



Elizabeth Bagshaw Elementary School

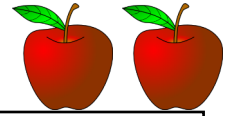
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October 2020 Newsletter

Our first month has proven to be quite a successful start and here we are, already into October. Students are doing a fantastic job following the different school protocols and trying their best to adapt to the situation. Despite the current situation, we are trying to provide lots of great opportunities for learning and building relationships with caring adults and wonderful students.

Many students took part in our Terry Fox Run/Walk on September 29 and quite a few showed up in their orange shirts to acknowledge Orange Shirt Days. We took some time to honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learn more about the history of those schools.



Upcoming Dates:

October 12, 2020—Thanksgiving Day (No School)

October 27, 2020—Progress Report cards sent home

October 30, 2020—Stay tune for more information about Halloween Activities at school

Progress Report Cards

As you might have notice in the dates above that Progress reports will be coming home on October 27th this year. This means that all of our educators have begun to assess students in many different areas of the curriculum. Please note that the progress report is not a final grade or a mark. The purpose of the progress report is to give students and parents early and specific feedback regarding general progress during the first two months of the school year. The Progress Report will tell you how well your child is developing in their learning skills and work habits, as well as how they are progressing in all subject areas. Teachers use the information they have learned about the students in the first six weeks of school – through conversations with students, observations of student thinking and doing, and some products of student work – to help plan for students and determine how best they can help them become successful.

Contacting Parents

Every school year it is of utmost importance that we have up to date telephone numbers and email addresses in case we need to reach parents.

We have noticed that we already have a few contact numbers that are not working. If you have updated your telephone number(s), please let us know as soon as possible.



Masks

Students are expected to wear non-medical reusable masks when on Board property. Please remember to either replace or wash your child's mask on a regular basis.

The best thing you can do to prevent spreading COVID-19 is to wash your hands frequently with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. If none is available, use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

To protect others, you should also:

- stay at home if you are ill
- maintain a 2-metre physical distance from others
- when physical distancing cannot be maintained, consider wearing a non-medical mask or homemade face covering and avoid touching your face, mouth, nose or eyes.

Reporting Student Absences 1-844-506-4350

Students and parents will have significantly limited access to the main office. Therefore, all parents are expected to report absences through School Messenger or a direct phone call to the school.

Early Dismissal: If a student needs to be dismissed early, the parent must enter the pick-up time in School messenger. In case of emergencies, the parent must call the office directly with this information.

If your child will be absent from school, please contact School Messenger by phone, app or website before 9:30 AM.

1. Use the website, go.schoolmessenger.ca. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app. The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then Report an Absence.
3. Call toll-free 1-844-506-4350 to report an absence using the automated phone system. Using this method does not require setting up an account.

In order to use the app, you must have an email address on file with the school. Please contact the office if you are unable to set up your account.

Medical Updates

If your child has any sort of medical needs or allergies please call the school or email so that we can send the appropriate Plan of Care form as well as be made aware child's condition. This would be a big help especially if the symptoms are similar to the ones outlined on the screening sheet.

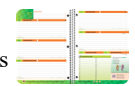
School Council

Your Voice in School Council is one of the most effective and rewarding ways that parents/guardians can get involved in their children's learning. Parents who take part in School Councils have the opportunity to voice their opinions on school issues and decisions on behalf of parents and community members in your school community. Students succeed when parents have a positive attitude about the importance of good education. In order to form a School Council we will be reaching out for direction to determine how we can do the elections and have meetings virtually. We will be sending out an invitation to all parents as it is expected that the school inform all parents of the opportunity to run for a parent position on school council within the 1st 30 days of the school year.



Agendas

In the past, as a school we normally give out agendas to help in our communication between home and school. This year due to safety restrictions and trying to reduce both parents and teachers handling items going back from school to home and vice-versa, we have decided not to use agendas for the time being. Once the situation improves, we will send your child home with an agenda. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher or call/email us at the school.



The Importance of Sleep

We are noticing that a number of students are coming to school tired and mentioning that they are going to bed quite late. We know that for some their bed routines might have been interrupted as they were off for quite a while, however this is time to get them back on a regular routine. Sleep is an essential part of everyone's routine and an indispensable part of a healthy lifestyle. Studies have shown that kids who regularly get an adequate amount of sleep have improved attention, behavior, learning, memory, and overall mental and physical health. Not getting enough sleep can lead to high blood pressure, obesity and even depression.