

Malaspina Elementary Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk -

October 2022

Thank you for your patience and understanding during our tumultuous start up. We are now settled and can move forward with building strong connections with our students and support them in their academic journey.

Thank you to parents who continue to do daily health checks and keep their children home when they are unwell.

September has flown by and students have settled into the routines of school. Thank you to parents for ensuring that students get enough sleep, exercise and healthy lunches every day.

Just an important reminder. Supervision at the school does not begin until 8:15am. It is very important that children are not sent to school before this time.

We were busy the first few weeks of school working on ROAR - Responsible, Outstanding, Accountable and Respectful. Please continue to talk with your child about the expectations that go along with this focus.

We enjoyed the Terry Fox run, and Orange shirt day in September. Thanks to the leadership students for helping with Terry Fox and Ms. Hohnisch for supporting Orange Shirt Day. We were able to complete 1685 laps and raised \$367.00 for our Terry Fox Run.

We will be focusing on Truth and Reconciliation during the school year. Please engage in conversations with your child(ren) about what this looks like and what it means. Classrooms have been learning about this important concept and what it means to us.

We look forward to Leadership starting up, weekly spirit days, Halloween activities and Remembrance Day. Our cross-country team held their own mini run and we enjoyed watching them run. Thanks to Mrs. Klose and Mrs. Urquhart for organizing this event.

Gr. 6/7 volleyball has started and we will be joining other schools to host some games.

Thank you to Mrs. Munro for organizing our fruit and veggie program and Mrs. Munk for hot lunches which have started up.

Here are some school district policies that pertain to our students that parents should be aware of. They are available on the school district 57 website : [https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

- o Policy 5131 District Code of Student Conduct
- o Policy 6179 Acceptable Use of Networks
- o Policy 3541.35 Winter Weather
- o Policy 3542.3 Healthy Food Choices in Schools
- o Policy 5101 Financial Hardship

As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to the school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Anderson, Principal

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

Oct. 31	Halloween dance (during school hours)
Nov. 3	Photo Re-takes
Nov. 9	Spirit Day - Red and White day
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day - No school
Nov. 25	Non-Instructional Day - No school for students
Dec. 17	Last day of school before winter break

Malaspina PAC News - POINSETTA FUNDRAISER

Hello Everyone!

Malaspina PAC will be doing a quick sale for the Christmas season!

Poinsettias are in a 6 3/4" pots, come in red, white and pink. The cost is \$20 each. Order deadline is Thursday, November 10th. Pickup will be Thursday, November 24th after 2:30 at Malaspina.

Payment options:

- 1) Order and pay on Munchalunch (if you have a child at the school)
- 2) Return paper form to the school with cash, cheque or e-transfer to malaspinapac@gmail.com using password Malaspina
- 3) Email order information and payment to malaspinapac@gmail.com



Student Photos

Our photo retake day is **Nov 3rd**. Please write a note in your child's planner if you want your child to have a retake photo taken. We are trying to make sure we don't miss anyone. Those students that were absent on Sept 23rd will have their photo taken on Nov 3rd.



Halloween Costume Criteria



Please keep any costume props (weapon like and pointy objects) at home. **Costumes with blood and gore** are best worn on Halloween night - not at school. These can be very unsettling for our youngest kids. **Masks** can be brought and worn for pictures but not worn during learning time. We want the day to be enjoyable for everyone.

The FSAs....

These yearly, Ministry assessments are now nearly complete. Our grade 4 and 7 students have been trying their very best applying their basic skills in Literacy (reading and writing) and Numeracy (math and problem solving). FSA results should be available before the end of 2022.

Safe Start Program

Malaspina has a **Safe Start Program** which means if your child is absent from school and you have not notified the school, you will be called. We appreciate it when parents contact the school at 250-964-9874 when their child is absent. The office is staffed from 8:00am to 3:00pm; a voicemail can be left afterhours.

Student Fees

Planners are provided to students in Grades 1-7. They are an important tool for helping students to stay organized and are also used to communicate with parents. The cost of student planners is \$7.00 each. Please follow the information on the Student fees form.

Verification Forms

Thank you to all our families for returning the forms so promptly! We still have a few forms that need to be returned. If your child's form is still missing, a new form will be sent home. Please make sure all information is correct and paper is signed.

Animals in School Program

We are excited to have Finn return as Malaspina's therapy dog. If your child has any allergies that may be of issue or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Anderson. Both staff and students are excited for his return.

Art Knapps Poinsettia Fundraiser
Order Form

ORDER DEADLINE IS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10TH

NAME:

PHONE:

STUDENT NAME:

TEACHER NAME:

COLOUR	QUANTITY	PRICE/PLANT	SUBTOTAL
Red	<hr/>	\$20.00	<hr/>
White	<hr/>	\$20.00	<hr/>
Pink	<hr/>	\$20.00	<hr/>
		TOTAL	<hr/>

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 - b) Cheque made out to Malaspina PAC
 - c) etransfer to malaspinapac@gmail.com (Password Malaspina)
- 3) Email order information and payment both to malaspinapac@gmail.com (Password Malaspina)

**ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24TH
AFTER 2:30PM AT MALASPINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**