

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to welcome everyone back for another school year at Cherry Hill. This year has been quite a unique start-up for everyone. I would like to thank all parents for their patience and understanding as we navigate through our 'new normal'. I am extremely impressed with how well things have gone over these last two weeks. Our students are doing a great job with our new health and safety protocols while in the building. At recess and lunch, they have quickly learned how stay within their Learning Group and not leave their designated play area. After almost two full weeks, I can confidently say that our new routines are being followed and respected. My hat goes off to our staff and student body for all the hard work they have done over the last two weeks to ensure a safe and enjoyable start up.

We have a few important dates coming up:

**Sept 25<sup>th</sup>** Professional Development Day, No School  
**Sept 29<sup>th</sup>** Terry Fox Run (on school grounds)  
**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>** Orange Shirt Day  
**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>** Picture Day  
**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** Thanksgiving, No School  
**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** Pro D Day, No School

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## 2020-2021 Staff Team

<b>Principal</b>	Mr. Shane Sliziak
<b>Secretary</b>	Mrs. Marion Bok
<b>Division 1</b>	Mr. Al Sutter
<b>Division 2</b>	Mr. Terry Lillbeck
<b>Division 3</b>	Mr. Derrick Spencer
<b>Division 4</b>	Ms. Pardeep Dhaliwal
<b>Division 5</b>	Mr. Tyson Slack
<b>Division 6</b>	Ms. Lacie Harris
<b>Division 7</b>	Ms. Avninder Grewal
<b>Division 8</b>	Ms. Ashley Arndt
<b>Division 9</b>	Ms. Jenna Beaudry
<b>Division 10</b>	Ms. Natasha Roste
<b>Division 11</b>	Ms. April Hodson
<b>Division 12</b>	Ms. Audrey Wong
<b>Division 13</b>	Ms. Valery Leibel
<b>Learning Assistance</b>	Ms. Mandeep Sandhu
<b>ISP</b>	Ms. Anna Abbott
<b>Library</b>	Ms. Katelyn Huffer
<b>Counsellor</b>	Ms. Karli Bartlett
<b>ESL</b>	Mr. Kent McClintock
	Ms. Bonnie Law
<b>Y.C.W.</b>	Ms. Emily Skillings

<b>Aboriginal Worker</b>	Ms. Susan O'Soup
<b>E.S.D.</b>	Ms. Virginia Avery
<b>Teacher Assistants</b>	Ms. Cindi Smith
	Ms. Robyn Gehring
	Ms. Denise Paisley
	Ms. Cathy Ross
	Ms. Karen Saxbee
	Ms. Cindy Willock
	Mrs. Jill Proulx
	Mrs. Chelsea Krivoshein
	Ms. Aimee Greenhalgh
<b>Strong Start</b>	Mrs. Alison McKay
<b>Custodians</b>	Johanna Ulmer & Diane Denton

### Parent Visitors

We would like to remind parents that we are asking you stay outside of the school unless an appointment has been previously made with a staff member. For the most part, parents have done an amazing job respecting this new health and safety policy. Should you have an appointment, please complete the health self-assessment at the reception table at our main entrance. If you pass, please sign-in on the sheet at the reception table. Finally, proceed to the office to let Ms. Bok know you are here for an appointment. The staff member you have the appointment with will then be notified to meet you at the main entrance. Thank you everyone for your continued cooperation with this.

### Student Drop Off, Pick-up & Lates

In our first two weeks 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. A reminder to parents to please physically distance from other parents and children while on school grounds. Now that we have two different schedules at Cherry Hill (Schedule A and Schedule B), families with multiple siblings have had a bit of difficulty managing two different start and end times. If you are in this situation and need help managing supervision for your children with two different start times, please reach out to the principal. He has been working with families in this situation to find appropriate solutions. A reminder if your child is late, they will need to enter the building from the main entrance. Please have them proceed to the office to sign-in. Staff members are available to escort younger children to their classrooms.

### Keeping Your Child Home When Sick

As many of you may be aware, the provincial guidelines for when to keep a child home when sick have recently changed. Of particular note, if a child has a runny nose (with no other symptoms) then it is not a requirement for the child to stay home. The new self-assessment check-list will be emailed out

to parents for their reference each morning. If your child has one of the symptoms on the check-list then the recommendation is to keep them home until they feel better. If the child has two or more of the symptoms on the check-list, the recommendation is to call 811 or consult a physician. If a Covid-19 test is recommended by the health professional, then you must keep your child home until a negative result is communicated. Please see the updated health check-list for further details (emailed by the principal).

### **Terry Fox Run**

Planner inserts went home with details around our annual 'Toonies for Terry' fundraiser. 100% of proceeds will go to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. This year we will be pitting Learning Group vs. Learning Group to see who can raise the most money. The winning Learning Group will get a special prize which usually involves a fun activity that centres around fun torture of the principal (in the past winners have duct taped the principal to the wall, etc). More details on the fun activity to follow. **Our run date is Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>**. This year we will be keeping kids on school grounds for the run with students running in their Learning Groups. A schedule will be emailed out to parents later in the week for those that may wish to cheer on their children.

### **Orange Shirt Day**

September 30<sup>th</sup> is "Orange Shirt Day" at Cherry Hill. Staff and students are encouraged to 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. Orange shirt day coincides with picture day (see below) so if you'd like your child to wear something other than an orange shirt in their picture, please pack an orange shirt in their backpack so they can change into it after morning pictures are completed.

### **Picture Day**

Picture day is on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> this year. Typically, they are completed in the morning. If it is a rainy day, we will keep the kids inside for recess if pictures are not yet completed (nothing worse than wet hair pictures!). Have an orange shirt packed in their bags so they can change into it after pictures are complete. Retakes are scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **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](http://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.

### **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. Please note the western section of the parking lot is designated for staff only. To maximize parent parking space, parents can park side-by-side on our South-East portion of the parking lot instead of parallel. A new parking-lot diagram will be distributed shortly to help our new families.

### **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. We are a pack-in pack-out school meaning you may get empty wrappers back in lunch kits at the end of the day. Also, a reminder to pack a water bottle each day as our water fountains have been turned off. We have a touchless water bottle filling station with delicious filtered water.

### **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.***

### **Assemblies in our 'New Normal'**

Our traditional assemblies are not currently possible due to large gathering restrictions. We will be moving our assemblies to a remote model this year. Last week we had our first virtual assembly and although it was much different than what we are used to, it was great having the whole school together (virtually). For future assemblies, we will send the Zoom link out to our parent community so they can join in.

### **Learning Groups Vs. Schedule A & B**

There has been some confusion around the difference between Schedule A & B versus Learning Groups. Schedule A & B reflects the different start/end and break times at Cherry Hill. 50% of our classes follow Schedule A and the other 50% follow Schedule B. This has been implemented to reduce crowding as students move in and out of the building. Learning Groups refer to the groups of students/staff that can interact with each other while at school. All Learning Groups contain 60 or less people (typically 2 classrooms) and they may line-up outside together for morning entrance, play outside together on breaks in designated areas and share in group learning experiences. There is very little interaction between students that are in different learning groups; and when there is, physical distancing must be maintained.