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News Letter



Principal's Message: Well the first month of school is well over and the rhythm of the school year is in full motion. We have already so many amazing days and activities in the school and there is, as always, such a positive buzz. Once again you will notice a high presence of literacy and books in all that we do here. Our goal is to reduce the number of students, across the school, who are not yet meeting expectations in reading to less than 10%. You are part of achieving this goal by promoting and modeling reading in the home and the community so let's all work together on this.

Recently at the school, Sept 30th, we joined communities and other schools throughout our district, province and Canada in recognizing what has become known as "Orange Shirt Day." This day has grown in its importance as part of our national fabric as the nation moves forward on the path of Truth and Reconciliation. Many of us in the community do not understand, or have limited knowledge, of the colonial history of Canada and the systemic racism and mistreatment that continues. It is for this reason educators have been tasked by both provincial and federal governments to grow this understanding and knowledge in order to overcome the systemic issues in Canada through education. A tall task indeed, but one we welcome with open hearts. As His Honour Chief Justice Sinclair stated during the reporting out of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's findings, "It was education that got us here and it will be education that moves us forward." If you have questions or wonders about this as always please stop by the office for a chat. As you know my door is always open. As well you may consider visiting the Truth and Reconciliation website at www.nctr.ca generally and specifically volume 4 of the reports and findings and or this link, https://memorial.nctr.ca/?page_id=372 which is a list of the names of the children. Truly powerful.

Alan Millar

Happy
Halloween

Halloween is fast approaching and many classrooms are starting to prepare their activities and events for that day. Many students have mentioned their costume plans so it is a good time to put out a few reminders...

We are an elementary school with students as young as 4 and as old as 12. This range can sometimes make it difficult to define what is appropriate and what is not as

the tastes of 12 year-olds can be quite different from that of a 4 year old. So a couple of guiding statements regarding costumes and behaviour on that day...

- We are a school so nothing glorifying or promoting violence, drug or alcohol use or weapons are not welcome
- All students need to feel safe so "scaring" students who do not want to participate is to be avoided
- Costumes can be worn all day but most classes prefer just in the afternoon
- Masks are allowed but makeup is preferable.
- Costumes should strive to be "spooky" not "scary"
- Mr. Millar has final say.

Please remember we are a community of all ages and as such we need to consider that in our decisions. Thank you.

Mr. Millar's Hair!!!!!!



Our community out did itself in support of Terry Fox and the Fight to Find a Cure for Cancer. As a means to motivate our students, Mr. Millar was willing, to dye his hair the colours of the rainbow if the school raised \$2500. Many of the schools, much larger than ours, raised in the high hundreds and even broke a \$1000.00 and right up to the date and time of our assembly it was uncertain if EME had hit the mark. However, some students brought in last minute donations that just got us past our goal and, during our October assembly, Mr. Millar was dragged onto the stage and the dying process began. 30 minutes later Mr. Millar, or should we say Mr. Skittles, was revealed. Well Done EME.... You raised over \$2500 in honour of Terry.

Some Up Coming Events

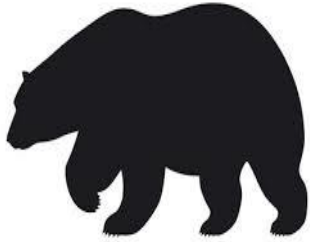
- Oct 25th Pro-D No School
- Oct 22nd Photo Retakes
- Oct 22rd Pac Meeting 6:30 PAC
- Oct. 22nd Intermediate Cross Country
Golden Ears Park
- Oct 23rd Grade 6 Immunizations
- Oct 23rd Primary Cross Country
Albion Sports Complex
- Oct 24th Halloween Dance PAC
- Oct 31st Halloween Activities
- Nov 1st Pajama Day
- Nov 7th 9:00am Remembrance Day
Assembly
- Nov. 8th Pro-D Day No School
- Nov 11th Remembrance Day Observance
No School



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BEAR... As many of you know we recently had a visitor, well before school started, in the forest beside the school. The staff and students handled it very well ensuring everyone's safety however it serves as a reminder that we live in a community where bear encounters can happen. Now would be a good time to remind our students of this fact and discuss the proper response if it happens. **Stay calm and keep the animal in view, but avoid direct eye contact. Back away slowly if you can. Never run from a bear unless you know you can reach safety.**



The Great Release.... Parents/Designates please gather at the north end of the field in the forest area.

