



Grindrod Elementary School

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September Special Events Update

We have some exciting plans for our students this month and we want to keep you informed. Parents are welcome to attend our fieldtrips with their child. If you plan to drive, or volunteer at the school, criminal record checks are required. We have a form at the school office that we can provide to the RCMP in Enderby to have your check done. Once completed, please provide the school with the original document which we need to be filed with the school district. They are **valid for three years** so if you have done one within this time frame and a copy is at our school you are not required to complete another. This is required by the school district and is strictly in the interest of all children's safety. As per the new district volunteer driver policy, the school district also requires the following:

1. Photocopy of the volunteer's driver's license
 2. A copy of the driver's abstract
 3. A copy of the vehicle registration
 4. Copy of vehicle insurance
- These documents are to be current within one year.

We very much appreciate your support as parent supervisors and drivers for our special events and fieldtrips.

When Your child will be absent or Late

Please email or call the school and leave a message if this is the case. We have a Safe Arrival- phone-home program.

First Profession Development Day

Friday, September 20th is the date of our school district's first professional development day. Although students do not attend school on this day, teachers will be hard at work deepening their knowledge around reading assessment and instructional strategies. We are developing a school wide program to support our vulnerable readers and pro d days allow us to

plan early for success on our school goal of ensuring our students can read at grade level.

October/November Pro D Days

To maximize the learning teacher's gain from our professional development days, we hold several before December each year. On October 25th our teachers will participate in a province wide professional development day. Then, on November 12th the ministry of education has designated a non-instructional professional development day for teachers as well. The strategies and practical teaching ideas gain from these days enhance learning for our students.

Annual "Meet the Teacher" Corn Roast

On Thursday, September 19th, from 4:30 - 6:00pm, we invite our families to join us at the school for our annual Corn Roast. This is a time to reconnect with friends in our school community and to meet your child's teacher in an informal setting. We add hotdogs to the corn roast so families can make it a dinner out. The expense is covered by the PAC and school, but we do welcome donations to our breakfast and lunch programs which run all year for students here at the school.

Annual Beach Day Fieldtrip

Each September we plan a Beach Day at Water Wheel (Tuey) Park in Enderby for our entire school. This year we will go on Friday, September 13th. During our time there, teachers prepare art, science, indigenous education and literacy centers for the students. The students work together in multi-aged groups with our older students providing leadership and support. This is a great time for the students and staff to get to know each other better while learning and having fun in the outdoors. Although we will bus students to the site, we invite parents to join us. Members of the PAC often assist us with our hot dog roasting at lunch. We will depart the school at 9:30 and return by the end of the school day.

Orange Shirt Day

At Grindrod we will wear Orange on Monday, September 30th to recognize the residential school experience and to honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families. We will host an awareness assembly beginning at 1:10pm in our gym. Families are welcome to attend. To learn more about why an orange shirt is worn on this day please go to <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/about.html>.

Photo Day

Our school photography day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th. This is the day individual photos are taken so brush your hair! We invite pre-school students to come to the school to have pictures done as well if they are interested. More information will come out from the photographers, Mountains West Studios, prior to the photo day.

School Demographics Update

As of September 4th, we have 127 students attending Grindrod Elementary. See below for our current class configurations and staffing.

K/1	19 students	Mrs. Foulger/Ms. Parilak
1/2	21 students	Mrs. Dodds/Mrs. Merriman
2/3	20 students	Ms. Kemitzis
3/4	20 students	Ms. Ternent
5/6/7	24 students	Mr. Paré/Mr. Abbott
5/6/7	23 students	Ms. Smith/Mr. Abbott
Music	Mr. Koenig	
LRT	Mrs. Lyons	
Library	Mrs. Levins	
CEAs	Mrs. Timoffee, Mrs. Young, Ms. Berndt, Ms. Hay, Mrs. Scanlon and TBA	
Cousellor	Ms. Dayringer	
Secretary	Mrs. Tessel	
Chief Custodian	Mr. Richardson	
Bus drivers	Mr. Aylard (Rabbit Bus-am) Mrs. Olson (Kangaroo Bus-am) Mr. Todd (Bear Bus-pm) Mr. Tomkins (Penguin Bus-pm)	
Principal	Mr. Abbott	

We continue to grow in numbers and evolve our programs to best meet the needs of our students and community!

Terry Fox Run

We are one of over a thousand Canadian schools who participate in the Terry Fox run each year. This is an important event at our school and we are always keen to participate. In keeping with Terry Fox's original goal to raise one dollar for each person in Canada for cancer research at the time of his run, our goal is to raise \$1.00 for each member of our school community. Our run will take place just after our **Month End Celebration Assembly** which begins at 12:55, Tuesday, September 24th. We invite our parents to join us as we walk and run.

First PAC Meeting Date

Our first PAC meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18th starting at 2:10 in the library. All parents are invited to attend. Your feedback and support helps us to make our school a great place for children.

Early Kindergarten/French Immersion and Outdoor Learning Registration Opens Early

This year, families can register for the above programs earlier than in past years. registration will open on October 8th. More information on the registration process will be sent out to families as this day approaches.

Reminder Re: School Fees and Forms

Information on our electronic school forms will be sent home in the next few days. These consent and fee forms are critical in the day to day work we do with your child(ren). Please complete these online forms as soon as possible. School activity and supply fees are due by the end of September. If these fees present a hardship for your family, please contact Mr. Abbott directly to discuss options.

Check Out our Website

Our website is a great place to keep current on many aspects of school life at Grindrod Elementary. Our code of conduct, school goals and newsletters can be found, as well as, current blogs on past and upcoming events. We also work hard to keep our website calendar up to date so that you can always check what's coming up in our school. We hope you find this tool useful. Find our website at www.gri@sd83.bc.ca .