

Newsletter



Terry Fox
Elementary School

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Edition #1

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Admin Assistant: Ms. Monica Davis

Upcoming Events

Newsletters will come home the 2nd Monday of every month

- ❖ Wed., Sept. 19 Terry Fox Run permission forms & Verification Forms due
- ❖ Fri., Sept. 21 Non-Instructional Day #1: (No School)
- ❖ Mon., Sept. 24 StrongStart reopens (8:45 – 11:45 a.m.)
- ❖ Wed., Sept. 26 PAC Meeting in our LC
- ❖ Thurs., Sept. 27 1:15 p.m. Terry Fox Run
6 - 7:30 p.m. Meet the Teacher Night
- ❖ Fri., Sept. 28 Orange Shirt Day
- ❖ Oct. 1st – Nov. 9th Grade 4 FSA Administration
- ❖ **Fri., Oct. 5 World Teacher Day ☺**
- ❖ Oct. 7th – 13th Fire Safety Week
- ❖ Mon., Oct. 8th Thanksgiving – NO school
- ❖ Tues., Oct. 9th Newsletter #2
- ❖ Thurs., Oct. 11th Photo Day
(Nov. 8th = Photo Retake Day)
- ❖ **Weekly Hot Breakfast: Free of charge offered Wed mornings in the MPR. Open to all Terry Fox students and their families. Starts at 8:15am. Keep your eyes out in the next newsletter to see the monthly menu**

Newsletters will typically come home on the second Monday of each month, & will come home w/ youngest/only children. They are also available on our school's website at

<http://terryfox.abbyschools.ca/newsletters>

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Thurs., Sept. 27th. More information/permission forms will be coming home next week. Bring a toonie for Terry! Plus please volunteer to help out!!! Be sure to return your green permission form sent home earlier this week.



Medical Conditions???

If your child has any life-threatening/serious medical concerns, please notify our office, Mrs. Davis, ASAP!!!!

Remember: If your child will be absent or late, please call our office and let our secretary, Ms. Davis, know. Call 604.859.8403



Principal's Message

Welcome back to another fabulous year here at Terry Fox Elementary School! We continue to welcome many new families into our family, and some new staff members! Our staff are an amazing group of dedicated adults who work hard to give our children a great education. Our wonderful PAC parents are also working hard to bring some wonderful events/opportunities to our children. We are, indeed, an incredible village, all pitching in together to help our children become responsible, respectful, and remarkable citizens of our community. Again, welcome back, and here's to a great year!

Ms. Kathy Fladager, Principal

2018 – 2019 Bell Schedule

School Starts (Welcoming Bell)	8:40 a.m.
Second Bell (Instruction Begins)	8:45 a.m.
Recess	10:30 – 10:45 a.m.
Lunch	12:20 – 1:00 p.m.
Dismissal	2:33 p.m.

Please ensure that your child is on time for school every morning, and that you pick them up promptly at the end of each day from their classroom backdoor – thank you!

A team-building activity at our recent Staff Meeting 😊



New Staff

We are hoping that you can help us to welcome aboard our newest staff members:

- Mrs. Malcolm – Gr. 4/5
- Mrs. Sweeney – Gr. 4/5
- Mrs. Kerr – Gr. 3/4
- Mrs. LeBreton and Mrs. Torok – Gr. K
- Mr. Frew – P.E.
- Mrs. Chung – English Language Learner Teacher
- Mrs. Miller – Learning Commons Teacher
- Mrs. MacLeod = LSS Early Helping Teacher
- Mrs. Fast – Aboriginal Support Worker
- Mrs. Thom – EA
- Mrs. Paracha – EA

****A complete listing of all of our staff is being updated, & will be available on our website @ <http://terryfox.abbyschools.ca>**

Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a nut-free school. We have several students who are very allergic to a variety of nuts and nut-based products. Thank you so much for helping us to keep these children safe.



Office Paperwork/Forms

Earlier this past week, we sent home paperwork for you to complete indicating contact numbers and information we need in the office in case we need to connect with you or in case of emergency. There will be MANY forms to complete, sign, and return. Please help our office staff to help your child(ren) by returning all accurately completed paperwork promptly.

Agendas

Agendas have been sent home with your child (or will be). The cost is this year is **\$5.00**. Please pay ONLINE as soon as possible. Any money that we do not collect will have to come out of our school's budget, which may mean less money for other, needed items. As well, we ask that you read carefully, with your child, the front-end pages in the agendas. Payment for planners is due by Sept. 28th.



Let's be friends!!!



New Students

We, of course, have many new K students joining us for their first school experience. Along with our new Ks, we would like to welcome all of our new Grades 1 through 5 students into our Terry Fox Family!!!!



Parking Safety

RESPECT OUR ORANGE-VESTED STAFF!