1. 1:30 we will do an earth quake drill (announcement will be to DROP COVER AND HOLD)
 - a. Drop low to ground
 - b. Cover take cover under sturdy tables/desks etc...
 - c. Hold On to whatever you are under and stay there until the shaking stops
 - wait 60 seconds (we will count out loud)
 - then evacuate to designated area (if raining could be gym)
2. Students will follow normal evacuation procedures and expectations (quiet, orderly etc.)
4. Principal will call out to parents/designate starting at K to come to sign out their student
 - multiple students to be picked up parent/designate will pick up all (only called once)
5. Teacher's will release student to parent/designate after confirming ID and that they are identified on the list (provided) as the designate (unknowns need to show picture ID) and having them sign the student out on the class list provided.
6. Teacher will return to class with unreleased students who will be dismissed at days end per usual.

Yes this feels inconvenient but in a real emergency we'll have already gone through the process and ironed out many of the kinks so thank you to all for understanding and support.

West Coast Recess reminder...



As we move into late fall and winter, temperatures will drop, rain, and maybe snow, will fall. This is a friendly reminder to dress your student for the elements as fresh air is an important ingredient for learning and thus students will be going outside in all kinds of weather. It is a good idea to send a change of clothes in as well as many of our students enjoy the pleasures of stomping in puddles....

As the weather gets cooler and wetter I see can more of our community members driving their students to school.... The more vehicles the greater the impact on safety... As such, it is even more important to follow the following guidelines....

- 1) Do not leave your vehicle. Even for a quick second...
- 2) As the vehicle ahead of you pulls out, pull forward as far as you can
- 3) Make it quick. Remind your students not to "delay" in class or at the curb and don't chat with friends or neighbours.. Get in and get out.
- 4) Be patient and polite. No one is going anywhere fast and "hot" heads create unsafe situations
- 5) Relax and if you have a comment or concern come talk to me... I try to be out there everyday

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Our PAC!!!

Is Awesome.... The Next PAC meeting is at 6:30 on October 22nd.... They

are also putting on a family dance for Halloween... The

Monster Mash

Thursday October 24th 6:30-8:30 It is a school event so costumes need to be appropriate. For further details please visit the PAC Facebook page or contact Shannon Bradley.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Please look around your homes and under beds as our PAC has informed me that there are still a significant number of books still out there.



Athletics have begun Volleyball is well underway for our grade 6 & 7 boys and girl's. Mr. Stubley and Mr. Faulkner are coaching the boy's team and Mrs. White & Ms. Stanley are working with the girls. Game days are usually Tuesdays for the girls and Wednesdays for the boys... Please visit Mr. Stubley's for the actual schedules... Would love to see folks out cheering our teams on during games.

Cross Country is also just around the corner. The Primary Cross Country is on Oct 23rd at Albion Sports complex... The Intermediate Cross Country Run is at Golden Ears Park on Oct 22nd. As is the tradition parents are expected to transport their coordinating their students for October 22nd & 23rd.



House Teams

Well they have taken off.... Ask your student which house they belong to...

Hawks-Green, Owls- Yellow, Ravens-Red, Eagles-Blue



Parent Library remains in place in the front of the school.. Many great titles on research based trends in parenting, education, and

child development. If you'd like to add yourself to the list of parents and community members who have borrowed books just see Mr. Millar



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The Redesigned Curriculum at EME

Personal Awareness and Responsibility

Why is personal awareness and responsibility so important to a child’s education? Personal awareness and responsibility is a core competency integrated into all areas of learning in the curriculum.

When a student is personally aware and responsible, their sense of self-worth and confidence grow as they develop skills to ensure their well-being. Students learn how to set goals, regulate their emotions and stress, express their needs, and seek help when needed. When students understand how their choices affect their educational, emotional, and social well-being, they recognize that they have a personal responsibility for their future.

For more information about the curriculum, visit <https://www.sd42.ca/new-curriculum/>

Coming in November – Compassion.



Awareness of our connection and belonging to a place.



Core Competencies: What are they and why are they in the new curriculum?

The new curriculum centres around the following three core competency areas: **communication**, **personal and social**, **thinking**. They are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. Competencies are evident in every area of learning and in every grade, and come into play when students become actively engaged in their learning. During the school year, students will have an opportunity to self-assess their proficiencies in these core competencies.

Just for Kids Family Daycare

Enfant to before and after school care. Located behind EME.

Contact Carolyn @778-928-8099