey” (teacher dressed as a

turkey) around the Terry Fox route for some fun and exercise in the lead up to a weekend of stuffing ourselves! Parents and siblings are welcome to join us!



Skating

We look forward to our four skating field trips coming up this month and in November. Thank you to all parents who offer to drive, help lace up skates and monitor on the ice. We always need the help and the children love to have parents join us as we skitter and scumble on the ice! Please remember that all skaters, young and old, need to wear skating/hockey or ski helmets.

Lost and Found

The children are making great strides in taking responsibility for their outdoor gear and fewer items are being left behind or lost. To further develop independence, encourage your child to practice packing their own backpack, getting their outdoor wear on and off on their own and hanging it up right side out, and thinking about where they last placed items so they can find them easily.

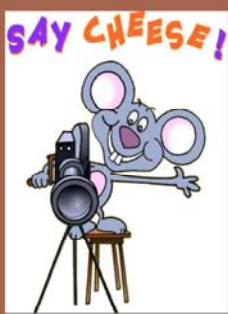
We have a number of lost and found items in the grey bin outside in the undercover area. Please check this bin regularly to ensure you reclaim lost mitts etc.





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HALLOWEEN

The children are very excited that Halloween is around the corner! I know some of the children have been planning their costumes for weeks! I just want to remind parents that **replica or toy weapons are not allowed at school** even if they are a part of their Halloween costumes. We also ask that **face masks not cover the entire face** for safety's sake.

More information on Halloween to follow.



Absences – Voicemail Option

If your child is going to be absent or late from school please remember to contact the school office at 604-541-1257 before 8:30 am. You may find it helpful to call the evening before or early morning to leave a message on our school voicemail. Please remember to include student name, division and reason for absence. Thank you.

Individual Picture retakes are on October 30th

If your child did not have their picture taken or if you were not happy with their photo this is your chance to have a new one taken. The photographer will be here first thing in the morning for a short time only