



**VERMILION FORKS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

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November 1, 2023

Dear Families,

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes are scheduled for after recess on **Wednesday, November 22nd**. Anyone who was away on Picture Day and who also asked for retakes will get their photos done this day. If you would like to add your child to the list of students to get retakes, please let the office know.

Grade 6/7 Volleyball Practice at PSS

If your child is participating in the volleyball practice at PSS with Mr. McConnell, please make a note of the date changes. The girls' practice will be on Wednesday, November 15th from 3:30 pm to 5pm and the boys' will be on Monday, November 20 from 3:30 pm to 5pm.

Poinsettia and Wreath Fundraiser

Our band program is putting on the poinsettia and wreath fundraiser again this year. All orders can be placed online at <https://princetonband.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>. They accept transfer, credit card, cash and interac. Deadline to order is Monday, November 20th. Pick up will be at Princeton Secondary School between 5pm and 7pm on Thursday, December 7th.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Early dismissal days are Tuesday, November 21st and Wednesday, November 22nd. School will end at 2pm so buses will be arriving at home

1 hour earlier in the afternoon. Please call the office to schedule a parent/teacher meeting with your child's teacher. Homework Club will run from 2pm to 4pm these days.

Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who raised money from our gift wrap fundraiser. We raised nearly \$2,000 that will go towards fun activities and events around our school, as well as some of the free books we give out to students at Christmas.

November Spirit Day

Friday, November 17th is our "Anything But A Backpack Day". Students are encouraged to leave their backpacks at home and bring their school supplies in a different type of container, such as a reusable grocery bag, a tote bag, a small suitcase or whatever else you can get creative with!

Nut-Free School

Please remember that VFE is a "nut-aware" school which means all food should be nut-free. We know students will be bringing in leftover candy in the weeks to come, so please make sure all candy is nut free.

Financial Assistance

Please reach out to the school if you require financial assistance for any school expenses like field trip, band fees, hot lunch, and much more.

Winter Clothing

With winter fast approaching, we ask that you please send your child to school with indoor shoes that they can leave inside and get changed into for the school day. Students are also asked to bring a winter coat, gloves, and hat for outdoor recess and lunch. If you need assistance to get indoor shoes or winter gear, please reach out to the office.

Shrek Field Trip

Grades 4 and Grades 5 have an opportunity to see *Shrek* the play on Thursday, December 7th. If your child ordered pizza hot lunch this day, then you can cancel your order through Munchalunch and receive a credit, or we can give your child their hot lunch order the following day.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

Wednesday, November 1: Instructed yoga during gym class. Grade 6 immunization forms are due. Lifetouch picture order forms are due.

Wednesday, November 8: Instructed yoga during gym class.

Friday, November 10: Remembrance Day Assembly at 9:30 am.

Monday, November 13: Remembrance Day Stat Holiday. School is not in session.

Wednesday, November 15: Instructed yoga during gym class. Girls' Grade 6/7 volleyball practice at PSS from 3:30 pm to 5pm.

Thursday, November 16: P.A.C. meeting at 6pm in our library.

Friday, November 17: Term 1 Report Cards are uploaded to the MyEducation Parent Portal Account. Please call the office if you require a paper copy sent home or if you need your login. It is also our "Anything But A Backpack" Spirit Day. Afternoon tournament for Grade 6/7 volleyball team at our school. Author visit for Grade 4/5 from 10:45 to 11:45 am.

Monday, November 20: Boys' Grade 6/7 volleyball practice at PSS from 3:30 pm to 5pm. Band poinsettia and wreath fundraiser orders are due.

Tuesday, November 21: 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 22: 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. Picture Retake Day after recess.

Friday, November 24: District tournament for 6/7 volleyball team in Merritt.

Friday, December 1: *Narnia* play at Riverside Centre in the morning for the whole school. Students will be bused to Riverside at 9am and will return to VFE around 11:45 am.

Thursday, December 7: *Shrek* play in Kamloops for students in Grades 4 & 5. Band poinsettia delivery at Princeton Secondary School between 5pm and 7pm.

Monday, December 18: Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal at PSS in the afternoon.

Tuesday, December 19: Winter Concert at PSS in the afternoon (time TBD).

Friday, December 22: Last day of school before the Winter Break.

Monday, January, 8: School is back in session after the Winter Break.

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

If you have any questions or concerns, then please call the school at 250-295-6642.

