Marie Sharpe Elementary Newsletter

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We kindly ask parents to use the classroom back and forth book as a way to get messages to the school. If your child will be picked up by a different person, the teacher needs to get the information. If your child is going home in the usual way, there is no need to communicate that. Calling the office to give the information isn't always reliable as it gets busy throughout the day. Please reserve calls for emergency and unexpected changes only.

School Supplies

Thank you to all the families who have already paid for school supplies. If cost is a barrier, please let us know. We will make sure every child has supplies.

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Dates to Remember

Sept 22 – pro-d day

Sept 26 – Terry Fox Run

Sept 27 – Open House

PAC meeting

Sept 28 – Orange Shirt Day

Sept 29 – No School for

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Sept 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Personal belongings: Toys and Technology

We will continue to ask caregivers to check and make sure their child is not bringing toys to school. Toys often create a distraction in classrooms and get lost on the playground creating understandable grief. This applies to technology as well. If your child brings their phone to school, we ask that it is kept in their backpack for the entire day. Please have this conversation with your child so that they understand that this will be the expectation here at school. If there is an emergency, students can use the phone in the office.

Meals Program

Our meals program will be up and running next week. If your child will need a daily lunch, please call the school or email me at kelly.glen@sd27.bc.ca

We hope to also have a couple hot meals a month for the whole school, but we are desperately looking for parents, caregivers, grandparents etc to come help support this. You do not have to commit to all of the meals, but we would like to offer one hot meal per week for our students (spaghetti, chilli, soup, grilled cheese, etc... simple is key). The school will provide funding and order all food needed to help make this easy for our volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer some time to come cook a meal for our students, please connect with me. This volunteer work could be partnered with our paid noon hour supervisor positions that are open. We would also appreciate feedback about our meals program and how to make it healthier and more accessible to our students in need.

Updated Emails

Most information will be sent home via email – if you got this newsletter in paper format but not email, please call the school to update your information.