

September 23rd, 2019

Newsletter # 2

We Are Nut Aware!

EDGEWOOD NEWS

TOGETHER WE SOAR!

Safety, Ownership, Achievement, Respect

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday, Sept. 24th

*Cross Country Meet
Heritage Elementary
Grades 3-7*

Friday, Sept. 27th

*Non Instructional Day
No school for students*

Monday, Sept. 30th

Orange Shirt Day

Wednesday, Oct. 2nd

*Cross Country Meet
Pinewood Elementary
Grades 2,3,4 only*

Monday, Oct. 7th

Individual and Class Photos

Thursday, Oct. 10th

Terry Fox Run 1:30 pm

Friday, Oct. 11th

*PAC Hot Lunch
Monthly Assembly 8:45*

Monday, Oct. 14th

*Thanksgiving Holiday
School Closed*

Thursday, Oct. 24th

*Open House
PAC Hot Lunch*

Friday, Oct. 25th

*NID
No school for students*

Nov. 4th – 8th

Luv2Groove Dance

Monday, Nov. 11th

*Remembrance Day
School Closed*

Friday, Nov. 22nd

*Primary CSL Day
No school K – 3 students*

Friday, Dec. 20th

*Last School Day Before
Winter Break*

Principal's Message

Dear Edgewood Parents,

We are into our last week of September at Edgewood and are officially into the fall season. We are excited for what lies ahead the next few weeks. Please refer to the calendar to the left for many important dates and events for our school.

Since our last newsletter, Our **current enrollment** is 214. We welcome our newest student, Nicole P. As we continue to grow in population, please know changes could still occur to our overall class and school organization.

Our **theme for the month** of September was introduced to students at our first monthly assembly. The theme: **Safety (=Self-Control)**. Our **Cross-country Running Team** is literally off and running thanks to our staff sponsors. Please read further in the newsletter for more important information regarding our running team and upcoming events.

We are very excited to support **National Orange Shirt Day**, which recognizes the existence of Residential Schools in Canada. Students are encouraged to wear orange or any brightly coloured shirt next Monday, September 30th.

Students will be receiving their **first snack** from the BC Agriculture's Fruit and Veggie Program for which we are a part of. This week snack is apples.

There are many important **School District policies** for parents to be aware of and review each school year. These policies can be found on the School District Website or right click on the links below and follow the prompts.

[Policy 5131 District Code of Student Conduct](#)

[Policy 6179 Acceptable Use of Networks](#)

[Policy 3541.35 Winter Weather](#)

[Policy 3542.3 Healthy Food Choices in Schools](#)

[Policy 5101 Financial Hardship](#)

Lastly, it is our hope to get our **school website** updated this week. We have encountered some technical difficulties. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

Health and Safety Need to Knows:

Safety Drill Update

We had our first of 6 Fire Drill practices last week, and it went exceptionally well. We thank you for your support with having discussion about these drills at home.

We had our first ever "3 Whistle" Drill practice which also went exceptionally well. We have had many reports of wildlife in the neighbourhood. This drill enables us to clear the school yard as quickly as possible during play times should we need. If you see wildlife in the neighbourhood, please let us and Conservation Officers know.

Did You Know?

Each school in the District is required to have a Joint Health and Safety Committee (JOSH). This committee comprises of teachers and support staff, and its purpose is to address any concerning health and safety matters that come up at school. This committee meets monthly.

Bus Safety Expectations

Our District promotes safety, respect and responsibility among all riders of District school buses. Students riding the bus are expected to:

-follow driver's directions the first time given
-keep hands, feet, objects to self when in the bus

-stay in assigned seat unless directed to do other wise

-talk quietly, using appropriate language

-smoking, drugs, alcohol are prohibited

-no eating or drinking on the bus

-objects are not to be thrown out the window

-students are expected to remain inside open windows as well

Consequences arise should the above expectations not be adhered to. These can include: a verbal warning, a seat re-assignment, a written warning, or bus suspensions.



