



Jessie Wowk News – September 25 – 29

Sept. 25 Monday	Terry Fox Run @ 1:30 pm
Sept. 26 Tuesday	PAC Meeting – 7:00 pm in the Library
Sept. 27 Wednesday	Hot Lunch: Pizza Day (Order on Munch-a-Lunch) Fun Run Practice @ 8:00 am / Grades 1 – 7 (see below for details)
Sept. 28 Thursday	Hot Lunch: Sushi Day (Order on Munch-a-Lunch) Fire Drill @ 10:20 am
Sept. 29 Friday	Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

As a school and district, we are dedicated to fostering an inclusive and compassionate environment for all our students, families, and staff. As we approach September 30, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, we wanted to share with you a few important events that are taking place in our school and district.

On September 22, 2023, our entire district staff will be engaging in a day of learning about Indigenous History, First Peoples Principles of Learning, and our collective role in reconciliation. Please note, this is a Non-Instructional Day and schools will not be in session.

Additionally, in honour of the children lost and the generations impacted by residential schools, we will be displaying the orange “Every Child Matters” flag in our school. We are fortunate to have been gifted this flag through the fundraising efforts of the Student Social Justice Committee at Hugh Boyd Secondary. This student led committee worked hard to raise funds to provide each school in our district with an “Every Child Matters” flag as part of their action towards Truth and Reconciliation. The flag serves as a collective dedication to learning, understanding, healing and reconciliation.



Please note that Friday, September 29th is an opportunity to wear orange to recognize the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and also honour their families and communities . We are encouraging all members of our community to wear orange and show a collective commitment to ensure that Every Child Matters.

To learn more, please go to www.orangeshirtday.org

Finally, a reminder that the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation occurs each year on September 30th. As this occurs on Saturday this year, the statutory day will be on Monday, October 2, 2023, and therefore school will not be in session on this day. [HERE](#) you will find a resource that families can use to spark conversation and learn more.

Terry Fox Run

This Monday, September 25th we will be having our school Terry Fox Run. The run will begin around 1:45 pm and families are welcome to come and cheer their child(ren) on! Students will be running around the back field and the run should take approximately 30 minutes. We sincerely thank all families who have brought a toonie for Terry to school or who have made a pledge. There is still time to donate as we will be collecting donations next week as well. Here is our school's like to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation directly:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/32622>



Please go here to learn about the Terry Fox Foundation: <https://terryfox.org>

Cross Country Fun Run Information

This year Jessie Wowk will be participating in the school district's annual Cross Country Fun Run at Garry Point Park on October 17th at 3:30 pm. Students in grades 1 – 7 are welcome to participate in this event. Leading up the event, running practices will be held on the following dates at 8:00 am:

Wednesday, Sept. 27

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Wednesday, Oct 11

Monday, Oct. 16

Students who would like to participate are to have a consent form signed by their family and brought to their child's teacher or to the first practice. Mr. Ray has visited classes and handed out forms to students who were interested. If you did not get a form and would like one, please contact the office. Also, If there are any parents who are able to support with supervision of our students during our running practices, please check the box on the consent form. I would like to thank Mr. Ray and Ms. Huang for being running coaches this year of the Fun Run program!

Signing In at the Office: We Need Your Help ☺

This is just a reminder for families that if your child must leave early for an appointment or is arriving late, we ask that you please have your child sign out or sign in at the office. This little step helps ensure that we are always aware of where our students are and we very much appreciate your support with this.



Book Fair - Two Weeks Away

The countdown is on for the Scholastic book fair. Parents, grandparents, older and younger siblings are all welcome. Students will bring home a small flyer next week highlighting some of the books that will be for sale, as well as a ticket to enter a family draw to win \$25 in books for your family and \$25 in books for your child's classroom. Thank you to parents who have signed up to volunteer; a few other volunteer spots are available and can be accessed [here](#).

Parent Resource for Raising Digitally Responsible Youth

Safer Schools Together has published a [parent guide](#) for Raising Digitally Responsible Youth. The guide was designed to help introduce parents and caregivers to leading social media platforms, video games, and relevant trends that are either being used already or have the potential to be used by their children, and includes tips, how-to's and definitions. Please access the resource for more information and it is included as an attachment with this newsletter.

PAC Message and Announcements



Order Hot Lunch Now!



Every Wednesday & Thursday!

Munch a Lunch

<http://munchalunch.com>

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CALLING ALL PARENTS!!!

FIRST PAC MEETING



**SEPT
26
7PM**

TOPIC TO DISCUSS:

- HOT LUNCHES
- SCHOOL EVENTS
- VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES
- ... AND MUCH MORE!



**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL PAC AT
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DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

- 1** Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2** Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3** Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4** Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5** Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
- 6** Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.



Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct
is available online at:
sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct

Important Dates Coming Up

Sept 22 – Non - Instructional Day
Sept 25 – Terry Fox Run / Welcome Back Assembly
Sept 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Oct. 2 – Statutory Holiday for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
October 4 - Haida Storyteller Performance
October 4 and October 5 – Parent Teacher Conferences

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Dates (September)

15 – 17 – [Rosh Hashana](#) (Judaism)
24 – [Kol Nidrei](#) (Judaism)
24 – 25 [Yom Kippur](#) (Judaism)
26 – 27 Mawild-al (Islam)
30 - [National Day of Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day \(Indigenous\)](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information for our Jessie Wowk Community. As always, if you have any questions, please contact us here at the school.

Sincerely,

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