



Friday, September 13, 2024

A message from Mrs. Ingham ~ Principal

*Ey Swayel East Chilliwack Families!*

*We completed our first full week back to school. I'm sure there will be some tired little hawks today! It was exciting to have our Kindergarten students in the building for their gradual entry! Today we ended our week with a Terry Fox Assembly. There will be a coin drive next week to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation, and we will end next week with our Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 20. Students from Ms. Brooks class will be collecting the money from each classroom every day.*

*We are looking forward to meeting our families at our Meet the Teacher BBQ on Sept. 19! Our new school counsellor, Ms. Ashley Munro, will have a table set up at the BBQ so be sure to swing by and say hello!*

## Week at a Glance:

### Monday, September 16

- Coin drive for Terry Fox Foundation (nickels)
- Kindergarten students in for full days / Cross Country practice for Gr. 3-5

### Tuesday, September 17

- Coin drive for Terry Fox Foundation (dimes)

### Wednesday, September 18

- Coin drive for Terry Fox Foundation (quarters)
- Cross Country practice for Gr. 3-5

### Thursday, September 19

- Coin drive for Terry Fox Foundation (loonies)
- Meet the Teacher BBQ 5:00 – 6:30 pm

### Friday, September 20

- Wear Terry Fox shirts or Canada clothing or spirit wear
- Toonies for Terry – coin drive for Terry Fox Foundation
- Terry Fox Run 10:45 – 11:45 ~ Families are welcome to join us! Warm up in the gym



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## Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 16	Coin drive for Terry Fox fundraising begins
Sept. 19	Meet the Teacher BBQ – 5:00 – 6:30 pm
Sept. 20	Toonies for Terry and Terry Fox Run 10:45 – 11:45
Sept. 24	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept. 26	Orange Shirt Day assembly / Truth and Reconciliation Day at school
Sept. 27	Professional Day (Schools closed to students)
Sept. 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day (Schools Closed)
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving (stat holiday – no school)

## Bell Schedule:

8:06	Warning Bell
8:11	Morning instruction begins
10:27 – 10:42	Recess
10:42	Mid morning instruction begins
12:02 – 12:17	Eating Period
12:17 – 12:42	Outside Playtime

**Students arriving at school after 8:11 need to check in at the office for attendance.**

## School Supplies and From the Office:



You will be able to pay the \$60 fee for school supplies online and teachers have ordered the supplies for the students. Just a reminder, please do not send any money to your child's teacher. All payments, not online, should come to office.

Online Student Payments – use Student Quick Pay

School fees are payable online using Student Quick Pay.

Please see the attached instructions from the School District.

Grades 1-5 are set up for payments. Kindergarten will be set up on September 16th.

**Please see the attached letter regarding “SafeArrival” for reporting your child's absence.**

### **Parking Lot:**

The parking lot is incredibly busy with buses, students and cars. If you drop off or pick up your child, please familiarize yourself with how the parking lot works. **There is no exiting or leaving your vehicle unattended in any of the lanes.** This stops the flow in the parking lot and paralyzes it. We need your cooperation to keep our students safe.

All traffic is one way moving from the west to the east.

There are 3 lanes in the parking lot:

Lane #1 is the lane closest to the school is for **Buses Only.**

Lane # 2 is the **Drop Off Lane.** Drivers may not get out of their vehicle or leave it in any lane unattended.

Lane # 3 is a **Drive-Thru Lane** - there is no stopping in this lane either. There are times before school when staff will start to direct vehicles into this lane if traffic is backing up on the road. Please remind your child to look both ways before crossing the parking lot.

After school you may wait in your vehicle in lane #2 and #3 prior to the bell so we don't back onto the road but please **do not leave your vehicle unattended in the lanes.**

Please be patient and allow others to merge in and out of the parking lot. ECE has very few spots for parking, and your patience and cooperation make a difference in the mornings and after school. We all want our kids to be safe.

### **Fair Notice:**

The Chilliwack School District and community partners are committed to making our schools safe for students and staff. As a result, schools will respond to all student behaviours that pose a potential risk to themselves, other students, staff and members of the community.

### **Terry Fox Run:**

We will be doing our Terry Fox run on Sept 20 from 10:45 – 11:45. We will be warming up in the gym before we head outside. Families are welcome to join us! With our coin drive our fundraising goal is \$1000!

### **Gym Shoes:**

Please send inside gym shoes with your child. With the nice weather, we have many students arriving to gym class in flip flops and sandals. We want to make sure everybody has a safe gym experience. When the rainy weather comes, we want to keep our classrooms and school clean and mud free.

### **Coupon Books:**

We are once again selling the popular “Great Little Coupon Book” for Chilliwack/Sardis or Abbotsford/Mission. They are \$15 and a percentage of the money raised stays here at East Chilliwack to benefit our students. They are available for sale at the office.

### **Hotlunch:**

Hot Lunch is now open for another week. Kindergarten families and new families need to create an account in Munch a Lunch now that that they know which teacher their child has. See this link here: [MUNCHALUNCH](#)

In Munch a Lunch once you order, parents can sign up to volunteer (if interested) and PAC will contact volunteers before the Friday of hot lunch.

Any new parents interested in volunteering their time to help with hot lunch, please make sure you have completed a volunteer form and criminal record check. These can be obtained at the office.

For more information about the PAC, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/37026050978>



