

As we move into the heart of the fall season, our school community continues to focus on learning, connection, and giving back. Over the coming weeks, students will participate in important events that promote reflection, empathy, and school spirit. We look forward to recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation together, supporting the Terry Fox Foundation through our annual Terry Fox Run, and strengthening home-school partnerships during Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Thank you to all the families who attended our Meet the Teacher Night. It was wonderful to see so many parents and caregivers in our school, learning about classroom programs, meeting staff, and building connections with our school community. We appreciate your partnership and ongoing support as we work together to make this a successful and rewarding school year for all students.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education. Together, we continue to make Peter Ewart Middle School a welcoming, caring, and inclusive place for all learners.

The following are a few reminders of upcoming events and some new information.

From the School.....

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we will hold a school-wide assembly on September 29th to honour the lost children and survivors of residential schools, along with their families and communities. This important gathering provides an opportunity for reflection, learning, and a shared commitment to reconciliation.

Terry Fox Run

Peter Ewart's Terry Fox Run is happening on Friday, October 9th. Last year we raised over **\$6500** in Terry Fox donations. This year, we are selling Terry Fox t-shirts that you can purchase on School Cash Online. All proceeds from t-shirt sales go towards our school's fundraising total, and the class that raises the most money in each grade will get a prize. In addition to donations are being accepted online and in classrooms. Thank you for your support!

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on October 21st from 2:00-4:30pm and October 22nd from 2:00-7:30pm. Both days are early dismissal days where students will be dismissed 1 hour early.

An email will be sent home to book interviews using School Appointments.

Retakes Picture Day:

Retakes will take place on October 9th in the morning.

From the district.....

Emergency Procedures in Schools

Schools follow emergency procedures and practice drills throughout the year to ensure students, staff, and any visitors at our sites are safe when unexpected incidents happen. The District encourages families to become familiar with emergency procedures to help you and your child be prepared. You will find the District's Emergency Procedures poster in schools and on the website [here](#).

Community Volunteers in Emergencies

Emergencies can happen unexpectedly due to weather events (e.g., earthquake or flooding) or unforeseen situations in the community. The health and safety of students, staff, and families is the District's priority. The District, together with schools, follow emergency procedures to respond to incidents as well as prevent them from happening.

In these circumstances, schools may rely on members of the community to assist with emergency responses. Administrators may send a request to parents/guardians to help volunteer with first aid, facilities and maintenance, safety and security, and general labour. Adults with special skills in health care, policing, and engineering would be an asset in an emergency. No action is needed from families at this time as the purpose is to keep families informed.

Important Dates:

- September 29 – Assembly for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Stat Holiday. School Closed)
- October 2 -- PAC Meeting 9:15 (Band Room)
- October 5 – World Teacher Day
- October 9 – Photo Retakes (am)
- October 9 – Terry Fox Run (pm)
- October 12 – Thanksgiving Monday (Stat Holiday. School Closed)
- October 21 – Parent/Teacher Interviews (1 Hour Early Dismissal)
- October 22 – Parent/Teacher Interviews (1 Hour Early Dismissal)
- October 23 – Professional Development Day (Students do not attend.)

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