Edgewood Eagles

SOAR

**Safety, Ownership,
Achievement, Respect**

Theme of the Month

Safety
(= Self-Control)

Safe Start

If your child is going to be **late or absent**, please call the school and leave a message, complete with your child's full name, grade, and teacher. Calls home are made for those students not in attendance to ensure their safety and whereabouts

Supervision

Morning bus supervision
8am
Morning supervision
8:05 – 8:20
After school supervision
2:18-2:33

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Cross Country Running Season Has Begun!

This past week interested students in grades 3 to 7 had the opportunity to join our Cross Country Running Team. Training runs occur on M, W, F during lunch recess.

Our grade 3 - 7 students will attend two meets this year. The first meet is this Tuesday at Heritage Elementary. An information package and permission slip went home last week and were due back today. Students will be bussed to the meet. Parents are expected to pick up their child from the run.

After this run is complete, interested grade 2 students will be invited to join our team and attend the next meet at Pinewood, October 2nd. This meet is for grades 2,3,4 only. Forms will go out later this week. Again, students will be bussed to the meet with parents picking them up. The last run of the season will be at Lac De Bois, Wednesday, October 16th. It will be confirmed soon which grades will attend this meet.

We will not be hosting our annual "Over the Edge Run" this year.

Team members are encouraged to train at home to build up their stamina and to have a complete experience of training and competing. Primary students generally run 1 -2 km in their races while the older students generally run 3-4 km depending on the race venue.

Thank you in advance for supporting your child's participation in this very healthy activity. We thank our staff team for providing this opportunity for our students.

School-Wide Expectations

Please take the time to go over the pages in the front of the planner with your child. Here, the expectations for student behaviour are outlined along with other important details about the daily running of our school. By doing so, this helps keep all of us on the same page with regards to general expectations at school. With everyone working together, Edgewood can be a safe and respectful place to learn and work.

Supervision

Bus Supervision - 8am

Non-bus students should not be arriving at this time.

Regular Morning Supervision - 8:05 - 8:20

General supervision for all

After School Supervision - 2:18-2:33

Students need to be off school grounds by 2:33 unless accompanied by a parent. We need to ensure all students are accounted for. Students will not be supervised after 2:33 by staff.

How To SOAR on the Playground

This year, staff and students collaborated on how to SOAR on the playground. School-wide expectations are necessary as dynamics in a play area change when the number of users is large. What can be acceptable on the weekend or under parent supervision when the number of users at one time is significantly less is not always conducive to a school environment. These were also reviewed at our most recent assembly. At Edgewood the playground expectations include:

- stay inside fencing during recess and lunch (It's ok to be in front before school.)
- device free at recess and lunch
- fence line by houses off limits
- hands and feet to self
- respecting personal space - bubble space
- bike racks off limits
- seek permission for washroom use
- fence sitting and climbing not safe
- goal posts are for sports not climbing
- swing set poles, goal posts, back stop are not for climbing
- walk all wheels on school grounds (no wheels during school day right now)
- tire swing - 2 intermediates at a time on tire - when pushing tire, push tire not person
- tag - 2 fingers
- use WITS to resolve conflict
- seek help from supervisors
- swing with bums on seats
- slide down slide only - no walking up
- slide on bums and/or knees only
- rocks and sticks on ground
- Ks on playground - not hill or forest

These expectations will continue to be monitored, reviewed and shared for everyone's safety.

School Fees and Forms

Information has gone home regarding **school fees** for cultural events and planners. As well, to help keep your contact information correct, the yearly school **verification form** will be sent home for you to verify contact information. These forms must be **signed** by parent/guardian and returned to the school at your earliest convenience.

Your Cultural Fees At Work!

Each year, families at all schools across the District pay a cultural fee as part of school fees. These fees contribute to the cultural experiences for students at school. This includes cultural performances at school as well as those offered at Vanier Hall. Our first cultural guest will be Bev Lambert. We are very excited to have Bev bring her very interactive Metis Cultural Learning to our school in October.

