



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Our newsletters are usually monthly. This month, we are adding a supplemental newsletter with some updates:

Student Information Sheets

A reminder to send these sheets back to the school office ASAP please.

PAC Annual General Meeting

***please note new date:**

Thursday, **October 9th**, 2025 6:30pm

DWE Library - Join us!

PAC Hot Lunch

We are still in need of parent volunteers! Please see the office if interested and able to help. Even volunteering once a month helps a great deal. We hope to begin hot lunch in October!

September 19 Terry Fox Run

September 25 School Photo Day

September 30 Truth & Reconciliation Day / No School (this is a Tuesday - we have school Monday)

October 9 PAC Meeting (AGM) 6:30pm

October 10 Implementation Day / No School

October 13 Thanksgiving / No School

October 16 / 17 Parent / Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal)

October 20 School Photo Retakes

October 24 Pro.D. Day / No School

October 31 Halloween (a Friday)

November 10 Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11 Remembrance Day / No School



United by our motto—**Together We R.O.A.R.**—we are working towards a school culture that empowers students to be:

Responsible in their actions and choices, embracing accountability and integrity.

Open-Minded in their thinking, welcoming diverse perspectives, and new ideas.

Appreciative of themselves, others, and the world around them, fostering gratitude and kindness.

Resilient in the face of challenges, growing stronger through perseverance and reflection.

We envision a school where students, staff, and families work hand-in-hand to create a safe, inclusive, and dynamic environment.

Terry Fox Week at DWE – Join Us in Honouring a Canadian Hero!

Next week, DWE will be commemorating Terry Fox and his inspiring Marathon of Hope. Each day, students will hear announcements that share Terry's story and legacy. We invite families to support cancer research by sending coins for donation: Monday is nickels & dimes, Tuesday quarters, Wednesday loonies, Thursday toonies, and Friday is open to any contribution. On Friday at 12:30 p.m., we'll gather for a brief assembly or warm-up in the gym before heading out for our school-wide Terry Fox Run. We will run together in Terry's honour.

From the Desk of Mme Hughes

Dear DWE Community,

As we begin a new school year together, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of our students, families, and staff. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we are so glad you are part of our caring and inclusive school community.

This year marks an exciting chapter for our school. We are thrilled to welcome four new teachers and three new certified educational assistants to our team. Their energy and dedication will enrich our classrooms and support our students in meaningful ways. We've also added two new classes: a Grade 4 English class and a Grade 4/5 French Immersion class, reflecting the wonderful growth of our dual-track program. It's a joy to see our school continue to flourish.

On the second day of school, each student created a personalized Wildcat Paw, symbolizing their commitment to our school values as we R.O.A.R. into the year ahead. Together We R.O.A.R. stands for being **R**esponsible, **O**pen-Minded, **A**ppreciative, and **R**esilient, qualities we strive to embody every day in our learning and interactions.

We are grateful to be learning and growing on the beautiful land of the Okanagan Syilx people. Each day, we work to be respectful and caring community members, honouring the land and the stories that came before us. Everyone has a positive contribution to make.

This month, we will come together for two important assemblies at DWE:

- On **September 19th**, we will honour Terry Fox, a Canadian hero whose courageous fight against cancer continues to inspire generations. Terry's determination, compassion, and belief in making a difference remind us that even the smallest steps can lead to powerful change. His legacy teaches us about perseverance and hope.
- On **September 29th**, we will participate in Orange Shirt Day, a time to reflect on the impact of Residential Schools. We will hear about Phyllis Webstad's story, and the significance of her orange shirt being taken away. This day reminds us of the importance of Truth and Reconciliation.

As we move forward into the school year, I invite you to stay connected, get involved, and celebrate the many moments of growth and joy that lie ahead. Our school is a place where kindness, curiosity, and community thrive, and I am so proud to be on this journey with you.

Here's to a wonderful year of learning, laughter, and R.O.A.R.-ing together!

Warmly,

C. Hughes

Christey Hughes (a.k.a. *Mme Hughes*)
Principal / Directrice



WELCOME

Please join us in welcoming the following new staff members to DWE!

Mme Stokes - French Immersion Grade 4/5
Mme Hayward - French Immersion Grade 6
Ms Nicolai - English Program Grade 4
Ms Lutz - English Program Grade 3 (job share with Ms. Lebbon)
Ms Reid - Certified Educational Assistant
Ms Sherstobetoff - Certified Educational Assistant
Mrs. Marshall - Certified Educational Assistant

And a warm “welcome back” to the following staff member:

Mrs. Malazdrewitz - Certified Educational Assistant (job share with Ms. Reid)

We would also like to re-introduce our student supports:

Mrs. Crook - Learning Assistance / ELL
Mrs. Foster - Inclusion Teacher
Ms. Knox - School Counsellor

And if you are meeting our office staff for the first time, you will see:

Mr. Sparrey - Head Secretary
Mrs. Klassen - Office Assistant / Library Clerk

If you have questions about athletics, you may contact:

Ms. Newell - Physical Education / Teacher Librarian

If you have questions about fine arts, you may contact:

Mrs. Ball - Fine Arts / Music Teacher / ELL

Returning staff also include:

Mme King - now teaching French Immersion Grade 3
Mme Rode - French Immersion Grade 3 / 4
Mme Morden - French Immersion Grade 3
Mme MacDonnell - French Immersion Grade 4
Mme Light - French Immersion Grade 5
Mme Johnson - French Immersion Grade 6

Ms. Lebbon - English Program Grade 3
Mr. Nicholls - English Program Grade 3
Ms. Rivet - English Program Grade 4
Ms. Peters - English Program Grade 5
Mrs. Jensen - English Program Grade 5



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FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

Dear DWE Community,

The DWE PAC Executive has the opportunity to offer a Family Photo Fundraiser to benefit our school.

On **Sunday, October 19, 2025**, Basil Cooper Photography Inc. will be taking beautiful on location family photos at **T.B.A.** For a **sitting fee of \$25.00**, you can participate in this fundraiser and purchase beautiful family photos and/or receive a **free 8x10** just for the cost of the sitting fee.

This is how it works:

1. A non-refundable sitting fee of \$25 will be charged to reserve an appointment, this will be paid via PayPal, on the booking site. **100% of this sitting fee goes to the DWE PAC.**
2. Go online to www.basilcooper.com to book your appointment, click on **book a session**, then **family photo scheduling** and choose your school. Remember to also pay your \$25 sitting fee (your appointment will not be confirmed until you do so)
3. Appointment times are every 10 minutes.
4. A variety of poses will be taken.
5. All proofs will be emailed appx 1 week after the event.
6. Each family will receive 1 free 8x10 portrait from the proof of your choice (if ordered by the due date).
7. Please be prepared to spend at least 30 minutes at the location and plan to arrive at least 10 minutes early to prepare hair and clothes.

Please book your appointment online @ www.basilcooper.com.

If you have any questions, please email us at bcphotography@shaw.ca

