



Grindrod Elementary School

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September Special Events Update

We had a great September at Grindrod. We have welcomed over 25 new students to our school and enjoyed some outstanding school wide events. Highlights include our Family Corn Roast, The Terry Fox Run, in which we raised over \$180 for cancer research, and our Tuey Park Beach Day Fieldtrip. The month concluded with a student celebration assembly featuring 15 students of the month awarded for outstanding leadership, effort, citizenship and achievement. See our recipients below:



Logan Marquet and Luka Cunningham in Mrs. Foulger/Mrs. Scott's class.

Kohen Cabalfin, Maci Ramage and Gracey DeCorby in Mrs. Dodds' class.

Rylee Kerkhof and Rayla Jolicoeur in Mrs. Kemitzis' class.

Julianna Pham and Eden Torwalt in Mrs. Chambers' class.

Leland Hickling, Morgan Iversen and Justise Arbuckle in Mr. Paré's class.

Ava Hawrys, Ara Cardiff-Miller and Devon White in Mrs. Smith/Mr. Abbott's class.

Looking Forward to October

On October 1 we welcomed back Mr. Paré! The kids were thrilled to see him and I know he felt very special because of the overwhelming response from the community. We also want to recognize the outstanding work Mrs. Ternent did as our grade 5/6 teacher in September. We are thrilled to have her continue as our Remedy Support Teacher. We are also very pleased to welcome Ms. Brooklyn Hay to our staff. As a past student of Grindrod Elementary, Ms. Hay knows the school and community well. She is a respected community leader, a lifeguard at the pool in Enderby and a sport instructor as well. She is a wonderful addition to our team.

Photo Day

Our school photo day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10. This is the day individual photos are taken, so brush your hair! We invite pre-school students and even families to come to the school to have pictures done as well, if they are interested. A Mountain West Studios reminder/information sheet will be sent home one day prior to the photo day. Should your child be absent on the 10th, retake day is scheduled for November 5th.

PAC Meeting Date

Our first PAC meeting saw our new PAC executive be sworn in. The meeting was very well attended with 19 people present. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 9th beginning at 2:10pm in the library.

Welcome to our new PAC Executives:

President: Christine Barbour

Vice-President: Bobbi Cassidy

Secretary: Jessica Stocker

Treasurer: Tonya Lifton

Special Event Leaders:

Kim Anker, Candi Digness, Sherri DeCorby,

Anna Lockwood, Adrianna Veldhuis,

Sarah Maier and Jess Washtock.

A Big Thank You to Our Families

On behalf of our secretary, Dorry, we want to thank all our families for taking the time to complete the online forms required at the beginning of the year. This is a huge help to us.

October Pro D Days

It is very effective for schools to do the bulk of their professional development early in the school year so that lessons learned can be employed practically in the classroom over the longest period of time. That's in part why we have two professional development days in October. The first is a school based day on October 5th. This is in conjunction with

Thanksgiving Day on October 8th, giving families a four-day weekend.

The second Pro D Day is a Provincial Pro D and it is on Friday, October 19th.

Provincial Pro D Days give educators around the province the opportunity to network and learn from each other and to attend workshops in neighbouring districts.

Kindergarten/French Immersion and Outdoor Learning Registration Opens Early

This year, families can register for the above programs earlier than in past years and will open on October 9th. If you are registering your child for the 2019-2020 school year at Grindrod Elementary, please bring your child's birth certificate and care card/ BC service card. Registration can be done during office hours from 8:00am till 2:15pm.

Breakfast Program donations

We are very thankful to those who donated \$155 at our Corn Roast. Donations are always welcome. The program support roughly 15 students per day.

We receive terrific community support for our Breakfast and Lunch programs each year. In the past the Salmon Arm Rotary Club and from Enderby, the Lions Club, Twice but Nice, Santa's Workshop and Tim Hortons have all donated either food or funds to our program.

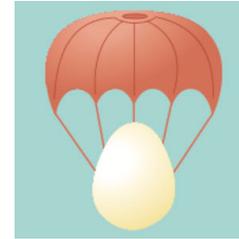
Upcoming Special Events in October

On Thursday, October 4th, Mrs. Dodds' class will be off to her **yard and then to Gardom Lake** for an outdoor fall fieldtrip. This trip was originally planned for today but was postponed due to weather concerns.

On Tuesday, October 9th, our oldest three classes will participate in the **Adams River's Salute to the Sockeye Festival**. Reminder that the bus must leave at 8:10am sharp in order for us to make our Oceans and Fisheries lessons on time. Our school applied for and received a \$580 Go Grant allowing us to fund this fieldtrip.

On Tuesday, October 16th our division 1, 2 and 3 students will demonstrate their creative thinking through their **Egg Drop Challenge** creations. The goal of the Applied Design,

Skills and Technology challenge is to build a vehicle that will protect a raw egg dropped from the roof of the school. A secondary goal is for the egg to remain airborne for the longest duration possible.



Runaway Moon will perform at our school on Monday, October 15th beginning at 8:40. We are so excited to have our local theatre group present to us and as always parents are welcome to attend.

We are off to **Greencroft Gardens** on Tuesday, October 23rd to raid the **pumpkin patch**. This is one of our favourite fall trips, as the staff at Greencroft Gardens is also so very welcoming! Some classes may be invited to join in the harvest this year and we also intend to participate in a seed saver activity at the farm.

Our **Month End Student Celebration Assembly** will be on Friday, October 26th beginning at 1:15pm.

Interim Reports

Your child will bring home their first interim report during the week of October 22nd-26th. This report focusses primarily on study skills, as teachers are in the process of completing their formative assessments.

Our first formal reports will be in the form of our Student, Parent, Teacher goal setting meetings to be held on November 20. This will be an early dismissal day for our regional schools and the busses will pick students up at 11:45am on this day. This allows us to meet with parents throughout the day and into the early evening.

Enderby Early Years Fair Tonight

We invite parents to attend this event at the Splatsin Community Center from 4:30-6:30 tonight. Free family photos, dinner and a take home package will be offered to participants.