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'We inspire competence, character and compassion'

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Families of Strathcona,

The end of September and beginning of October has brought forward a significant moment in Canadian History with the very first federal and provincial observation of Truth and Reconciliation Day of Remembrance on September 30th. As a school, students and staff wore orange shirts with some classes participating in a story walk reading around the school and learned about Phyllis Webstad's Orange Shirt story. We will continue learning throughout the school year to further understand Indigenous People of Canada, First People's Principle, and teachings from Judy Douglas who will spend 2 weeks at the school sharing stories and Halq'eméylem language lessons with classes.



This time of year, is also significant, as students learn about one of Canada's beloved Hero: Terry Fox. We are excited to announce students doubled the school goal and raised approximately \$1,260.05 for the Terry Fox Foundation! Thank you to our very generous school community for supporting this fundraising event. On Friday, the weather cooperated, and all students ran in memory of Terry.



Tuesday October 5th was World Teacher Day



A day we extend our appreciation and thanks to ALL Strathcona Staff, for their continuous dedication and commitment to our wonderful community.

West Coast Weather: Play Periods



Every day will be an outside day at Strathcona and all students are reminded to come dressed for the weather, particularly during rainy weather. Unless there is a severe rain, wind or snowstorm, students will be heading outside. With the arrival of cooler, colder weather, please make sure child has a jacket and appropriate footwear.



Lastly, thank you for your understanding and patience as we had to postpone our in-person Open House: Meet the Staff at Strathcona and pivot to virtual greeting. A video link has been emailed out to all families to introduce the staff and incredible team of Strathcona Elementary!

StrongStart is now open! Our site is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's from 8:30-11:15am. Click here for more information or to register: <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/strong-start>

Mask Wearing

Last week, the BC provincial government expanded its provincial Health and Safety measures with a mandate of mask wearing in schools for students from Kindergarten – Grade 12. Staff are working with all students to teach and support them in learning to wear a mask at school. As we do with Grade 4 and 5 students, plenty of mask break opportunities. Disposable masks have been made available in classrooms and students in Kindergarten – Grade 3 received 2 re-usable masks.

Here are some helpful links to use with your kindergarten to Grade 3 student about how to safely wear a mask.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LsTSkUUK9v0>
- <https://thekidshouldseethis.com/post/how-to-wear-a-mask-in-school-kids-video>



For more information on provincial health and safety measures in schools, see the

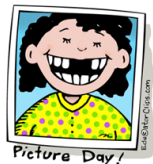
[Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings.](#)

Communication – Home and School

<https://www.sd33.bc.ca/communication-home-and-school>

Photo Retake Day

Thursday, October 28th.



PAC Meeting

Our next PAC Meeting will be held on Monday, October 18th.



HEALTH CHECK.

Students feeling sick should remain at home while waiting for test results, Fraser Health authorities will advise on individual return to school conditions and timelines for students.



Parents/guardians are required to assess their children daily and disclose whether they are experiencing any signs of illness and are expected to keep them home if they are. Parents/guardians are asked to utilize this screening checklist prior to sending their student(s) each day. All students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should seek appropriate medical attention as required, including getting tested at a COVID-19 testing centre.

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>