



September 9th, 2019

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Dear Parents/Guardians;

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. I am happy to announce we have had a very successful start-up. I have been extremely impressed with all our students in the short time we have been back. I am happy to report that we have our full teaching staff in place for this year. We've added, Ms. Huffer (library), Ms. Janes (Kindergarten), Ms. Dejager (Gr. 2/3), and Mr. Fitch (contract TTOC). As well, we have a number of new families to Cherry Hill. I've been very impressed by how our students and greater school community have welcomed our new families with warm open arms. We have gone through a bit of a growth spurt recently, and I am very excited to see what this year brings!

We have a few important dates coming up:

Sept 19th Welcome Back BBQ 4:30-6:00pm

Sept 20th Non Instructional Day, no school

Sept 26th Terry Fox Run (morning run)

Sept 30th Orange Shirt Day

Oct 5th PAC Bottle Drive, 10am-2pm

Oct 14th Thanksgiving, no school

Oct 25th Pro D Day, no school

Cherry Hill Newsletters

This year school newsletters will go home the first Thursday of every month. Newsletters will be emailed to families and posted on our school website. Paper copies can be requested at our office during regular school hours. If you are not receiving our Newsletters by email, you will need to provide an updated email to our school secretary.

Classroom Supplies

A reminder the school supply list sent out at the end of last year and available on our website is just a basic list. In most cases, classroom teachers will also request additional supplies that are specialized to their individual classroom needs. These needs will be communicated via classroom newsletters.

Welcome Back BBQ

We would like to invite parents and students to our Welcome Back BBQ on September 19th, from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity for our school community to socialize, meet teachers, and have a laugh over great food. Thank you to our school PAC for sponsoring the event. Our Healthy Schools coordinator will also be there with a booth set up with fun games for the community. I hope to see everyone there!

2019-20 Staff Team

Principal	Mr. Shane Sliziak
Secretary	Mrs. Marion Bok
Division 1	Mr. Al Sutter
Division 2	Mr. Terry Lillbeck
Division 3	Mr. Derrick Spencer
Division 4	Ms. Pardeep Dhaliwal
Division 5	Mr. Tyson Slack
Division 6	Ms. Lacie Harris
Division 7	Ms. Jennifer Dejager
Division 8	Ms. Cheryl Denton
Division 9	Ms. Jenna Beaudry
Division 10	Ms. Ashley Ardnt
Division 11	Ms. April Hodson
Division 12	Ms. Catherine Janes
Division 13	Ms. Valery Leibel
Learning Assistance	Ms. Mandeep Sandhu
ISP	Ms. Anna Abbott
Library	Ms. Katelyn Huffer
Counsellor	Ms. Karli Bartlett
ESL	Ms. Mandy Sadhra
	Mr. Kent McClintock
	Ms. Bonnie Law
Y.C.W.	Mrs. Michelle Lapointe
Aboriginal Worker	Mrs. Susan O'Soup
E.S.D.	Ms. Diane Gallo
Teacher Assistants	Mrs. Luisa Cullen
	Mrs. Robyn Gehring
	Mrs. Denise Paisley
	Mrs. Cathy Ross
	Mrs. Noel Agarpoa
	Ms. Cindy Willock
	Mrs. Jill Proulx
	Mrs. Chelsea Krivoshein
	Ms. Aimee Greenhalgh
	Mrs. Kathryn Stublely
	Ms. Katelynn Williams
Strong Start	Mrs. Alison McKay
Custodians	Johanna Ulmer & Diane Denton
N.H. Supervisors	Mrs. Kim Beaucage
	Mrs. Crystal Janzen
	Mrs. Evelyn Ross

Student Drop Off, Pick-up & Lates

In our first week back students and parents have been great at using their child's particular entrance/exit doors in the morning and afternoon. Thank you so much for doing such a great job with this. It is very important that we continue to use our designated entrances. We are implementing a new late arrival policy this year. ***If a child arrives at school late (and their designated entrance is closed and locked) they are to enter the front entrance of the school but report directly to their classroom if it is between 8:30-8:45. If a child arrives after 8:45 they will need to report to the office for a late slip before going to class.*** At the end of the day, we are continuing to ask parents to wait outside the building until the 2:23pm bell to pick-up their child(ren). This will help minimize the

disruptions to the learning environment for students and teachers. Also, this will ensure we can monitor who is in the building for safety reasons. The principal will be monitoring hallways before and after school to help with friendly reminders. We thank you for your understanding!

