

## Dear Fox Families

Here is your latest news update on happenings at Terry Fox.

### Clubs

Grade 4&5 Soccer has had a successful start to the year, with over 30 students joining this after school program. Coaches Mr. Wiebe (div 1) and Mr. Poffenroth (PE) are running 2 teams this year due to all the interest. Games are at John Maclure Elementary over the next 2 Tuesdays – Oct 18 and 25, 3:00-4:30. Parking is tight there, so carpooling is recommended. Bring a chair if you plan to stay and cheer on the teams!



Fox Club is our after-school literacy support program, which will be starting on Tuesday Oct 25 (Gr 1&2) and Thursday Oct 27 (Gr 3-5). The club will run weekly into June, excluding school breaks and is run by our 2 amazing EAs. Teachers have been asked to nominate 4 or 5 students in each class who would benefit from the chance to strengthen literacy skills and to work on social development skills. If your child was nominated, you should have received a form already. Please return your form no later than Friday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> or your child's spot may be given away. There is no charge to families as it is funded from a grant. If you think your child would benefit from this support and you did not receive a form from your child's teacher already, please reach out to the teacher to be put on the wait list if more spots become available.

Indigenous Culture Club is an after-school club run by our Indigenous Support Worker (Mr. Kelly), which is designed to enhance student understanding of Indigenous knowledge, ways of thinking and ways of doing. It is open to all students in Grades 3-5 and will parallel the cultural enhancement program we offer Indigenous students. Forms have been given to Gr 3-5 teachers to send home with interested students. There are only 18 spots in this program, which starts on Wednesday Oct 26. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please get your child's form back to the teacher asap as space is limited. There is no charge to families. Preference will be given to children not already enrolled in the Indigenous Program, as there will be considerable overlap in the activities.

Drama Club will be run by Mrs. Magon as a lunchtime club for Grade 4&5 students in rotation starting soon. Interested students can sign up with their teacher. The club will be during collab time, so they can have both outside play time and drama time. Art Club will also run as a lunchtime club this year for Gr 4&5 students after the Christmas Break. New to us this year is Terry's Team – which will be a leadership club for Grade 4 and 5 students who want to give back to their school and community in meaningful ways. It will be led by Mrs. Baker (division 2). A first initiative will be to raise money for Canuck Place Children's Hospice – more on this will be sent out later. Any parent that would like to know more, please contact Mrs. Amy Baker (division 2 teacher).

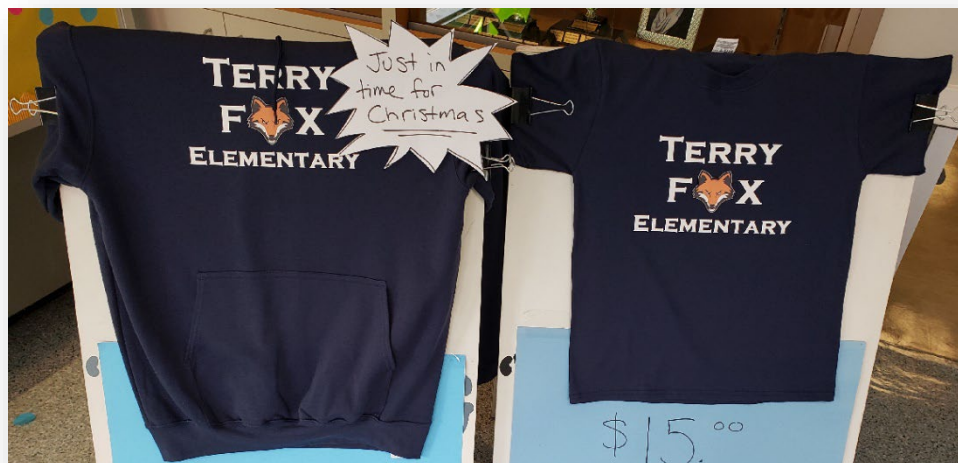
Lego Club will be starting in November and be geared towards Grade 1-3 students on collab days (30 min of club and 30 min of outside play). We are also hoping to start a board game lunch club in the near future as well. If there are parent volunteers who are interested in running Lego Club, Board Game Club or any other club, please let your child's teacher know. A completed criminal record's check is necessary. We would love to have you on our team!

