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Newsletter 2 – September 28, 2022

Dear Belmont Families,

We have come to the end of a successful first month of school. Students and staff have done an excellent job of adjusting back to school. It has been exciting to see students learning new things each day in literacy, numeracy, and many other subjects. Activities have started up again for this year including our Cross Country Team which has begun training and races.

Tomorrow, we have **Orange Shirt Day** because the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation is on Friday. Next week, we will be doing the **Terry Fox Run**. Please read below for more important information about these events. There is also information from **PAC** below including details about **Hot Lunch**.

Sincerely,

Tim Bonnar
Principal

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, Sept. 29 th	Every Child Matters - Orange Shirt Day Assembly @ 10:30 am
Friday, Sept. 30 th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School
Monday, Oct. 3 rd	Neufeld's Pick-up @ 7:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 5 th	Photo Day & World Teacher's Day
Thursday, Oct. 6 th	ArtStarts Assembly: Kunda African Culture - Music & Dance
Friday, Oct. 7 th	Terry Fox Run
Monday, Oct. 10 th	Thanksgiving – No School
Tuesday, Oct. 11 th	Fire Drill @ 9:30 am
Wednesday, Oct. 19 th	Early Dismissal @ 1:20 pm Parent-Teacher Conferences - 2:00 to 4:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 20 th	Earthquake Drill @ 11:00 a.m. Early Dismissal @ 1:20 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences - 2:00 to 7:30 pm
Friday, Oct. 21 st	Pro D Day

- The **school calendar** for the year is attached to this letter. There is also a calendar on our website: <https://belmont.sd35.bc.ca/>. Thank you for putting key dates into your own calendar.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

On Friday, it is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. To commemorate this day, we will be having Orange Shirt Day on Thursday. We look forward to seeing see many students wearing orange to recognize the importance of this day.

Each year, teachers and students take time to discuss and learn about residential schools and the negative impact these schools had on Indigenous people in Canada. By doing so, we acknowledge the pain caused by residential schools, and affirm the importance of schools now being places of safety and belonging. We wear orange shirts to show that every child matters.

Families are encouraged to visit <https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/what-is-orange-shirt-day> to learn more about the day. This site introduces children to the tragic history of residential schools and tells Phyllis Webstad's story, which is the origin of Orange Shirt Day. Our school district has put together a [site that links to valuable resources for students and families](#).

TERRY FOX RUN

Every fall, the Belmont community rallies together to support the Terry Fox Foundation and the Run. This event is an important opportunity to recognize the contribution of Canadian Terry Fox by raising awareness of cancer and money for cancer research. His courage continues to inspire Canadians young and old today. As in previous years, students will be encouraged to dedicate their run to someone they know who has had cancer by wearing their name during the run. Students may also choose to run for Terry.

We will run the morning of **Friday, October 7th**. Grades K-3 students will be running on school grounds. Grades 4-7 will be running along sidewalks on a course to Noel Booth Park and back.

The Belmont course for Grades 4-7 is off-site and parents are critical to the success of this run. We require volunteers to take positions and direct students around the course. If you would be interested in helping us direct students along the course, please fill out this [confidential electronic volunteer form](#).

Families can donate online to this great cause by clicking on the link:

- [Belmont Elementary Terry Fox Online Form](#).

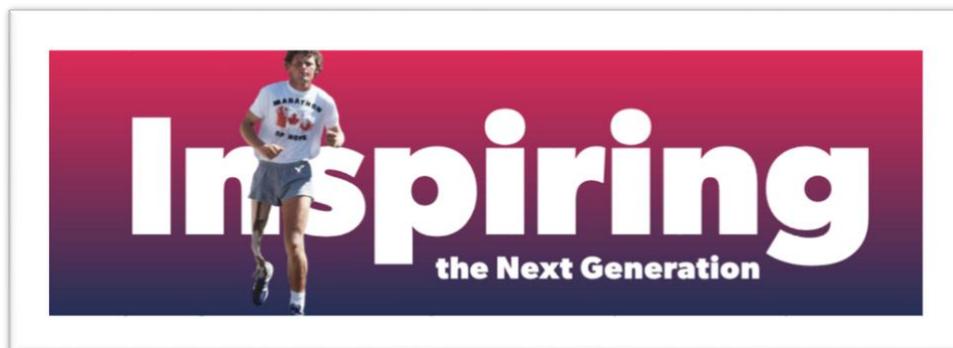


PHOTO DAY – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5th

Get ready for **Photo Day!**

Our photographer will be at your school **October 5th**

- A few days after photo day you will receive a Student ID card/webcard through your school
- Your 8-digit webcode can be found on the Student ID
- View your images and order online
- Orders will be mailed to your home
- Digital download information will be emailed to you in approximately 3-4 weeks

Visit mountainwest.ca for more information

MOUNTAINWEST STUDIOS

For the best results on photo day, please do not wear GREEN clothing, GREEN patterns or solid WHITE.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE - REGISTRATION (INCLUDING FRENCH IMMERSION)

Programs of Choice – Deadline to register is Monday, October 17

Langley School District offers a rich diversity of programs that are designed to meet the specific needs and interests of students. Programs include Fine Arts, French Immersion, Fundamental, Langley Environmental Awareness Program (outdoor education), Montessori, and U-Connect. Registration for Kindergarten entry (for most programs) begins on **Monday, October 3 at 12 pm (noon)**, and closes on **Monday, October 17 at 12 pm (noon)**. For U-Connect, please contact the school directly. For more information and instructions to register your child, [visit the Programs of Choice Page on our District website here](#) and review our [choice programs FAQ resource here](#).

