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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Even though September seemed to fly by so quickly, we certainly had lots of events and activities happening at school. Thank you to Mrs. Elder for organizing the Terry Fox Run and Mr. Oleksyn for running the fundraising portion. We managed to raise just over \$1200 for Terry. Thank you so much to our parent community for your generosity and your help with supervising the run. We were also very thankful to have hosted our Truth & Reconciliation activities on September 27th at school. It was a lovely event in which the teachers organized different stations for their students, while we had assemblies at the beginning and the end of the day to honour the day with speakers in the morning and feasting on Bannock at the end of the day. A huge shout out to our parent volunteer for making the Bannock. We would not have been able to do this without you 😊

Our sporting calendar has begun already with Volleyball in full swing. Thank you to Mrs. McCafferty, Mrs. Gowan, Mrs. Diamond, Mrs. Arcand Ms. Blais for coaching our two teams. In addition to volleyball, the Fall Cross Country events will be held this month. The Primary run will take place on October 16th at the Albion Sportsplex while the Intermediate run will be at Alouette Lake on October 24th. Students participating in the two events will have already brought forms home for your approval. Thank you to Ms. Sohi, Mrs. Feir, Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. MacPherson for helping out with the Primary run. Similarly, thank you to Mrs. McCafferty, Ms. Elder and Mrs. Arcand for running the Intermediate event.

UPCOMING DATES:

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| Tuesday, October 8 | - School photos |
| Monday, October 14 | - Thanksgiving (no school) |
| Tuesday, October 14 | - PAC Meeting |
| Wednesday, October 16 | - Primary Cross Country at Albion Sportplex |
| Thursday, October 24 | - Intermediate Cross Country at Alouette Lake |
| Friday, October 25 | - Non-instructional day (no school) |
| | - PAC Halloween Dance (6:00-8:00pm) |
| | Please have all students accompanied by an adult. |
| Tuesday, October 29 | - Photo Retake Day |
| Thursday, October 31 | - Halloween |

PARKING LOT...

Like every elementary school parking and access to the school is a challenge for caregivers when bringing their children to school. Here at ARE it is even more challenging in that the staff parking lot is located between the playground and the school. The dangers are obvious and that is why I really need to stress to please not use it as a drop off or pick up area. Already in the short time I've been here I've seen some pretty scary situations. This is not a blame game but an awareness call. Everyone wants our kids to be safe; we just need reminders of that when other priorities begin to compromise that. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. **NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT.**

CELL PHONES AND PERSONAL DEVICES

What an incredible time we are living in. The modern conveniences are amazing and help us support our children's wellbeing by providing a safe and secure feeling. Sometimes this provision can become a burden for children and research tells us that it can have a negative impact on the development of a person's social and communication abilities. As well, we can see almost a dependency on the phone developing for our children which is a little worrisome.

Here at ARE we are trying to support children and families by providing an environment free of the constant call of the cell phone. So, what does this mean? If they are brought to school, **cell phones need to stay in classrooms at all times**, including recess and lunch. In class, teachers have the right to establish their own parameters around these devices but as a school, the rule is.... **CELL PHONES NEED TO STAY IN CLASSROOMS.**

You can support us, and ultimately your children, by not calling or texting with your child directly but rather connect with them as it has always been done, through the office 604-463-3035.

CONSENT FORMS

There are a number of consent forms for your student(s) are now available on the parent portal awaiting your approval. Please take a moment to login and approve these forms.

PHOTO & RETAKE DAY

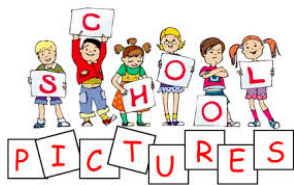


Photo Expressions will be here on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 for our school photos. Retakes will take place on Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

WEST COAST RECESS







All recesses and lunches will be outside unless the weather is unprecedentedly severe and poses a risk to health and safety. Please be sure students have proper jackets, footwear, or warm clothing for the day. An extra set of clothes at school will avoid unnecessary trips to the school with spare pants!

TERRY FOX RUN

We had our 2024 Terry Fox School Run on September 20th. Cancer has touched many of our lives, but the thought to run across our country in support of cancer research was an incredibly courageous idea. Research has helped relieve an enormous amount of suffering, and we were able to raise over \$1200 as a community. Thank you so much for your generosity!



OCTOBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>7</p> <p>Volleyball Team A Home game vs BME</p>	<p>8</p> <p>-Photo Day</p>  <p>Div.</p> <p>6,8,11-Apple Barn Volleyball Team B Home game vs GE</p>	<p>9</p> <p>-Hot Lunch</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Div. 18,19,20 Apple Barn</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>14</p> <p>-Thanksgiving (no school)</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Volleyball Team A Home game vs Albion</p> <p>Volleyball Team B Away game vs BME</p>	<p>16</p> <p>-Hot Lunch</p> <p>Primary Cross Country</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>-Hot Lunch</p>	<p>24</p> <p>- Div. 9, 10 Fort Langley - Div. 19, 20 Mike's Critters Presentation - Intermediate Cross Country</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>-Non-instructional day (no school)</p> <p>Halloween Dance</p> 
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Photo Retakes</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>-Hot Lunch</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Happy Halloween</p>	<p>1</p>