



## Principal Message

As a staff and school district, we continue to grow in our knowledge and understanding of Canada's Indigenous People and our role in Truth & Reconciliation. As well, students continue to learn about the history of Orange Shirt Day, Residential Schools and the history of Canada's Indigenous People.

Last Thursday, several classes walked together in the neighbourhood in honour of Canada's National Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30<sup>th</sup>. This past Wednesday, all school staff, participated in an *All-Staff* District Meeting that focussed on furthering our understanding of our role and responsibility in the call to action for Truth and Reconciliation. If you would like to learn a more about this important commitment, you may wish to visit: <https://kids.joyfullearning.net/orangeshirtday/>, read the book: **The Valley of the Birdtail** or learn more about the [Truth and Reconciliation 94 Calls to Action](#).

Last Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, was a day of learning and planning for staff. The day began with a presentation from Angela Murphy – teacher, author, school psychologist and Complex Trauma Resource Director who wholeheartedly believes ALL students can learn and no child is intrinsically bad. Afterwards, staff met to discuss ways to begin implementing information and strategies presented with students and their classes. If you are interested in knowing more about her work, you may wish to visit her [website](#).

As part of our commitment to supporting all students as learners and a school community of inclusivity, we look forward to implementing and refining the many learnings from the past couple of weeks.

~Ms. Kass



**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION:** ⇨8:15 -8:25am; 2:25 -2:35pm

Teachers are on supervision for 10 minutes before the morning bell, and for 10 minutes after the dismissal bell. It is our hope that all students arrive and depart from school within those times. Should students be dropped off prior to 8:20am, please note that they are not supervised and they do not have access to their classroom prior to 8:20 am. Any students not picked up by 2:33 pm will wait at the main office.



### ABSENCES, LATES & EARLY PICK UPS

Please use the “School Messenger” app to access the [“Safe Arrival”](#) management system. This is a super easy way to let us know that your child(ren) will be late or absent. Any students that arrive after the morning bell (8:25 am) **MUST** report to the office. If you will be picking your child up early, please let the classroom teacher know beforehand so s/he can help properly prepare your child for early pick-up.

**Any students that are leaving early MUST be picked-up & signed-out at the office.**

### SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

Communication & connection with our community is important and we want to be able to share & celebrate with you regularly. Please be sure to check out the info shared via the following platforms:

#### SCHOOL MESSENGER

Email blasts and automated phone calls from the school/district



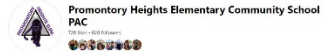
#### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Your go to! Find us. Bookmark us. Check back regularly.



#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow the PAC Facebook Page



### DROP-OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES

The lane along the sidewalk in front of the school is for *QUICK* drop-offs and pick-ups. Drivers are to remain in their vehicle. Families are encouraged to have students exit the vehicle along the sidewalk.

### PARKING REMINDER

Due to limited parking availability, angled parking stalls are for staff only. With having more staff than available parking stalls, some staff will double park in stalls -however, the school maintains a record of employee vehicles for quick reference as to the owner of the vehicle for if and when it is preventing another staff member from exiting the parking stall.



Visitors to the school who require quick, short-term parking, **may parallel park behind parking stalls in the 2 designated areas as shown in the diagram below.** Please do not double, angle park.

A reminder the *‘Drive Through – No Stopping’* lane has the right away -meaning those who park will need to wait until the Drive Through Lane is clear before re-entering the drive through lane. It is also requested to respect the marked cone areas and not remove the cones to park.

For those wishing to get out of their vehicle or walking their child to the class line up area, please park in the designated areas or access parking on the street and use the sidewalks to gain access to the school and playground areas. **Note the back upper parking lot is for staff only**

## **SPORTCHEK**

We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sport Chek and store manager, Sharon Pronk, for providing the school with 60+ quality running shoes at significant discount that will be made available for students! THANK YOU SO MUCH!



## **FAIR NOTICE LETTER**

The Chilliwack School District is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. All schools take all threatening comments and behaviour seriously. There are specific protocols and procedures followed to address threat-making behaviour in order to keep students, staff, and the community safe. The [District's Fair Notice](#) document provides information on how the district and school respond to threat-making behaviour that occur in schools.