LEAP (Outdoor Education) – Parent Information Session on Monday, October 3

Imagine your child's classroom in the open air! Join us on **Monday, October 3 at 5:00pm** at Fort Langley Elementary for our LEAP (Langley Environmental Awareness Program) Information Session. This meeting is for families interested in Kindergarten enrolment for the 2023-2024 school year. For more about the District's outdoor education program and to attend: <https://bit.ly/2T2os8r>

NOON-HOUR SUPERVISORS

Do you have experience working with children? Are you interested in a part-time job helping look after students (one hour per day)? We are looking to hire noon-hour supervisors.

Interested applicants are asked to contact the office for an application form. They will also need to submit a current resume, a high school diploma or transcript and a valid first aid certificate.

VOLUNTEERS

We look forward to having more opportunities for parent volunteers this year! All volunteers must be approved by administration and must follow school guidelines. All volunteers must fill out a Volunteer Safety Check form. Volunteers who will regularly be working with a small group or individual students (ex. Coaching a team or being a parent reader) must provide a Criminal Record Check. The school will provide volunteers a letter that they can take to the RCMP station to request the Criminal Record Check.

There are two areas we are looking for volunteers right now. If you interested in volunteering, please click on the confidential electronic forms below.

1. [The School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program](#). Helping to organize and deliver fresh fruit and vegetables that arrive twice a month through this program.
2. [Parent readers](#). Read and do literacy activities with primary students. Help them practice the skills that they are learning in class.

PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE / PEDESTRIAN ROUTES

- Please **follow the signs** that are directing traffic in the parking lot.
- Please **pay close attention to the crosswalk attendants and to pedestrian traffic**.
- Pedestrians are asked to **use the crosswalk**, not other routes across the parking lot. Please do not walk directly across the parking lot entrance on 40th. Instead walk down 204th to the walkway and crosswalk.
- The right-hand traffic lane **past the crosswalk** is for drop off / pick up. Students should not be dropped off or picked up before the crosswalk.
- This lane is designed for **quick drop-off and pick-up**. If you are waiting more than a minute for your child, then you please find a proper parking spot.

BELL SCHEDULE

	Regular Days	Early Dismissal Days	Half Days
Welcome Bell	8:32 a.m.	8:32 a.m.	8:32 a.m.
Classes Begin (all students)	8:37 a.m.	8:37 a.m.	8:37 a.m.
Recess Begins	10:07 a.m.	10:07 a.m.	10:07 a.m.
Recess Ends	10:22 a.m.	10:22 a.m.	10:22 a.m.
Lunch Recess Begins	11:47 a.m.	11:47 a.m.	
Lunch Recess Ends	12:20 p.m.	12:20 p.m.	
Dismissal (all students)	2:20 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	11:20 a.m.

Morning Supervision

- Supervision starts in the morning at 8:17 a.m.
- Students should not be arriving at school before supervision begin.

PAC INFORMATION

Coupon Books are still on sale!

Purchase additional books via Munch a Lunch and they will be put in your teacher's mailbox. Prizes will be handed out once all the sales are over and we've tallied them up. Purchase your book by end of day Friday.

Welcome Back to Hot Lunch with Munch A Lunch!

We will have many more hot lunches but with fewer options. There are two ordering sessions this year.

Friendly Reminders:

- When you order, please pay at the same time. Once order deadlines have passed, we cannot go back and add your child(s) lunch. You can cancel up to a week before the lunch, and there will be no charge.
- If your child is absent from school on a Hot Lunch Friday, please let our Secretary, Mrs. Morris, know as soon as possible. We would be happy to have it ready for you at the office anytime after 11:00 am. If we haven't heard from you, orders will be donated to our breakfast/lunch program.
- Our PAC team spends many hours planning for hot lunch, so please remember to be kind and patient as some hiccups may happen.
- If your student doesn't get their item or it is incorrect, please let them know to go to the gym right away (with teacher permission), and we will be there to help!
- If this is not possible, please email belmontpac@gmail.com. We will be happy to put a credit onto your account.
- Proceeds from Hot Lunch go to help such things as class enrichment, home reading programs, technology upgrades and more, we thank you so very much for your support!

Volunteers

- Extra helping hands go a long way, so if you would like to volunteer, please sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA4A828A0F85-hotlunch>
- You can commit to one day or every week or anything in between. Can't help out at lunch but want to help in other ways? Email belmontpac@gmail.com.

Our website (<http://www.belmontpac.com>) is a great place to find information about PAC activities, hot lunches, and volunteer opportunities.