



Updates

- **Student Voice Updates**

- Each classroom sends two representatives to meet with Mr. Whitton once per month to choose spirit days, a Sacred Teaching of the Month, and to provide suggestions related to teaching and learning.
- Sept/Oct Sacred Teaching is Respect (Buffalo)
- Spirit Days are September 24 – Pajama Day, and October 9 – Cultural Dress Day

- **Staffing Updates**

- Please see our website for the full staffing deployment.
- We have increased our support staff time for September as we await our Fall RAM (budget) numbers which are slightly up since our Spring budget/staffing.
- Ms. Gollert (music) is on leave until December. We are currently staffing this with an expected October start date for Music Grades 3-6. Ms. Weatherbee (Grade 4) is on leave until at least end of September.
- We have increased our PE specialist FTE to 1.0 for this year. Please welcome Emma Thomson who will be teaching on temporary contract in PE while Ms. Krygier is on her maternity leave. Students will alternate days with Ms. Thomson and the classroom teacher providing PE/Daily Physical Activity (DPA) instruction.

- **Enrollment Fall Planning Updates**

- We anticipate adding some staff in October following our fall RAM. As of September 11, our class sizes K-5 were between 19 and 24. Grade 6 is currently at 30. Mr. Whitton has been supporting in Grade 6.
- Mr. Whitton and Mrs. Murtagh are sharing the Resource Role. This supports keeping more teachers working in classrooms to lower class size and provide additional EA where needed. Please reach out to us with any questions!
- Schools will be receiving a one-time increase to our budgets in the Fall RAM (budget). We will update you on how this funding will be spent. A portion is already supporting Gr 1-3 teachers with the increased expectation of Ab Ed provincial screening tests in Literacy and Mathematics.

- **School Development Plan Updates**

- Staff will be engaged in a 'data dig' based on last year's results. This year will be Year 1 of a new 3-Year SDP that aligns with the CBE 3-Year Education Plan.
- **Other Updates**
 - Student voice is collecting Twoonies for Terry – you can donate at school until Friday or online. Link on website News Story.
 - Please make sure you are receiving the SchoolMessenger Weekly Update from your teacher. Some families have accidentally blocked the school. Please ask if you need support. Mr. Whitton is sending a school-wide Weekly Update that you also can find on our Website.
 - Both our Open House (Aug 28) and Parent Info Night (Sept 12) were well attended.
 - Families of students with IPPs can expect to be contacted by the first week of October for a meeting, phone call or Teams meeting to provide input and update the IPP supports and strategies.
 - Ab. Education has provided one-time capital funding for new schools and modular classrooms. More information on this will be coming soon.
 - Terry Fox Run is September 20.
 - Cross Country Club for Grades 4-6 is starting next week after school.
 - We are recognizing National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in the week leading up to Orange Shirt Day. Please wear your orange on September 26!
- **September/October Dates of Significance for CBE:**
 - Sept 22 Treaty 7 Day and Fall Equinox
 - Sept 22-28 Gender Equality Week
 - Sept 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
 - October is German, Canadian Islamic, Latin American, and Women's History/Heritage month
 - Oct 2 Rosh Hashanah, Custodial Staff Appreciation Day
 - Oct 4 – Sisters in Spirit Day
 - Oct 5 World Teachers' Day
 - Oct 10 World Mental Health Day
 - Oct 11 International Day of the Girl Child, Yom Kippur
 - Oct 12 Dussehra
 - Oct 14 Thanksgiving
 - Oct 16-23 Sukkot
 - Oct 17-22 Secret Path Week
 - Oct 23 Take Me Outside Day
 - Oct 31 Diwali, Hallowe'en
- **Upcoming Events – Check Website Calendar for Latest Updates**
 - Fri, Sept 20 – Terry Fox Assembly and Run
 - Tues, Sept 24 – Spirit Day – Pajama Day

- Thurs, Sept 26 – Orange Shirt Day at Cecil Swanson
- Fri, Sept 27 – PD Day – no school for students
- Mon, Sept 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – no school for students.
- Wed, Oct 9 – Spirit Day – Wear your Cultural Dress Day
- Mon, Oct 14 – Thanksgiving – no school for students
- Wed, Oct 16 – Individual Student Photos
- Fri, Oct 25 – PD Day – no school for students
- Thursd, Oct 31 – Spirit Day – Hallowe'en Costumes