

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Good afternoon, Sardis Families. It's nice to have a cooler day today and hopefully the breeze will help blow the smoke away for us and ease pressure for those fighting the wildfires. It was great to see the students back last week, reconnecting with friends and the staff. One of the students told me he woke up at 5:00 on Tuesday morning because he couldn't wait to get to school! Now we look forward to seeing students get to know their teachers and classmates. Here are some things for you to know as we head into week #2 at Sardis Elementary:

\*Our first fire drill of the year will be on Wednesday afternoon. Teachers will go over the plan and expectations ahead of the drill with students, so they know what to expect. We're required to have six practice drills during the year and we try to have 3 in the first half of the year and 3 in the last half.

\*There will be a freezie sale after school on Thursday. Students can purchase a jumbo freezie for \$2 with the money going to support our Cops for Cancer and Terry Fox Foundation fundraisers.

\*Thanks to our PAC volunteers who were out last week giving out free coffee and sharing information on coupon books and swag! Here's a little more information regarding those two things if you missed them last week:

The Great Little Coupon Book is being sold for the month of September. We have books for both Chilliwack and Abbotsford and \$7.50 from each book sold goes back to our PAC to fund teacher requests through the year.

We have new Swag this year with our logo on the back; it can be purchased online at Sapphire Creative Online Store (<https://www.sapphirecreative.com/school-programs>). 10% of sales also come back to our school.

The first PAC meeting will be on Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 in library. All parents and guardians of a Sardis Elementary student are welcome to attend!

\*MunchaLunch is now open with our first few hot lunch options for the year! Thanks to Deanna for organizing these for us, and her team of volunteers who sort and deliver them each time. Attached is a letter with all the information you'll need to know about how the hot lunch ordering works.

\*I've attached a welcome back letter from Fraser Health with some information on school health resources, measles, immunizations, and childhood health screening opportunities.

\*More information will come out later regarding these events but for your calendar planning purposes you will want to note the following September events:

- Meet the Teacher Open House is on September 18 from 5 – 6pm
- Cops for Cancer visit and the Terry Fox run take place on September 19
- Student Photo Day is September 23
- Orange Shirt Day is on September 26
- the first Pro-D Day is on September 29 (students are not in session)
- the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on September 30 (schools are closed)

\*A number of people have inquired about paying the school supply fee. This will be available online soon, but the fees have not yet been added to each student's account, so you won't see them there yet. Once they have been, I will email out to let you know, but please don't try to pay them yet because they haven't been added.

We're looking forward to a great week with classes set and everyone hopefully feeling settled. We appreciated your patience while we worked through the first week as we know some can find it a little unsettling, but now we're ready to go!

Mrs. Kasper