



~SEPTEMBER 10, 2023~

Important Dates

September

- 18 - Meet the Teacher Morning - 7:50 am - 8:13 am
- 19 - PAC Meeting - 6:30 at Devereaux - all new parents welcome
- 21 - Individual Picture Day
- 22 - Terry Fox Run - 1:15 pm
- 29 - Orange Shirt Day at Devereaux
- 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October

- 2 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Statutory Holiday - No school
- 3 - Missed Photo Day
- 9 - Thanksgiving - No School



We are inviting families to the school to visit your child's classroom and to meet your child's teacher on Monday, September 18th from 7:50 am - 8:15 am. There will be muffins available to parents in the classrooms. There will be some vegan and gluten free options. We hope to see you there.



PICTURE DAY

Individual student photos will be taken on Thursday, Sept. 21st by Lissaloo Photography. Please return order Forms by Monday, Sept. 18th.



TERRY FOX RUN

In 1980, with one leg having been amputated, Terry Fox embarked on a cross-Canada run to raise money and awareness for cancer research and 43 years later his legacy remains. This Friday at 1:15 our school will go on a walk/run to show our support followed by a frozen treat for all students. Our goal is to raise over \$100 for cancer research. We are asking each child to bring a minimum of \$1 per student. There is also a draw for a Terry Fox t-shirt each student that brings in a donation is able to put their name in to win the shirt.

Please send comfortable clothes, shoes, water, and a loonie with your child this Friday.

We would LOVE to have families join us!



Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day on Friday, Sept. 29th

What is Orange Shirt Day?

Orange Shirt Day is a campaign about being kind to kids, that EVERY CHILD MATTERS and should be treated with kindness and respect!

How did Orange Shirt Day begin?

In 1973/74 a child named Phyllis had just turned 6 years old and attended a residential school. Phyllis's granny bought her a shiny orange shirt for her first day of school. Phyllis was proud of this shirt, especially since her family didn't have a lot of money. When she arrived at the school, they took away her shirt and gave her a uniform to wear. They never did give Phyllis back her shirt. From this day on, the colour orange reminded Phyllis how her feelings didn't seem to matter while she attended the residential school. If you would like to learn more, the link below is a 3-minute video clip that explains Orange Shirt Day:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Il1pUrK29MM>

On Friday, Sept. 29th students can wear an orange headband, necklace, shirt, pants, anything orange!!! Thank you for working together as a school community to show that EVERY CHILD MATTERS!



We are glad to welcome volunteers into the school again. If you are interested in volunteering this year, please ensure you have a valid Police Information Check (PIC) at the school and that you complete an annual SD59 volunteer form, available from the office.

There was a recent permission forms package that was sent home with your child. Please return them as soon as possible and if you did not receive the package please call the office or text the school cell phone and leave a message to let us know.

Devereaux school phone - 250-843-7300

Devereaux school cell phone - 250-219-3405

Over the summer months we had to say good-bye to Mrs. Klein as our secretary/bookkeeper. She is still with the school district but working out of the Board Office. We are very happy for her in new position but she will also be sadly missed here at Devereaux.

Currently there is no one in the office. We ask that you please make use of the answering machine and messages will be checked throughout the day. Also sending a text through the cell phone is a good way to communicate as it will also be checked frequently through the day.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact Ms. Wakeham.

Email - swakeham@sd59.bc.ca

Thank you for your understanding!

Devereaux Staff

Ms. Tarkington - Grade 6/7
Mr. Lam - Grade 4/5
Ms. Edwards - Grade 2/3
Mrs. Cork - Grade K/1
Ms. Norquay - Librarian/LAT
Ms. Wakeham - Principal/Prep/CM

Mrs. Sipple - Educational Assistant
Mrs. Schindel - Educational Assistant
Ms. Soontiens - Educational Assistant
Mrs. Stevenson - Educational Assistant
Miss Switzer - Educational Assistant

Tips for Picture Day

Picture day is an exciting time for students and families. It's a rite of passage each year that hopefully results in a portrait of a smiling kid that can be proudly displayed.

However, picture day is busy, and every child has a unique temperament. While there are bound to be a few frowns or silly faces, teachers and parents can work together to set kids up for the best possible success on picture day.

Guide kids in selecting outfits: Letting kids have a say in what they wear on picture day is a wonderful way to capture their personality. However, it's best to save the complex patterns and graphic tees for a different day. Simple, comfortable clothes in classic colours are often best. Accessories can help jazz up an outfit if necessary.

Say cheese please: Practice smiling but try to avoid the fake smile. Everyone would rather see a genuine smile on photo day than one forcefully plastered from ear to ear. Remind kids to relax and be themselves! Their true personalities — and smile — will shine through.

Principal's Message

Here we are again! Summer is gone, fall has returned. The leaves are starting to turn colour, and the air is getting crisp. All of these are signs that school is back in session.

My name is Susanne Wakeham and I am looking forward to my second year as the Principal of Devereaux Elementary School. I have been teaching in School District #59 for the past 16 years. My journey has taken me to several different schools in the district and in addition into a variety of educational roles.

I continue to firmly believe that all children have the desire and ability to learn when given the opportunity, and our job as educators is to allow each child to learn in their own unique way. I also strongly believe in the power of community to enable children to grow with confidence, construct positive relationships, and build lifelong skills. It is with these values that I have watched countless children overcome obstacles they never thought they could, work together to achieve higher expectations than they ever thought and develop skill sets they never realized they possessed.

A strong school community is essential to a student's sense of belonging and is based upon multiple positive relationships, mutual trust and respect.

I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to working with students, parents, and staff.

Yours in education
Susanne Wakeham