Orange Shirt Day

Monday, September 30th, 2019
Every Child Matters!

Orange Shirt Day is the legacy of the St. Joseph Mission Residential School commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis' Story, a Residential school student whose shiny new orange shirt was taken away on her first day of school at the Mission. This story has provided awareness, learning and helped open the discussion of Residential Schools.

The official date for Orange Shirt Day is September 30th. This date was chosen because it's the time of year in which children were taken away from their homes to attend Residential Schools.

Students are invited and encouraged to wear a bright orange shirt, or a bright shirt of any colour. We will come together as a school in the afternoon for a short assembly. This week during their library time, students will embark on a special activity with Ms. Hall. Their creations will be put on display in the front foyer for Orange Shirt Day.

2019/20 NEW Bell Schedule

8:20 Warning Bell
8:25 Morning Begins
10:15 Recess
10:30 Recess Ends
12:00 Lunch
12:40 Warning Bell
12:45 Classes Resume
2:18 End of Day

BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program & BC Dairy Foundation

Thanks to dedicated parent volunteer Elizabeth Anderson, Edgewood is once again part of the BC Agriculture in the Classroom program.

Recently a negative response letter went home with your child. Parents were asked to only send this back if they did not want their child to participate in the program, or, if their child had allergies that we needed to be aware of. If we did not receive the form back, we are assuming you are supporting your child being part of this initiative.

Each month throughout the school year, schools involved in this program receive a delivery of fresh milk along with a fresh fruit or vegetable snack. This year Mrs. Anderson and a student team will prepare the snack for students to enjoy. Milk is provided free of charge for students in grades K to 5. We are expecting a delivery of apples this week for students to enjoy. As our District supports healthy schools (policy 3542.3 Healthy Food Choices in Schools), this program aligns with that policy.

If you did not receive an information letter, please contact the office. We thank Mrs. Anderson for her dedication to leading this program for our school.

Student Leadership News

This year we have a large, very enthusiastic group of grade 7 leadership students that we will start the year with just grade 7s in leadership. We will tap into interested grade 6 student leaders as needed.

This coming week we are doing a "**pilot project**" where **student announcers** will be doing daily morning announcements.

As mentioned previously, we have many grade 7 **lunch monitors** in our primary classes filling the role as peer leader and support during lunch eating time.

This week our student leadership group will plan our upcoming **Terry Fox Run** and get our "Toonies for Terry" fundraising drive underway.

As well, our grade 7s will help with the **Fruit and Veggie program** monthly.

We are so lucky to have students interested in taking on leadership roles. What great life skills they will learn and practice.

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Grades 4 and 7

This year, the Ministry's FSA will occur during the month of October.

How To SOAR During Lunch Eating Time

This year, staff and students collaborated on how to SOAR during lunch eating time. The following expectations are a result of that collaboration.

- *focus on eating*
- *hat free*
- *device free*
- *sitting in chair at assigned desks*
- *seek permission to leave room - (washroom)*
- *leave and enter from classroom door*
- *hands to self*
- *food to self*
- *clean-up garbage and recycling after eating*
- *use inside voices*

Thanks to our grade 7 student leaders, our primary classes have peer helpers during lunch eating to help assist students so they can access their lunches easily and feel safe. This is a great way we build community among our students. These helpers do not supervise or discipline but rather are in a helper role. We have adult lunch supervisors who do the supervision.

Tonnies for Terry

Terry Fox Fundraiser and Run

Our grade 7 leadership team would like the school community to support the Terry Fox Foundation this year by promoting a "Toonie for Terry" fundraising campaign. Their goal is to raise a toonie for every student and staff member in the school. That equals approximately 43 individuals for a total of \$460. The group is optimistic and hopes we can meet that or reach \$500. The campaign will be launched this week. Toonies can be brought to the classroom and/or office.

