

GRENFELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Grenfell 2021-2022

I am happy to report that our students have settled into their new classrooms for the 2021-22 school year. This year, students have been organized into 15 divisions:

| Division | Teacher | Grade |
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| 1 | Ms. Mezzarobba | 7 |
| 2 | Ms. Segran | 6/7 |
| 3 | Ms. Massis | 6/7 |
| 4 | Mr. Hum | 6 |
| 5 | Mr. Macdonald | 5 |
| 6 | Mr. Wan | 4/5 |
| 7 | Mr. Johnston | 4/5 |
| 8 | Ms. Finden/Ms. Paxton-Judge | 3/4 |
| 9 | Ms. McCague | 3 |
| 10 | Ms. Cho | 2 |
| 11 | Ms. Farrell | 2 |
| 12 | Ms. Tome | 1 |
| 13 | Ms. Fong | 1 |
| 14 | Ms. Wiens | K |
| 15 | Ms. Ramazzini | K |



ORANGE SHIRT WEEK

Every year on September 30th, people across Canada wear orange and participate in Orange Shirt Day events to recognize and raise awareness about the history and legacies of the residential school system in Canada.

Orange Shirt Day originates from the story of Phyllis Webstad from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation. In 1973, on her first day at St. Joseph's Residential School in Williams Lake, BC, Phyllis's shiny new orange shirt was stripped from her, never to be seen again. 40 years later,

on September 30th, 2013, Phyllis spoke publicly for the first time about her experience, and sparked the Orange Shirt Day movement.

For the week of September 27 to October 1, students will be learning about the residential school system and the impact that it has had on the indigenous community.

We are hoping that students will wear an orange shirt to school on Wednesday, September 29.

A reminder that September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Schools will be closed on that day.



TERRY FOX RUN WEEK

Grenfell students will participate in the annual Terry Fox Run during the week of Oct 4 to 8. Due to Covid, we will not run together as a school; instead, students will run with their buddy classes.

Kindergarten students will run inside the lower field. Students in Grade One to Three will run one loop around the school (Wellington-Joyce-Price-Rupert). Intermediate students will run around the school two loops.

Families are encouraged to make a donation to the Terry Fox Foundation online.

To donate to Terry Fox Foundation:

Click on this link: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true>

Select an amount.

Fund Destination: select **E-Sir Wilfred Grenfell**

Add To Cart then Continue.

Grenfell School will send all money received through Online Donation (by **October 31**) to the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research. Thank you for your support.



RAINY SEASON IS UPON US

Students are reminded to dress appropriately for outdoor activities for recess and lunch. Rain gear is recommended on rainy days. As we would like to keep windows open whenever possible to keep the air circulating in the building, please have your child dress warmly so they can be comfortable in cooler room temperatures. Thank you for your support.



GREAT BC SHAKE OUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL

We will be holding the first of two required annual earthquake drills to coincide with the *Great BC ShakeOut* on October 21, 2021. The school-wide drill will include the following activities:

1. Drop-Cover-Hold On

Students will practice Drop-Cover-Hold on in the classroom

2. Evacuation of the school

All students will exit the school building and congregate on the lower field.

3. Student-Family Reunification

We would like to invite parents to help us practice Student-Family Reunification. Parents who are able to pick up their child at around 2:30 pm on October 21, please contact Ms. Conte rconte@vsb.bc.ca by October 8.

Due to Covid, we would like to limit the number to maximum of 30 parents to participate in this drill.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT (FSA)

The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7. This year the FSA will be administered from October 4 to November 12. More information will be shared with parents of Grade 4 and 7 students.

MINI SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Grade 7 parents who are interested in learning more about our district's mini schools; please check the link below:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Secondary/Mini_Schools/Pages/Default.aspx

Important Dates and Registration Requirements:

General Registry: Apply to the District Mini School General Registry between November 8, 2021-December 16, 2021 by 3:00 pm <https://govsb.ca/secondary-programs>

Complete Program Application Processes: Connect directly to each Mini School program site to submit required information and documentation.

Deadline: December 16, 2021 by 3:00 pm

GRENFELL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)



PAC MEET AND GREET

Please come join the Grenfell PAC for a meet and greet outside the school next Wednesday, September 29th. Coffee will be served from 8:45 to 9:15 am. All parents are welcome to attend.

PAC MEETING

Our first PAC meeting of this school year will be Monday, October 4 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. All Grenfell parents are welcome to join. Grenfell PAC website with meeting link:

<https://sites.google.com/view/grenfellpac/events-meetings?authuser=0>

DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

All students and staff are required to complete a daily health check prior to coming to school. Students and staff who have COVID symptoms and/or feel unwell should not attend school.

Parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their children daily before sending them to school. The K to 12 Health Check website and app is an easy way to decide if your child should attend school based on their symptoms. The Daily Health Assessment app can be download on your device:

- iOS devices (iPhone/iPad)
- Android devices

Daily health checklists are available here: English, ਪੰਜਾਬੀ, عربی, 简体中文, 繁體中文, Français, فارسی, Tagalog

SAFE ARRIVAL



If your child will be absent for school, please call the Safe Arrival line to report their absence. Safe Arrival: (604) 713-5159 Ext. 34 or email: greatattendance@vsb.bc.ca.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| Monday, September 27. | Pro-d Day (students do not attend) |
| Wednesday, September 29 | PAC Meet and Greet outside the main entrance (coffee will be served from 8:45-9:15 am) |
| Thursday, September 30. | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school closed) |
| Monday, October 4 | PAC meeting at 7:00 pm on Zoom |
| Monday, October 11 | Thanksgiving holiday |
| Wednesday, October 13 | Parent-Teacher conferences (students will be dismissed at 2:00pm) |
| Thursday, October 14 | Parent-Teacher conferences (students will be dismissed at 2:00pm) |
| Thursday, October 21 | Earthquake drill at 2:00pm |
| Friday, October 22 | Pro-d Day (students do not attend) |
| Wednesday, October 27 | Immunization clinic |
| Friday, October 29 | Halloween Costume Day at Grenfell |