



**VERMILION FORKS**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*"...where learners cooperate in a safe, friendly, respectful environment."*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that everyone is transitioning into school with ease and enjoyment!

Here are a few quick notes:

- Please make a note on your calendar that our Terry Fox run is starting at 2pm on **Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**. We require parent volunteers in order to make this event possible. Please call the office at 250-295-6642 if you are able to help from approximately 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm.
- This year we are making gym strip an option for students. We will leave it at your discretion if you would like your child to change for every gym class.
- A big "thank you" to the Princeton Horizon Church, Princeton Fields and Telus for very generously donating school supplies to our school!
- We will update parents early next week about our band program.

**BUS AND PARENT CONSENT FORMS**

You were emailed information on how to register your child through our School District website. If your child is taking the school bus this year and you have not yet filled it out online, please do so by **September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

You were also emailed information on how to fill out the yearly parent consent forms through the MyEducation parent portal. If you are having difficulties logging in, forget your login information or require a parent portal account, then please call our secretary and she will be happy to assist you.

The parent portal is where you will be able to review and change your child's demographics (address, emergency contacts, etc), review your child's report card, fill out your yearly consents, and much more! All parents are asked to setup a parent portal account as we are moving towards being a paperless school.

Please ensure you have filled out all the online parent consent forms by **September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

### **KIDSPORT GRANTS**

If you're looking to register your child in sport, but costs are holding you back, KidSport may be able to help. KidSport provides grants to children (18 and under) from families facing financial barriers so they can participate in registered sport programs.

You can apply online at [kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/provincial-fund](https://kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/provincial-fund) (or find your local chapter) or complete a paper application and mail it in. Paper applications are available on the KidSport website or from your local chapter.

A few important details to keep in mind:

- Grants are to be used for the payment of sport participation/registration fees
- Canada Revenue Agency low-income guidelines are used in determining eligibility
- Camps, equipment, lessons, travel, fundraising, championships, etc. are not eligible expenses
- Only one application per calendar year, for one eligible sport, may be submitted
- Applications must be received prior to, or at the beginning of the requested season of sport
- Sport activities must demonstrate a sustained sport experience (a season of sport led by a qualified coach) and the sport activity must be affiliated with a Sport BC member organization

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Enclosed is a copy of our draft school calendar for this school year. You will be notified in advance if any dates change.

Here are some upcoming events around the school up until Winter Break:

**Monday, September 20:** Mrs. Cleven's hiking trip at China Ridge Trails.

**Friday, September 24:** Terry Fox Run at 2pm.

**Monday, September 27:** Mrs. Cleven's hiking trip at China Ridge Trails.

**Wednesday, September 29:** Orange Shirt Day.

**Thursday, September 30:** National Truth and Reconciliation Day. School is not in session.

**Monday, October 4:** Homework Club starts up.

**Wednesday, October 6:** P.A.C. meeting at 6pm by zoom. Please contact the office if you wish to be added to the virtual meeting.

**Friday, October 8:** School Photo Day.

**Monday, October 11:** Thanksgiving Day Stat Holiday. School is not in session.

**Thursday, October 21:** Interim #1 goes home.

**Friday, October 22:** Pro-Day Day. School is not in session for students.

**Friday, October 29:** Halloween dress up day. A reminder that our school is a "NUT-FREE ZONE". Be very careful that all Halloween candy sent to school is nut-free.

**Tuesday, November 2:** Instructed Yoga with Sagebrush Physio.

**Thursday, November 4:** School Picture Retake Day.

**Tuesday, November 9:** Instructed Yoga with Sagebrush Physio.

**Wednesday, November 10:** Remembrance Day Assembly.

**Thursday, November 11:** Remembrance Day. Stat Holiday. School is not in session.

**Tuesday, November 16:** Instructed Yoga with Sagebrush Physio.

**Friday, November 19:** Term 1 Report Cards are available on the parent portal.

**Tuesday, November 23:** Early Dismissal Day for Parent/Teacher interviews. School will be in session from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. School buses will run one hour earlier that day. Homework Club will run from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**Wednesday, November 24:** Early Dismissal Day for Parent/Teacher interviews. School will be in session from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. School buses will run one hour earlier that day. Homework Club will run from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**Tuesday, December 14:** Winter Concert – tentative.

**Friday, December 17:** Last day of school before the Winter Break. It is also “Tacky Sweater” day where students can dress up in their best holiday sweater, tacky or not.

**Tuesday January, 4:** School is back in session after the Winter Break.

You will be notified of other events in the school as they come up.

Thank you for your cooperation and support! If you have any questions or concerns, then please call the school at 250-295-6642.

