

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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National Day of Truth and Reconciliation is September 30th - School will be closed.



Terry Fox Run Success

We are so proud of our student leaders for organizing our Terry Fox Run this year Together, our school raised over \$1000 for cancer research! Our students participated so well and shared in the spirit of commemorating Canadian hero, Terry Fox!

Thank you to all of our families for supporting our students in this endeavour and thanks also go to Don-O-Ray for donating apples for each of our students to enjoy after the Terry Fox Run. Many thanks to Mrs. Jensen and to Ms. Peters for coordinating our student leaders!

Mark Your Calendar

September 29 Orange Shirt Day at DWE September 30 School Closed for NTRD

October 2 Lebbon / Lutz / King to Mission Creek

Ocrober 7 French Immersion Cultural Assembly

Presentation with Hélène Nicole

October 9 PAC Meeting (AGM) 6:30pm in ILibrary

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 21 Cultural Assembly - Mark Kroos

October 24 Pro.D. Day / No School

October 31 Halloween (a Friday)

November 10 Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11 Remembrance Day / No School

Optional Student Accident Insurance

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. Student Accident Insurance by Studylnsured is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. To apply for the plan or to find out more, you may visit this website:

www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

In March of 2023, the Province of B.C. recognized September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, declaring it a statutory holiday. This day creates time and space for all families and communities in British Columbia to reflect on Canada's history and to engage in Indigenous community events.

The day honours the children in Canada who attended residential schools, the survivors, and their families. It is also an opportunity for all British Columbians to learn about this part of our shared history and to reflect on a path forward towards reconciliation.

This statutory day responds to Call to Action #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, chaired by the Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair, which called on the federal government to establish a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure public honouring of the history and legacy of residential schools is held up as a important part of the reconciliation process.

On September 30, we encourage families to wear orange, take part in local events, read Indigenous authored stories, learn more about the local syilx territory, and spend time learning and talking together about truth and reconciliation. Walking this path is a journey we share, hand in hand, as British Columbians.







Deciding when your child is too sick for school is not always an easy decision.

Children should not come to school if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities. If you have questions and concerns about your child's health, talk with a qualified healthcare professional.

Keep children at home if they have:

- a fever, and keep them home for 24 hours after the fever is gone away without the help of medication (see reverse page on how to take a temperature).
- · vomiting or diarrhea, and keep them home for 48 hours after the last episode.
- · a severe sore throat.
- · a rash with no known cause.
- a severe cough especially with other symptoms like a runny nose and headache.
- · redness, swelling or discharge of the eyes, ears or skin, unless treated.
- · been acting unwell and have little energy to join in school activities.

For questions about your child's health you can:

- 1. Dial 811 or go to HealthLinkBC.ca to speak with a:
- · Registered Nurse 24 hours a day, every day of the year.
- · Registered Dietitian every weekday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST.
- · Pharmacist every night from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. PST every day of the year.
- 2. Contact an Urgent Care, Walk-in Clinic or Doctor's Office.
- See the reverse page on when to go to the emergency department.



Seasonal Respiratory Illness

In the fall and winter, we can expect to see more respiratory illness. This is an annual occurrence, but there are measures we can all can take to prevent illness and manage symptoms while at home. Here is some information that may be helpful: It's respiratory illness season.

For more information on specific illnesses see: A Quick Guide to Common Childhood Diseases



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 <u>Priest Creek Winery (South East Kelowna)</u>. 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:

- 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.
- Go online to <u>www.basilcooper.com</u> 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)
- Appointment times are every 10 minutes.
- 4. A variety of poses will be taken.
- All proofs will be emailed appx 1 week after the event.
- Each family will receive 1 free 8x10 portrait from the proof of your choice (if ordered by the due date).
- 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

