September, 2023

Dear Wes Hosford Family,

For those of you new to the school, I usually send an update to the newsletter, about midmonth, to remind you of upcoming dates or to share new information.

Our start up was a huge success, including an incredible turn out at our Meet the Staff event! Thank you for coming! And thank you to our School Council and Fundraising Society who were there, manning their booths, and answering your questions. We have an amazing, dedicated team of parents and they are always looking for more people to share their perspectives!

First School Council and Fundraising Society Meeting!

A reminder to please join us in the library, or virtually, next Thursday, September 21, in the school library at 6:30. All are welcome!

Hot Lunch Orders



Ordering for term 1 closes tomorrow, September 15th! Go to Munchalunch.com to order!

Please Label Coats and Hoodies

Our lost and found is always overflowing. Please label everything you possibly can! :D

Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters!

A reminder that Orange Shirt Day is coming up, so we will be wearing our orange shirts on **Friday, September 29.** If your child does not have anything orange to wear, we will offer a little, orange, paper t-shirt to pin to their shirt, if they wish to.



Terry Fox

Did you know that every year, people in over 30 different countries participate in the Terry Fox School Run? This year, our school will be participating in the Terry Fox School Run on Friday, September 22nd so that we can all come together in our efforts to raise funds for cancer research and keep up our strong school spirit!



Last year our school raised \$2,441 towards cancer research, which is so awesome! If we can raise more than that this year, we will celebrate with a school hat day! Remind your family and friends to donate to our school online. Please use this link to donate: https://schools.terryfox.ca/WesHosford

We will also be sharing daily messages about the qualities of perseverance, empathy, teamwork, and optimism that are all very evident in Terry's Marathon of Hope.

<u>Library</u>

Students have started visiting the library, which they will do once a week, and will choose books to take home to read. Different grades are able to sign out different numbers of books. The books are to be returned the following week. They can be renewed at that time, but only one renewal is allowed as other students may be waiting for the book to become available. Students signing out books they choose themselves fosters a love of reading and promotes a sense of responsibility, as students must take good care of the books and remember to return them.



If your child forgets their book, they will be reminded to return it as soon as possible. They cannot sign out another book until the missing one is returned. If the book is forgotten a second time, you will be notified so that you can encourage your child to look for the book. If the book is missing a third time, an email regarding the replacement cost of the book will be sent home and will be added as a

fee to your account. If the book is found at a later date within the school year, the fee can be reimbursed.

Whenever possible, listen to your child read; daily is ideal. Reading to your child is equally important. Taking turns is great!

Practice at home is so important. It strengthens skills taught at school, fosters a love for reading, starts good habits and shows your children that it is important to you!

Important Dates

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- 15 Munchalunch ordering closes
- 18 Popcorn Day!
- 21 Parent Council Meeting at 6:30
- 22 Treat Day and Terry Fox Run
- 28 Saffron Presentation Cyberworld hosted at Glen Allan School -see WHF <u>calendar</u> for details
- 29 Hot Lunch and Orange Shirt Day
- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October

- 4 Early Dismissal at 2:10
- 6 Staff PL Day no school for students
- 16 Individual and class photos
- 17 Individual and class photos for KTB