## **HALLOWEEN**

Are you getting your Halloween costume ready for this year? The countdown to Halloween has begun for many excited and eager students (and staff). We are looking forward to a fun, festive, and far-from-scary day at Promontory and seeing imaginations soar as students and families create and plan something truly exciting!

However, while brainstorming and planning your costume, it is important to keep in mind that your costume should not make anyone feel uncomfortable or disrespected.

Students have options regarding what to wear on October 31<sup>st</sup>:

- ✓ Costume
- ✓ Dress in Orange & Black
- ✓ Where regular clothing

We want all students to have a fabulous and fun day!

If you choose to send your child in a costume, there are a few important things that you need to know:

1. No weapons of any kind
2. No full-face masks
3. No blood or gore
4. No cultural stereotypes
5. Must be easy to remove for bathroom visits
6. Potential for Costumes to get dirty etc.



## **PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY – OCT. 8, 2024**

Ryan here from Made the Grade Photography. I hope this message finds you all well. I have a little information about your child's school photos that I wanted to share. First, it came to my attention that there are several parents that might not have received their QR access forms after picture day. If you didn't receive your form or if you've misplaced it, please be sure to reach out to me at [ryan@madethegrade.ca](mailto:ryan@madethegrade.ca) with your child's name and which school they attend so I can send you your access code without delay.

Parents that order before **October 14th** will be the first to get their child's school photos in hand. These images capture the joy and milestones of your child's early school years, preserving precious memories you'll cherish for years to come. Be sure not to miss out!

***\*If you'd like your child to take part in retake day (Tuesday, October 8th), please be sure to email me and let me know as I'll be handling the retake list for the school. Please DO NOT contact the school in this regard. If I'm not emailed with a retake request, chances are your child will not be called down to the gym for retakes.***

Thanks so much and I hope you all have a wonderful week! If you have any questions at all you know how to reach me 😊.

Ryan Ponte  
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778 960 8394



### **BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, HEELYS AND OTHER WHEELED ITEMS**

A reminder that these “wheeled” modes of transportation should be **walked onto and off of school grounds for safety reasons**. This includes the front of school sidewalk. With many younger students and pre-school children walking or running about an unfortunate accident could occur.

***Students riding these wheeled modes of transportations must also be wearing a helmet.***



### **PERSONAL ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND TOYS**



Students often would like to bring a beloved toy or one of their electronic devices to school.

Teachers will have shared with families their classroom routines and “rules” for bringing these to the class. In general, students are encouraged to leave these devices at home. Recognizing the importance these items hold for students and family, we don’t want them to be broken, damaged or misplaced as ***we cannot be responsible for their safekeeping while at school.***

***the play***

Please note for students who have a personal cell phone device, they are to be turned off, kept in student’s backpacks. ***Students are not allowed to use cell phones while at school, in class or during periods and due to privacy concerns, cannot take photos or videos of students at school.*** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER**

Our fall weather is often filled with rainy days. Students will go out for play periods at recess and lunch, unless there is a downpour, thunderstorm or snow storm with freezing temperatures. Please ensure your child is well prepared for the day’s weather, has the proper coat and footwear. Families are encouraged to include a spare set of socks and/or pants in your child’s backpack in case a quick change into dry clothes is needed.

### **COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR SCHOOL AND/OR TEACHER**

To ensure success for students at school, it is important for the schools and families to work together. If a question, concern or issue arises, families are encouraged to speak with their child’s teacher first. The District has a Communication Protocol to guide communication protocols that can be found on the both the [school](#) and [district](#) websites.

## **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES AND EARLY DISMISSAL**

**On October 17<sup>th</sup>, Teachers will be scheduling Parent Teacher conferences from 2:30pm - 6:30pm.**

Each teacher will be sending home information about how conferences for their class and how you can book an appointment, if you would like to meet your child's classroom teacher.



If you would like to meet with the PE, Music, MakerSpace, Librarian, Learning Assistance or Resource Teachers to discuss the additional learning support your child is receiving, you can email the teacher or phone the school. As a very important and key partner of our school and your child's education, we look forward to meeting with you.

**October 18<sup>th</sup> is Early Dismissal day, where students will be dismissed at 11:25 am**