



## September Newsletter 2020

### New Staff

This September we welcome some new staff members. Miss Fradette, Miss Bramley, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Looby are new to our teaching staff and Ms. Naguit, Ms. Berge and Ms. Gagnon are new EA's for us. We also welcome back Ms. Dhillon and Ms. Walton, who left briefly and are now back as part of our staff.

The following is our staffing for this year:

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| ○ Kindergarten           | Ms. S. Graham                   |
| ○ Kindergarten/grade one | Mrs. L. Harris/ Miss S. Bramley |
| ○ Grade one              | Miss Fradette                   |
| ○ Grade two/ three       | Miss Fraser                     |
| ○ Grade two/three        | Mrs. Looby                      |
| ○ Grade three/four       | Ms. Keizer                      |

- Grade four Mrs. McClarty
- Grade four/five Mrs. McInnis
- Grade five/six Mr. Heydens/ Mrs. Riglietti
- Grade six/seven Ms. Malkinson

Reading Recovery	Mrs. L. Harris
Coach Mentor/ Ab Ed	Mr. Heydens
Learning Assistance	Mrs. McIntyre
Learning Resource	Mrs. D. Graham

Educational Assistants:

Mrs. L. Linley, Mrs. K. Smith, Ms. R. Peirce, Mrs. M. Lal, Mrs. L. Berge, Ms. S. Walton, Ms. D. Naguit, Ms. K. Dhillon, Ms. J. Gagnon

Secretary	Mrs. B. Kirtzinger
Vice Principal/Prep	Mrs. J. Dueck
Principal	Ms. C. Percy



### COVID-19 PROTOCOLS - ILLNESS

We are working hard to keep your children safe. We appreciate your support by **keeping your child home if they are sick** and picking them up promptly if they become ill at school.

If your child is sick, (see the check list below) they need to be **symptom free for 24 hours** before returning to school. If the symptoms worsen or you see additional symptoms, please speak to your Health Care Provider or call the 811 number and rule out Covid-19.

If your child has a pre-existing condition, such as allergies or asthma, let us know so that we are not sending them home as "sick".

## Student Daily Health Check:

The following tool is to be used by students prior to coming to school.			
1. Symptoms of Illness:		Do you have any of the following symptoms?	
CIRCLE ONE			
Fever	YES	NO	
Chills	YES	NO	
Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO	
Shortness of breath	YES	NO	
Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO	
Loss of appetite	YES	NO	
Diarrhea	YES	NO	
Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO	
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

If you answered “YES” to one of the questions included under ‘Key Symptoms of Illness’ (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered “YES” to two or more of the questions included under ‘Symptoms of Illness’ or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner, or call the Northern Health Online Clinic at 1-844-645-7811. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a **COVID-19 test** is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is **recommended but is not done** because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19

Thank you for your help with this!

## DROP OFF and PICK UP TIMES

A big shout out to the parents for remembering to drop off students at 8:45 or later and pick them up promptly! Our playgrounds are closed both before and after school so that students stay in cohorts.

## TERRY FOX RUN 2020

Terry Fox is a Canadian hero. He was a Canadian athlete, humanitarian, and cancer research activist. In 1980, with one leg having been amputated due to cancer, he embarked on an east to west cross-Canada run to raise money and awareness for cancer research.

Terry Fox Run will be held at Crescent Park between Thursday September 24 and Wednesday September 30. Classes will run by themselves or with their cohort. Terry Fox's hope was that each Canadian would donate \$1 for cancer research. Thank you to everyone who donates to and participates in Crescent Park's Terry Fox run.

## HOME READING

Crescent Park has a home reading programme to encourage students reading at home.

The Programme:

Students will bring home a reading sheet to keep track of their reading. We encourage each student to read or be read to for 20 minutes each night. Then an adult can write the date and initial the page. After 25 days, the page can come back to the school, and the student will get a prize (a pizza certificate, a pencil, a book, or a small toy). Then they will get their next page to take home and complete.

Did you know? In a school year, if a child reads one book every school night that would be over 180 books! If they read on the weekend and on holidays too, that would be 365 books! Amazing! Please read with your child every night.

### PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

The first Parent Advisory Council will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup>. All parents are welcome to attend.

It will be both in person and by ZOOM. If you are interested in being sent a link, please let them know through the PAC Facebook page if you are interested in attending virtually. If you are attending in person, please remember that we will need to socially distance and clean surfaces at the end of the meeting.

Hope to see you there!

### HOT LUNCH PROGRAMME

We have the go-ahead to have our Hot Lunch Programme this year. Lunch will be ordered and distributed by class as parents are not allowed to be volunteering at this time.

The Munch-a-Lunch will be on-line ordering by class. Due to the restrictions, we will begin with one day a week. We may add another day later this term.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>

**Orange Shirt Day** (September 30th) is a day when we honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learn more about the history of those schools.

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, Crescent Park staff and students are invited to wear an orange shirt to mark this day.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Fox Run begins
September 28	Non- Instructional Day
September 30	Orange Shirt Day, Terry Fox Run concludes
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> PAC Meeting (7 p.m.)
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Appreciation Day
October 5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	BC Fire Safety Week
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day
October 16	Photo Day

**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFO!**

Parents, please remember to call or e-mail the school if any of your contact information has changed or if your emergency contacts are different.