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Vice Principal's Message

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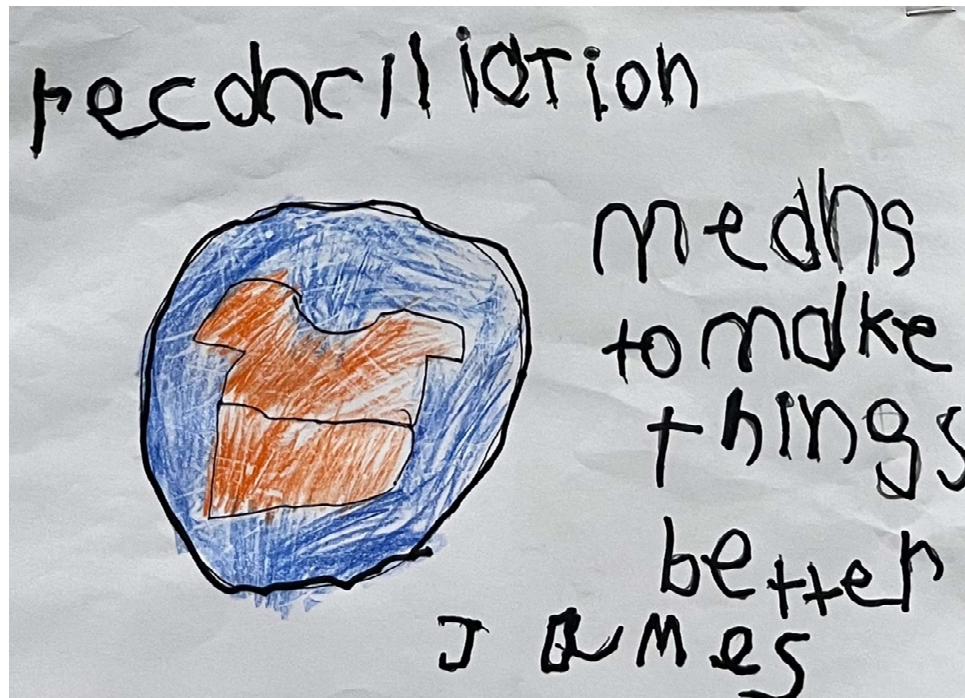
**"Be a good ancestor with your feelings.
Feelings become compassion
Compassion becomes understanding
Understanding becomes beliefs
Beliefs become values."**

- Leona and Gabrielle Prince

As we begin another school year, I'd like to draw inspiration from the thought-provoking book "Be a Good Ancestor" by Leona and Gabrielle Prince, which emphasizes the importance of taking care of the place we live, our thoughts, and our feelings.

In today's world, it is vital that we instill in our young learners the significance of being good stewards of our planet, our minds, and our hearts. "Be a Good Ancestor" reminds us that our actions today have far-reaching consequences for future generations. Just as we strive to leave our environment in a better state for those who come after us, we must also work to foster positive attitudes and emotional well-being in ourselves and our children.

As educators, parents, and guardians, we have a shared responsibility to teach our students not only how to excel academically but also how to cultivate kindness, empathy, and mindfulness. These qualities empower our children to be good ancestors by leaving behind a legacy of caring for the Earth, nurturing their mental health, and spreading love and understanding in our world.



Just Be You Club

Once again, we will be starting up a "Just Be You" Club for interested students in Grades 4 to 7. The purpose of this club is to create a safe space for students to build awareness and acceptance, create friendships, and develop leadership skills within our school community. Our school counsellor, Ms. Fernandez, will be facilitating this group. They will be exploring various topics of interest to participants. If you would like more information about this opportunity, please contact Ms. Fernandez at the school (250-248-8446).

Truth and Reconciliation Week & Orange Shirt Day

September 25-29

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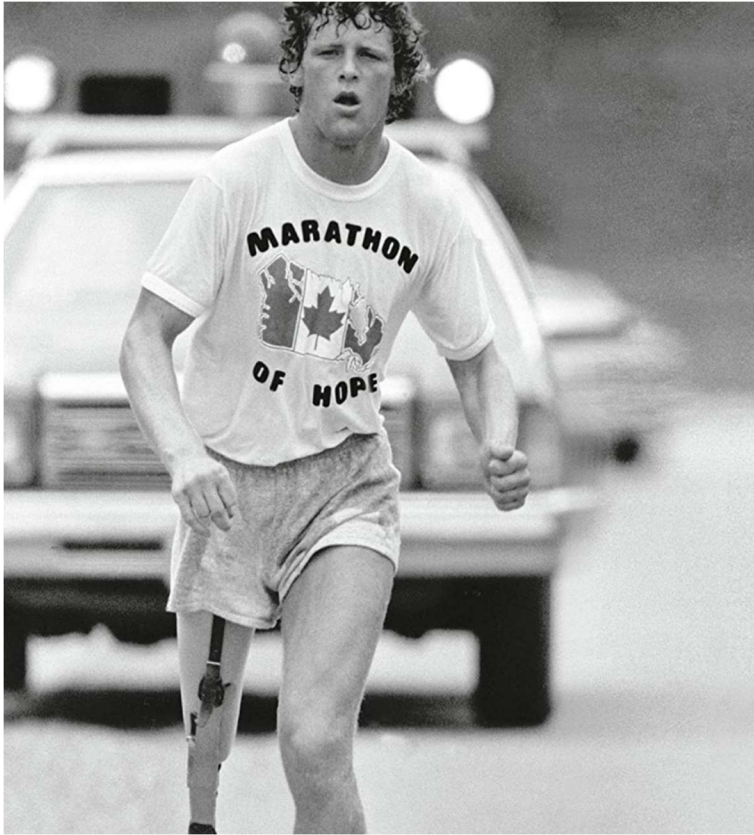
- James T.

