



*Home of the Road Runners*

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## September Newsletter

**Welcome Back from your Principal:** Welcome back to a new school year! Our staff are looking forward to having your children back for an exciting year of learning. Welcome to all our returning students and a special welcome to our new students and families. Wishing our families all the best, and I look forward to connecting with you throughout the year! - Mr. Doug Brown, Principal

### Big Thank You:

**Thank you** to all our staff who diligently worked to welcome students back to school, making sure all classrooms are welcoming and safe spaces. A special thanks to our custodians Karen and Bastion who did incredible work cleaning the school over the summer months to make our school safe and clean.

### Communication & Reminders:

**SD27 Website:** Our school has a website! Check out the Chilcotin Road page on the district website. Newsletters will be emailed home the first week of each month. The newsletters will also be posted on our website as well.

**You can also find our Chilcotin Road PAC on Facebook:** "Chilcotin Road PAC" - This is a good resource to check for new or updated school celebrations of school community and culture. We ask that only parents of Chilcotin Road Elementary join this page.

**Safe Arrival Program:** Chilcotin Road will continue to use the student absence reporting system called "SafeArrival". If you need help with the program, please call our office. Please have clear communication with your child's teacher about absents and other classroom issues. This helps us cut down on calls to the office.



**Code of Conduct:** The Chilcotin Road Code of Conduct will be reviewed at our September Assembly by Mr. Brown. Families should review the Code of Conduct and the Family Handbook located on our school website. Both documents have been sent out via email as well. Hard copies are available in the office as needed. Our revised Code of Conduct frames all behaviour as communication, with the Circle of Courage at the center. This is a strength based, resilience-focused

approach rooted in the principle that to be emotionally healthy, all youth need a sense of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. Please review at home with your whole family. Common language supports our collective good work.

**Student Verification Packages:** A package of forms has gone home with each child. Please **DO NOT** separate the pages. Return entire package back to your child's teacher. Please review carefully and make any changes necessary right on the form, **sign, and date the last page**. It is important that email addresses and telephone numbers are current.

**School Food Program:** We are pleased to continue to offer a school food program for students who need it. Every classroom receives a "Brain Food Bin" each morning with some grab and go food items. At recess time, a staff member will ask who in each classroom needs a full lunch, or a healthy top-up (additional lunch snack). The staff member then prepares *that many* lunches and top-ups for the day. It is important that students who need this program self-advocate and sign up each day as needed. There is **no cost** to this program, and **no need to contact** the school office. If you're interested in helping with our program or have any questions, please contact Doug Brown in the office. If kids are hungry, we will feed them.

### Mark your Calendars / Events:

**PAC Meeting:** Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Staffroom – all parents/guardian's welcome!

**Terry Fox Run:** Chilcotin Road's Terry Fox run will be scheduled for Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>, at **1:30 pm**. Families are welcome to run with us. This year's theme is #NoMatterWhat.

**Pro-D Day (Monday September 23) – No School for Students.**

**Photo Day:** We are still on the hunt for a professional photographer so please stay tuned...

**Orange Shirt Day:** Our school will recognize Orange Shirt Day on Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Please wear orange! Our Grade 5/6 classes will be joining the community and other schools from the district at the WLFN Arbor for a day of events and excellent learning.

**Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> is a STAT – No school in session.**

**Cross-Country Run:** Chilcotin Road student athletes in grades 3-6 (who practice with the team) can participate in the annual Cross-Country Run on Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>. Interested students will bring home a permission form later in September. Practices will begin soon.

**Volleyball:** Inter-school sports for our grade 5/6 athletes begins with volleyball! The volleyball season begins later in October and practices will begin near the start of that month. Thank you, so far, to Mr. Rolston who will help with practices and coaching. We will only be having 2 teams this year, one grade 5/6 Boys and one 5/6 Girls.