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October 2017 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Prince of Wales School is great place to be! In my first few weeks, I have met many great students, parents and community members. My name is Mr. Smith and I am the new Principal. I have been very impressed with the high level of community support that really helps us as we work to impact the lives of our students. We also have a new Vice Principal, Ms. Trimble and we are looking forward to getting to know Prince of Wales, its school community and the many community partners!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Elections will be held in early October. We will share the results with our school community in the coming weeks. Nominations close October 2nd (forms can be found on our school website and in our school office).

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The next Home & School meeting will be held on Monday, October 3rd at 9:15 a.m.

MEET THE TEACHER IS COMING!

Meet The Teacher will be held on Thursday, October 5th from 3pm—4:30pm. Sadly there will not be a BBQ this year. We will consider what this looks like for events in the Spring of 2018. Parents are reminded that this event isn't built to support a parent/teacher interview. We encourage parents to make an appointment with the teacher if they need more detailed information about their child's progress. See you next Thursday!

SCHOOL INFORMATION

At this point in the school year we have approximately 660 students at Prince of Wales. Due to our enrollment, we have just completed a reorganization period where we have balanced classes which has resulted in a change to include a Gr. 2/3 Split. Many thanks to our parents and staff who worked together to make our new configuration possible.

We have had some challenged with our **Courtesy Bus** run, specifically the Beach Road run. Presently we have very few open seats on that bus run with over 25 new families requesting a seat. We will not be able to approve all requests. New applicants will be contacted the week of Sept. 25th with unsuccessful applicants placed on a waiting list. A request for an extra bus for this run was not approved for this school year.

Parents are reminded to pick up their children on the playground instead of inside the school building at the end of the school day.

This Friday is **Orange Shirt Day**. This is the 1st year our school board, on September 29th, will honour the lives of the survivors of Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Wear Orange on Friday!

HOLIDAY

Thanksgiving is coming in October. Just a reminder—no school for students on Monday October 9th.

MOHAWK AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Parents interested in having their child take Mohawk as a Second Language... There will be two intake dates during the school year, the end of September and the end of February. Our next intake will be in February 2018.