

# Griffin Gazette

What an amazing start to September!



## Happy Pancake Breakfast Day!

PAC Welcome Back Breakfast is a great success...

Thank you to all who came for pancakes, sausages and a good morning with good friends. The PAC started cooking it all up at 6:45am and by 7:45am we were lined up out the door! A huge thanks to all of the volunteers on set up/prep, the griddle masters and the cleanup crew for all of the hard work. We really enjoyed the rest of the day with full tummies and in our comfy PJs.



**Terry Fox Run**  
Thursday, Sept. 28th  
- Assembly @1pm  
- Run @1:30pm



**Emergency Release Sept. 29**  
Evac Drill @2pm,  
students muster on field, emergency contact pickup starts @2:15pm



**Pottery Club starts in October**  
Notices have gone home with info on our new lunch club

## Photo Day Sept. 29th

Don't forget to wash your face and brush your hair!

Individual photos will be taken starting first thing in the morning. Classes will be called down to the MultiPurpose Room by division.

**“Don't worry, we don't mix bugs and spiders.”**

Future entomologists are exploring the playground during recess and lunch at Neilson Grove! Spiders are being offered temporary housing in a 'spider hotel' while we learn more about habitat and behaviour.



## Noon Hour Supervisor needed

We have a position available for a full-time casual noon hour supervisor (Monday to Friday, 12-1pm). If you are interested and available, please come by the office for a job application package.



## X-COUNTRY TEAM IS ON THEIR MARK – GETS SET TO GO!

Our Griffins have been training and are gearing up for their first race on September 28th during our Terry Fox Run.

The District is also hosting a race at Sunshine Hills Elementary in North Delta on Wednesday, Oct. 11th @3:30pm. Thank you to all of the parents for driving and cheering us on!

Apologies for the confusion of dates for the Boundary Beach run. The info we had was not quite correct. We will try again next year!



## EXTRA CURRICULAR ELEMENTARY BAND 2017-18 starts in October

Once again, starting, Thursday, Oct 19, two extra-curricular band programs will be offered to all Ladner children taught by experienced Band teachers, Curt Jantzen and Margaret Behenna.

**Beginner Band** will be offered at the following time/location: Hawthorne Elementary 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. on Thursdays. This Beginner program is mainly for children in Grades 4 & 5 with no previous band experience but any child in Grades 4 and up interested in learning a band instrument can participate.

**Advanced Band** will be offered at the following time/location Hawthorne Elementary 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays. The Advanced program is for any student with one year or more of Band experience. The Advanced Band typically has children in Grades 5 - 8 who are looking to further develop their skills and for an enrichment experience in instrumental music.

Tuition for the year is \$295 payable to Hawthorne Elementary on or before the first class.

Mr. Jantzen and Mrs. Behenna will visit your child's school earlier in October. They will demonstrate all the instruments that are taught in the program and will hand out registration information. Children need to provide their own instrument and these are available for rent at the **Rental Night, Wednesday evening, Oct. 19 at Hawthorne.**

If you wish further information, please contact Mrs Behenna 604 946 7304/ [mbehenna@dccnet.com](mailto:mbehenna@dccnet.com) or Mr Jantzen 604 946 2309/ [cjband7@gmail.com](mailto:cjband7@gmail.com)

## PARKING REMINDERS & TRAFFIC REPORT

Thank you to our wonderful school opener/crossing guard (on River Road), Dal, as well as our grade 7 volunteers on Admiral Blvd. for all of their efforts to keep us safe.

This is a gentle reminder that as the mornings grow darker, and the weather gets wetter, please use extra caution and slow down on your way to the school. Students are expected to dress appropriately for all weather at recess and lunch hour and should be able to walk safely to school.



Our local Delta Police constables have visited and noticed that there were cars parked in No Parking zones. This is especially unsafe close to the crosswalk where visibility is even more important.

We would also like to remind parents that the school parking lot is for Staff Only. This includes drop-offs before and after school. Please use the pullouts on Admiral Blvd. and students can walk in.

**OPEN HOUSE** Thursday September 28th  
6-7pm No formal gathering - take the time to  
wander the halls, meet the teachers and check out  
the classrooms.

## Emergency Release Drill September 29th @2pm

Please make sure that your emergency contact info is correct on ParentConnect

In order to practice for a real emergency, we will be holding our Emergency Release Day on September 29th at 2:00pm. Students will evacuate the school as if a real emergency has happened and gather on the playing field to practice a full release to parents/guardians, just as if there was an actual emergency/natural disaster.

(If the weather is poor, we will muster students in the gym for the release)

This can be a stressful process for students and parents and we will do our best to ensure an orderly and organized process.

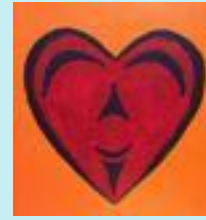
Please make sure that you have signed onto Parent Connect and filled out all of the forms and emergency contact information to update each student's information for this school year. We can not release a student to an adult that is not listed as an emergency contact (so the student will have to wait until 3pm dismissal).

This is a good time to go over your Family Emergency Preparedness Plan and discuss - who would be available to pick up my child? If you know that you would not be available during a real emergency, perhaps you should have a plan for a nearby friend/relative to be an emergency contact.

If you have any questions about our drill, please contact Mrs. Palmer at the school.

## Orange Shirt Day

Monday, October 2



### The Story Behind Orange Shirt Day

"I went to the Mission for one year. I had just turned 6 years old. We never had very much money, and there was no welfare, but somehow my granny managed to buy me a new outfit to go to the Mission School in. I remember going to Robinson's store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It had eyelets and lace, and I felt so pretty in that shirt and excited to be going to school! Of course, when I got to the Mission, they stripped me, and took away my clothes, including the orange shirt. I never saw it again, except on other kids. I didn't understand why they wouldn't give it back to me, it was mine! Since then the colour orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing." -Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, Dog

Join us and hundreds of others across Canada and wear an orange shirt on October 2nd to honour the children who survived the Indian Residential Schools and remember those who did not.

**Terry Fox Twoonie Drive will start on Thursday after our kickoff assembly and run. Parent Volunteers are needed to line the course and keep us on track. Please contact the office if you are available on Thursday 12:30-2pm.**