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up next week Wednesday Oct 19 with interviews being booked that day up until 7 pm that night. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to you to let you know how to book your meeting time with them. As a result of parent-teacher interviews, we have early dismissal at 11:23 on Wed Oct 19 (students should only bring a snack this day) and we also have early dismissal at 12:20 on Thurs (students should bring a lunch this day).

### School Clothing

Due to their extreme popularity, we are bringing back the sale of Terry Fox t-shirts and hoodies. Ordering will be available through **School Cash Online** by this Friday. Sales close by the morning of Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> (Halloween!). Clothing will arrive right before Christmas/Winter Break. Terry Fox t-shirts will be \$15 and Fox hoodies will be \$35 including tax (\$3 extra for plus sizes) and will be available in youth sizes S-XL and adult sizes S-4XL. We have sample sizes to try on in the office (up to adult size L) for people who aren't sure what size to order.



We are also looking for donations of children's shorts and pants (particularly for children ages 6-8), as we frequently have to send children home in a change of clothing and we have run out of these items. Please bring to your child's teacher or to the office.

## Fundraising and PAC

Terry Fox Elementary PAC is fundraising for the school by selling delicious locally-made Purdy's Chocolates. We get 25% of the gross sales and you get exceptional chocolates in time for Christmas and gift giving, as well as the happy feeling of knowing you are supporting students. Please go to <https://fundraising.purdys.com/> and select Join a Campaign --> campaign #16988 and purchase as much as you want! Sales end November 20 and the delivery date to the school is the week of Dec 12 - just in time for Christmas / Winter Break. Once we know how much money we raised through Purdy's we can set the subsidized price for the hoodies. Our goal is that every Grade 5 receives a hoodie.

The PAC is also running our first hot lunch of the year on Nov 4. Order forms have now been given to teachers for Boston Pizza. Starting tomorrow, you can pay for the orders on School Cash Online by Oct 26.

Speaking of PAC – our PAC meetings have been moved up just a little bit. They will now start at 6:30 pm on the last Wednesday of every school month, except December. Meetings are around an hour in our library. Everyone is welcome.

## Financial Grant Funds

As you may have heard, each school in the district has received a financial relief grant (called the Affordability Grant by the district) from the Provincial Government. It is a fund to help families who need additional support covering school start up and program costs. This may include paying for school supplies, field trips, providing food supports (such as lunch program or groceries), buying bus passes, purchasing children's shoes or clothing or other costs associated with attending school. Please reach out to your child's teacher to let them know if you need financial support from this grant and what kind of support is needed so we can give you and your family a helping hand.

Take care everyone and don't hesitate to reach out for any reason. – Angela Magon, Principal

## Important Dates Coming Up to Christmas Break

Oct 14	Fox clothing sales open on School Cash Online
Oct 19	Parent-Teacher Conferences – school out at 11:23 (no lunch today) Afternoon and Evening conferences to 7:00 pm
Oct 20	<u>2 hour</u> early release from school, students leave at 12:20 (send students with a lunch)
Oct 21	Pro D Day – no school
Oct 24	Diwali – festival of lights (Hindu)
Oct 25	First day for Fox Club (Gr 1&2) - pick up room 136 at 3:20
Oct 25	Interim Reports sent home
Oct 26	Orders for Boston Pizza hot lunch due – School Cash Online
Oct 26	First day for Indigenous Culture Club (Gr 3-5) - pick up room 123 at 3:20
Oct 26	PAC Meeting, 6:30 Library
Oct 27	First day for Fox Club (Gr 3-5) - pick up room 136 at 3:20
Oct 31	Halloween / Fall Spirit Day – dress in costume
Oct 31	Deadline to order Fox clothing online
Nov 1	Picture Day (individual and group) – hopefully kids slept well last night after the sugar rush
Nov 10	Pro D Day – no school
Nov 11	Remembrance Day – no school
Nov 11	Korean <u>Pepero</u> Day – chocolate giving
Nov 15-18	Scholastic Book Fair
Nov 20	last day for ordering Purdy's
Nov 23	PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm, library
Nov 24	Pajama Day
Dec 1	Photo retakes
Dec 2	Term 1 Report Cards
Dec 14	Christmas/Winter Concert
Dec 13	Judging of Holiday themed windows for classrooms
Dec 16	<u>Sing-a-long</u> with Santa
Dec 16	Ugly Sweater Spirit Day (does not have to be <u>Christmasy</u> )
Dec 19-Jan 2	Christmas/Winter Break – no school