School Cash Online

Cherry Hill School uses School Cash Online for all school purchases. Such purchases can include field trip fees, planners, supplies, etc. **We do not accept cash payments for school purchases.** Please visit our school website (www.cherryhill.mpsd.ca) to register your son or daughter. It is very important to enter registration information (student name, birth date, email, etc.) in the exact same way it was reported on our school registration form. For technical assistance, please visit Marion Bok, our school secretary. (please note, our PAC events and fundraisers still take cash).

Parking Lot Reminder

Please drive very slowly in the parking lot and avoid stopping in the **No Parking** zones where you block in other drivers. Whenever possible, please meet your child down one of the walkways to Best or Kudo. Please do not block driveways. Do not park or stop in the designated bus stop zone. Please remember, your convenience cannot come at the price of a student's safety. Thank you for understanding.

Packed Lunches

Parents, please do not send food items that need hot water or microwaves to be heated. We do not have the ability to boil water for students or microwave food items. If your son or daughter enjoys heated food or soup for lunch, please purchase a thermos that will keep the food hot until recess or lunch. These are extremely efficient and affordable. They can be purchased at several retail outlets in Mission.

Classroom Planners

Most classes at Cherry Hill will be using classroom planners this year. Classrooms not using planners will use another method of communication (email for example). Please refer to communications from your son or daughter's teacher to find out if they will be using planners or not. Planners cost \$8.00 each and parents can make payments on School Cash Online.

Cash or cheque will not be accepted for school planners.

Terry Fox Run

This year our Terry Fox Run will be held on September 26th. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the event as we are aiming for a longer off school grounds run this year. Should we not have enough volunteers, we will do the run on our school field. We have a school goal to raise \$500 or more for the Terry Fox Foundation. We are asking students to bring a "Toonie for Terry". The classroom that fundraises the most amount of money will win the honour of throwing pie at the school principal. A separate informational sheet with event information will be sent home next week.

Orange Shirt Day

September 30th is "Orange Shirt Day" at Cherry Hill. Wear an orange shirt to recognize the experience of former students of

residential schools and affirm a collective commitment to ensure that every child matters. In addition to students wearing oranges shirts here at Cherry Hill, some of our intermediate divisions will be participating in the community Orange Shirt Day March for reconciliation.

Healthy Schools Moment

This year our Healthy Schools Committee will have a monthly section in our newsletter called, 'Healthy Schools Moment'. The section will take the time to give pointers related to student health, and provide resources to parents. This month we will focus on sleep.

Good quality sleep helps your child concentrate, remember things and behave well, which helps them be a successful learner. Children who don't sleep well, or who don't get enough sleep, are more likely to feel tired and have difficulties learning. If you notice that your child is having trouble concentrating, remembering things or learning, consider whether they're getting enough sleep. Learn more about how to help your child develop healthy sleep habits on the Fraser Health School Health webpage here: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/children-and-youth/healthy-sleep-for-children#.XBrck8uWx9B>

Parent Teacher Interviews This Year At Cherry Hill

This year at Cherry Hill we will be piloting a new format to our Parent Teacher Interviews. In previous years, elementary schools around Mission have had their interviews scheduled after the release of student report cards. While this is useful to discuss report card results, it doesn't allow time for students to improve study habits or behavior that would ultimately improve report card results. For this year, instead of having parent teacher interviews the first week of December like the rest of the district, we will hold our parent teacher interviews on October 16th, from 2:30pm to 7:30pm. This will give parents feedback about student progress with enough time for students to make appropriate changes to improve success before their first report cards. We are hoping this change will improve student success by improving communication between home and school before report cards are sent out.

PAC Bottle Drive

Our school PAC will be holding a bottle drive on October 5th, from 10am-2pm. They are always looking for volunteers to help out at the school. Remember, if you have a child at Cherry Hill, you are already a member of our PAC! If you can't commit to the entire time, then even 30 minutes or an hour can be a great help. Funds from the first PAC bottle drive are used to help replenish teacher classroom funds, which are typically used by teachers for fun activities in their classrooms that go beyond resource and learning funding from the district. If you are new to the community, helping out at the bottle drive is a great way to meet new people. If you have bottles, please bring them by the school on that day!