Terry Fox Run - Help Needed

Our school-wide run is scheduled for Thursday, October 10th at 1:30pm. We are seeking parent helpers for the afternoon. Please contact Mrs. Bryce (lbryce@sd57.bc.ca) if you are able to help us on this day. Students are hoping we can resurrect the running route through the neighborhood for intermediate students, but we need parent volunteers to make this happen. Families are welcome to join us on our run.

Pro D Day Activities

The City of Prince George promotes recreation, fitness, culture and education and is a valuable resource for parents and teachers that are looking for activities for kids to be involved in on the **September 27th** Non-Instructional Day.

Please see the City Of Prince George website

www.princegeorge.ca/schoolbreaks

September Birthdays

We would like to wish everyone celebrating a birthday in September the very best wishes.

Students and staff having birthdays will be recognized at our monthly assemblies and receive a special birthday pencil as well as a school-wide rendition of happy birthday!



Adelynn M., Leela W., Max J., Aidan P., Ethan D., Jason F., Alex S., Ryah D., Ava M., Carter H., Emma-Jane M., Kaya M., Kaden K., Khloe S., Connor d., Emma A., Shaylee J., Zion H., Regan L.

What is SOGI?

SOGI stands for Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity. School District 57 has a SOGI policy, policy 4117. Our District, and our school, are committed to students and staff working and learning in a safe and accepting environment that is free of discrimination, focuses on human rights and is understanding of all cultures. Gender identity can be a sensitive topic. The curriculum provides educators the opportunity to focus learning time on topics as equality, inclusion and acceptance for others. Parents play an important part of this learning journey with their child.

Class and Individual Photo Day Important Need to Knows

Clarke Action Photography services our school for individual and class photos. There have been a few changes this year to the service being offered. Lorne at Clarke Action would like you to know the following:

The new program used this year will be very simple for parents and will speed up the process of putting photos into your hands in a more timely manner.

How it works: Photo day is a green-screen capture to allow parents/students to select their own background. At the end of the day on photo day, students will receive a detailed card to take home. The card will direct parents to the web gallery with their own personal password to access their children's images.

The gallery will contain at least three photos, and you will have 30 backgrounds to choose from. Photos will be ready for viewing within 24 hours at the latest. The gallery will be accessible from any device and will accept Visa/Mastercard for payments.

Once in the gallery, parents can order their photo packages, which are mailed directly to their door from the lab in Edmonton. No more sending the envelope back to school with cash, cheque or personal credit card information. Photos are usually shipped with 2-3 days in a cardboard envelope...or small box if gift products are ordered.

If parents order within the first two weeks, there will be no shipping charges. After that, a fee of \$6.50 will be added to cover shipping charges.

These changes will allow photos will get into parents' hands a lot faster. Contact information will be on the cards if parents have any questions, morning, noon or night! If the card gets misplaced, parents can contact us. If the on-line system does not work for your family, Clarke Action can make other arrangements.

Class and Individual Photo day is Monday, October 7th at 9am.

PAC News & IMPORTANT ALERT!

The recent PAC AGM resulted in very key positions on the executive being left vacant. This is problematic and could result in the PAC having to fold. This would be a shame.

Please contact the PAC via their email if you have any solutions to this concerning situation. (edgewoodelementarypac@gmail.com). PACs do so much for a school in so many ways.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 8th, 7pm

Everyone Welcome!

First Hot Lunch For This Year

Friday, October 11th

Please refer to the Munch-A-Lunch information given in the September Start Up Information Package.

Save-On Foods Helps PAC

Don't forget that purchasing gift cards (GCs) from any Save-On Foods brings money to our school. Consider using a GC to pay for your groceries, or if you are purchasing any for Christmas gifts, go to the Customer Service counter at any Save-On to purchase your GCs. Be sure to say you are with Edgewood and PAC receives a percentage of all sales of GCs.

PG Bottle and Return it Center (aka BBK Bottling)

.....has an Edgewood PAC account and student leadership account. You can donate any returned bottles and drink container refunds by simply telling them when you return your items that you wish for the refund to be given to our school. It is that easy!

Don't Forget We Are on Facebook!

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