

September 17, 2023

Good evening, Sardis Families. I hope you've had a wonderful weekend and enjoyed this continued beautiful weather. I'm sorry to be sharing out that we were not included in the Cops for Cancer route this year. Despite confirmation in June last year, we found out last week that they weren't able to accommodate our school as a stop, so Monday we won't have them stopping by the school in the morning. We will be having our Terry Fox run though, thanks to Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Cavanagh's planning, so see below for more information on that! Here are some things for you to know as we head into week #3 at Sardis Elementary:

1. Monday is our Terry Fox run. This year we are asking students to bring 'Two Toonies for Terry' as we fundraise to support the Terry Fox Foundation and cancer research. Students were given a postcard last week with some information and there was a QR code on there that is linked to Sardis Elementary's online account. If you would prefer to make a donation using that online link, we can see those donations and will be able to add those totals to our cash one when the time comes on Friday to see how much we raised. After lunch, the Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will be running on the primary field and students in Grades 2 – 5 will be heading to Sardis Park and running laps there. Any donations you can send are appreciated and can be sent in any day this week. We're looking forward to supporting this great cause and getting out to do some running as well!
2. Monday evening is our first PAC meeting of the year, and we would love to see you there! The meeting begins at 7 pm in the library and as you can see from the attached agenda, the aim is to have the meeting finished at 8 pm. Come out to meet the PAC Executive and hear about things going on at our school.
3. On Tuesday we will be having our annual school bus evacuation exercise. This is a requirement for schools, so students know how to safely evacuate a bus if there were a problem on a field trip or on the ride to/from school for those who ride the bus each day. Please try to have your child wear runners or shoes that will be appropriate for exiting the bus from the side/back doors as they will be jumping out (with the assistance of two helpers) onto a mat that morning. Kindergarten students will be taking part after recess on their own as their practice looks a little different than for the other grades.
4. Thursday evening is our Open House, where you can come and meet your child's teacher and see their classroom. Due to the short time students have been with their teacher, the purpose of this event isn't to talk about your child's progress, rather to meet the teacher and see the place your child will be spending six hours of their weekday each week. The school will be open from 5 – 6:30 and is a drop-in format so you can come any time within those times that works for you. We're working on a food

item and will hopefully have more information for you tomorrow about that, so stay tuned!

5. We are happy to have the Bowls of Hope support back now, with soup and another snack (ie muffins, toast, fruit) available every day at lunch. If your child needs lunch, please let them know they can go to the kitchen by the gym to get lunch any day they need it. We are still waiting for more information from the District about the Breakfast Program but we have some applesauce, fruit, and granola bars at the office if any student hasn't had breakfast and needs food. These can be used for recess snacks too if you need help with that.

It was nice to see the students begin to settle into their classes last week, developing some new friendships, and re-kindling old ones. Sardis is a great school and it's exciting to think about the year ahead!

Mrs. Kasper