Please ensure that you help us to keep everyone safe at our site. The parking spots closest to our front entrance are for our large group of staff. Our bus parking is just that – parking for the L & A Centre bus, & Daycare Vans. **A reminder that parking on the street on the NORTH side of our site is a No STOPPING/PARKING Zone.** Last but not least, be aware of our crosswalk on Babich – slow down around our school. You never know when a child might dart out into the street. **Thank you for helping us to keep our students safe.**



Terry Fox PAC Welcomes You!

2017 to 18 PAC Executive Members

2018 to 19 PAC Executive Members

- ❖ Chair - Amanda Jersey
- ❖ Secretary- Missy Massier
- ❖ Treasurer - Alanna Kerr
- ❖ Hot Lunch - Missy Massier

Our 1st PAC Meeting is Wed., Sept. 26th at 7 p.m.

Please 'Like' & 'Follow' us on Facebook!

Your child's school needs you to serve!

First Hot Lunch is Friday, Sept. 28th, & we are always looking for volunteers.

Supervision

We care very much about your children. To properly help children transition to a school setting from home, please be aware that **YOU** need to care for your children before school, and after school. We are finding many children arriving very early to school in the mornings, and many waiting after school. Please be on time picking your children up afterschool. Our lovely staff have meetings to attend, and a home/family they need to get to. If you need support, please find an adult friend to assist you, or connect with our site's Hand-in-Hand before-and-afterschool daycare staff at (604)859-5964 or check out their website:

<http://www.handinhand.ca/schoolagecare>

Enjoy a Laugh!

What kind of school do you go to if you're...

- ...an ice cream man? Sundae school.
- ...a giant? High school.
- ...a surfer? Boarding school.
- ...King Arthur? Knight school.

What's New Around our School...

We have had some new staff join us this year, as some staff have retired or are on a leave of absence. We 'collapsed' a division in June of 2018 as our numbers are a wee bit lower than last year at this time. As well, we are continuing our physical transformation of our common learning spaces, and of our classrooms – our staff has been hard at work in cleaning, organizing, and investing in furniture/resources that will support our 2 school inquiry questions around Literacy and Social-Emotional Learning. A big thank you to our Facilities & Maintenance Dept. for their commitment to helping keep our school in tip-top shape for our students, & to our 2 amazing custodians: Bill Kellett & Tom Haldane!



School Photos Update

School Photos will take place, this year, on Friday, October **Thurs.**,

Oct. 11th.

Individual and class photos will be taken on this day.

Retakes will be on **Thurs., Nov. 8th.**

Why Use School Cash Online?

Convenient: Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home

Easy To Use: Online shopping with various payment methods

Safe: Your child won't be carrying cash or checks to and from school

Saves Time: Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place

<https://abbotsford.schoolcashionline.com/>

Dress for Success



- ✓ Shoes we can run & play in, including a pair for INSIDE play, & for OUTSIDE play
- ✓ Shorts that allow us to play
- ✓ T-shirts or tanks with wider straps
- ✓ Awesome attitudes 😊

Lunch Program, Starfish Backpack Program, & Other Needs

Any family who needs support, due to financial needs, with food, and/or other basic needs, is encouraged to check in with either our office staff, or with our lovely Youth Care Worker, Mrs. Wiebe.



Suggestions for Parents if you Have Concerns...

1. **Start with the person whose action has given rise to the concerns or who can solve the problem. This is the person who can best address your concern.**

Read Tips for Parents and Staff below.

2. If you need further assistance with your concern, your school's principal / vice-principal is there to help.
3. If you feel your concerns are not resolved, contact an Assistant Superintendent at 604-859-4891, ext.1233.
4. If a decision of a district administrator **significantly affects the education, health or safety of a student**, the student and/or parent may appeal in writing to the Board of Education.

If a concern is not addressed in a timely manner, or if the parent/ guardian is not satisfied with the handling of the concern, the parent/guardian may proceed to the next step.

Help with this process is available by calling the BCCPAC at 1-888-351-9834 or contact the Abbotsford District PAC Chair.

Tips for Parents and Staff

Problems and concerns can be resolved through communication.

The following tips may be helpful:

- Set up an appointment so that concerns can be heard without distractions.
- Everyone should be informed, in advance, of who will attend a meeting.
- Be specific about the concern. Making notes may help clarify your thoughts.
- Keep focused on what is best for the student. Both parents and staff are interested in the child's success.
- Stay calm and be polite. Listen to everyone. Try to see the issue from the other person's perspective.
- Be prepared to explore various solutions.
- Confidentiality is important.
- Keep a record of actions taken.
- Give the process a chance to address the concern at each step before proceeding to the next step.
- Confirm that everyone understands the decision reached and any timeline involved