

Sunday, September 30, 2024

Good afternoon, Sardis Families. Today is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day to honour the survivors of residential schools and remember those who didn't return home. At our assembly last week, we were privileged to have two students share drumming and song, Nicola Campbell shared a message and read her book Shin-chi's Canoe, and student artwork and messages were placed around the gym. Here are some things for you to know as we head into week #5 at Sardis Elementary:

\*Students will be participating in the annual school bus evacuation drill on Tuesday, October 1. Students will practice getting out of the bus, so they know what to do if the regular front door is not accessible. We ask that students have good footwear for the drill as they will be jumping (with support!) from the rear of the bus.

\*Our Terry Fox run will be taking place on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and so we are collecting 'toonies for Terry' this week in support of the Terry Fox Foundation and cancer research. If you could send a toonie, or more, with your child, our goal is to raise \$1000 over the week for our donation. We can do it! The run will take place at Sardis Park after lunch for most students, with the younger classes (Grades K and 1) running around the field at the school. Thanks to Mrs. Murphy for her leadership of this event and to PAC for covering the cost of the freezie treats at the end of the day!

\*On Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have our first lockdown drill of the year. Teachers will prepare students for the drill, and it is announced as being a drill so students know it's for practice, but if you'd like to also talk to your child ahead of that morning, we know some students find it unsettling.

\*Friday is our first hot lunch of the year for those who have ordered, Hugo's! Deanna has all of the upcoming hot lunch dates until the end of December loaded into MunchaLunch now if you'd like to order ahead. The next lunch is from Good Taco, order deadline is Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at midnight, and it will take place Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

\*The PAC had their first meeting on Wednesday, and it was great to gather again. Congratulations to Deanna Devauld who was elected as the Vice President! All Executive positions are currently filled for this year, however next year they will be in need of a DPAC Rep and Treasurer so if anyone is interested in either of those positions, they are encouraged to reach out to learn more. You can email [sardis-pac@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:sardis-pac@sd33.bc.ca) with your questions.

Deanna has also put her name forward to head up the Spring Carnival this year and is going to be looking for helpers! If you'd like to be part of the planning group, please reach out via the Sardis PAC Facebook page or email the above PAC email address and you will be added to the committee. This is a really fun, family event but it takes a lot of people to make it happen, so we hope to get lots of helpers!

The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm. This is the annual Budget meeting so if you're interested in seeing what projects could be supported, mark that date on your calendar!

I spent some time this morning reading WAYI WAH! Indigenous Pedagogies, by Jo Chrona, and now I'm going to head outside to enjoy our place with a bike ride to the Vedder River; it's hard to know how many nice days we'll have left!

Mrs. Kasper