

# Summit Elementary School

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Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome to October! Most of the start-of-year tasks are complete and we are ready to head into a peaceful and productive fall. Here are some things to keep on your radar for the month.

## School Calendar

Several families have requested a centralized calendar for school events and dates. This calendar is shared by the PAC executive, myself, and some of the teachers who are organizing leadership and school spirit events. It can be found on our website or the PAC Facebook page, but please consider bookmarking it: [Summit event calendar](#)

## School Messenger

A big thank you to the many of you who are using the SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival app or phone number to report your child(ren)'s absences. For those of you who are new to the school, it is an app that can be downloaded to your cellphone and is easy to use. SD73 is asking that if you are reporting your child's absence as illness, to please designate the appropriate type of illness that applies to your child. Interior Health needs to keep track of any abnormalities in our attendance data, in the case that there a health concern that our community needs to know. If those options don't appear, refresh the app on your phone.

## Health Screening Reminder

As a reminder, during the 2020-2021 school year, parents/guardians/caregivers must assess their child(ren) daily for key symptoms of illness before sending them to school. **If a child has any symptoms, they must not go to school.**

[Here is a link to the most recent screening document \(Page 2\)](#)

Our staff will monitor all children for key symptoms of illness throughout the day. If a child develops symptom(s) while at school, parents/guardians will be contacted to pick the child up and take them home until symptom(s) have passed. If the symptom(s) persist or worsen, parents/guardians should seek a health assessment.

We ask you not to send your kids to school if they are ill. This includes symptoms of COVID-19, as well as any symptoms of non-COVID illness. We thank you in advance for helping to keep everyone safe and healthy.

## Lockers

The school district has given permission to start using lockers at Elementary Schools. We are working now to develop a system/set of routines that will keep students from different tribes separated during times of the day when hallways might be busy (i.e. morning bell, recess, lunch, etc.). We hope to have a plan in place for Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> (after Thanksgiving). The process is important and complex so thank you for your patience. We will have this in place before the weather turns.

## Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA)

Families were sent a letter last week letting them know that the FSA assessment was slated to take place in October. The ministry announced this week that they have been postponed until January. More information will come home closer to that date.

## Parent-Teacher Interviews

Students will be dismissed at 12:30 on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> for parent-teacher interviews. Here is the link to the signup: [https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Summit\\_Elementary](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Summit_Elementary) but this link will not be open until WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be maintaining their own schedules that evening, but are encouraged to ensure that most take place on ZOOM. However, they can also work out a face-to-face meeting with distance protocols in special circumstances.

## Halloween

We are not sure what Halloween will look like this year for our students. Stay tuned for more communication from your child's teacher. Keep in mind that there is absolutely no sharing of food at school, so sending edible treats with your child to give to his/her classmates is not allowed at this time.

## PAC Items:

*The following information is forwarded on behalf of the PAC.*

- Did you know there is a PAC facebook group? It's a great way to get connected to other parents. To join start here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/167369616798245/?ref=share>
- We have a calendar for both school and PAC events. You can find it in this newsletter, as well as on the school's website and in the Facebook group
- October 15<sup>th</sup> is Mark it READ 2020. Wear a read shirt to raise awareness for dyslexia.
- The PAC are selling Mabel's Labels again this year. This is a year long fundraiser.
- It is one of our goals as a PAC to increase community connections this year. Please let us know if you have any ideas or want to get involved!



## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, October 7** – PTCFast is open for scheduling

**Monday, October 12** – Thanksgiving (school is closed)

**Thursday, October 15** –Parent-teacher interviews (12:30 dismissal)

**Tuesday, October 20** – School Photo Day

**Friday, October 23** – Provincial Professional Development Day (no school for students)

**Tuesday, October 27** – PAC Meeting @ 6:00 via Zoom

Sincerely,

Justin deVries, Principal