As we approach Truth and Reconciliation Week, culminating in Orange Shirt Day, we are committed to providing our students with meaningful learning opportunities that foster understanding, empathy, and reconciliation. Throughout the week, we will engage in educational activities, and discussions to deepen our collective understanding of Indigenous history, culture, and the ongoing journey towards healing and reconciliation.

James' perspective on reconciliation is beautifully simple yet profound: "Reconciliation means to make things better." This succinct definition captures the essence of reconciliation - the process of acknowledging past wrongs, healing wounds, and working together to create a more equitable and harmonious future. It's a sentiment we should all strive to embody as we engage in the important work of reconciliation.

We will observe Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 29. We encourage students and staff to wear orange shirts as a symbol of solidarity and commitment to reconciliation.





Terry Fox Run

Monday, September 25, 2023

We are participating in the Terry Fox School Run! We are so proud to be a part of this Canadian tradition in the fight against cancer.

This annual event not only pays tribute to the indomitable spirit of Terry Fox but also serves as a powerful lesson in perseverance, compassion, and community. On Monday, September 25 @ 12:30 pm our students will lace up their sneakers and join in a run for hope and cancer research.

Please support our student's fundraising efforts by sending a loonie/toonie or donating online today at:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/ErringtonElementary>

#terryfoxschoolrun

@theterryfoxfoundation

Hot Lunch Program

We are looking at options to offer meals to students throughout the week. This would be in addition to the PAC Lunches that are offered bi-weekly. We are looking to our parent community for creative ideas or experience in the food industry.

These are some areas we would like to explore:

- Are you a chef with experience preparing and serving meals in large quantities?
- Do you know of someone who operates a food truck and looking at ways to expand their service?
- Are you a caregiver who enjoys cooking and can suggest healthy menu items appealing to children?
- Are you interested in volunteering some time to coordinate menus, assist with meal prep, delivery, or clean-up?

We would like to remind you that all volunteers in the school are required to have a current Criminal Record Check on file at the EES office. We are required to follow the [Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools](#) and those handling food are required to have a valid [Food Safe Certificate](#).

If you have suggestions or connections, please contact Mrs. Morrison or Ms. Wong at the office or by email.





Hot Lunch Orders are Open

September 29 - December 15

The PAC's fundraising Munchalunch Hot Lunch Menu is **open** and ready for ordering.

Friday	September 29	Domino's Pizza
Friday	October 13	Subway
Friday	October 27	Sushi
Thursday	November 9	Thalassa
Friday	November 24	Chinese Food
Friday	December 8	Thalassa
Friday	December 15	Domino's Pizza

Please note that all lunches close on Munchalunch a week prior to lunch date.

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/Errington/>

Community Programs & Events

We get numerous advertisements for community programs and opportunities to include in newsletters. Rather than inserting the whole advertisement in our newsletters, we will now provide the links below for you to click to view:

Community Events & Programs 2023-2024

Please click on the PDF link below to view the events/programs offered within the community - access is via the SD69 Community Page:

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Community69/Pages/default.aspx#/>

KEY DATES

SEPTEMBER

25 - Terry Fox Run
29 - Orange Shirt Day

OCTOBER

2 - National and Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)
9 - Thanksgiving Day (no school)
20 - Pro-D Day (no school)
27 - Photo Day

NOVEMBER

10 - Conferencing Adjustment Day (no school)
13 - Statutory Holiday (no school)
14 - Pro-D Day (no school)
15 - Photo Retakes

DECEMBER

1 - District Wide Planning Day (no school)
22 - Last day of school before Winter Break

JANUARY

8 - School Reopens after Winter Break

FEBRUARY

19 - BC Family Day (no school)

MARCH

1 - Pro-D Day (no school)
15 - Last day of school before Spring Break

APRIL

2 - School reopens after Spring Break
29 - Pro-D Day (no school)

MAY

17 - Conferencing Adjustment Day (no school)
20 - Victoria Day (no school)

JUNE

27 - Final day of school