

# Summit Elementary School

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## Dear parents and caregivers,

I apologize that the first newsletter of the year has been so delayed. School start-up was much busier than anticipated, though now we are well into the swing of things at Summit Elementary. Please take a moment to check out the calendar of events at the bottom of this newsletter, as there are many important dates coming up.

Did you know that this year, including the Kindergarten students, we have 64 new faces at our school this year! That's 25% of our student population. Welcome to all the new families, we hope you love our community school as much as we do.

## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE / SCHOOL FEES

We are excited to be able to offer online payments for school fees. This system will be used for field trips, clothing sales, and school fees. Please note at this time, you cannot pay for the lunch program using this system. Please see the attached sheet giving information about fees and check your email for information about how to sign up and use the program. We know that the start-up for this program was rocky – I'm told that things should be working properly as of the writing of this letter. Please ensure school fees are paid by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me if you need a payment plan.

## PAC MEETINGS

Occur monthly on zoom at this link: <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/64683812336>

Check the time and dates for these meetings on our PAC Facebook page. We also email out reminders for these. All are welcome!

## PAC APPLE FUNDRAISER

The deadline for ordering apples from Davison Orchards is September 30<sup>th</sup>!

Delivery is October 15<sup>th</sup>. Order now from <https://munchalunch.com/schools/summit/>

## STUDENT SAFETY

Please remind students about road safety as often as possible! I have been giving students frequent reminders about our crosswalks, travelling in groups, and making sure never to talk to strangers or get into their vehicles.

## CELL PHONES

There are so many things to learn about the world. Some of our older students are using phones at lunch on the playground. At times, students have been taking photos or videos of other students and staff without consent.

Here are the expectations of Summit Elementary regarding cell phone usage by students.

- If teachers allow, students may use cell phones, Chromebooks, tablets, e-readers, smartwatches in the classroom for learning purposes
- Students may use cell phones, tablets, or smart watches before and after school, but not during lunch or recess
- The teacher and school are not responsible for lost or stolen devices

## **SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS SEMINAR**

The school district is hosting a parent information session on social media awareness coming on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 over Zoom. Pay attention to your email in the future for the link to this.

## **SAFE ARRIVAL**

Thank you for all the parents who are using the SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival app (or phone number 1-844-350-2647) to report your child's absences! If you are new to the school, you can download this app from the app store (the one with the blue icon). If you create an account using the same email you gave to the school, you will be automatically linked to your children(s) attendance records.

## **ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

Did you know that September 30<sup>th</sup> is a new statutory holiday? It is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which was established to fulfil the TRC Call to Action #80 and honour the survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities. In recognition of this, there is no school that day. We have moved 'Orange Shirt Day' to September 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| <b>Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup></b>    | Professional Development Day – <b>no school</b>                |
| <b>September 27-30<sup>th</sup></b>         | Truth and Reconciliation Week                                  |
| <b>Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup></b> | Orange Shirt Day   |
| <b>Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup></b>  | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – <b>no school</b>   |
| <b>Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup></b>       | School Photo Day!  |
| <b>Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup></b>      | FSA's begin – grades 4 and 7 – until November 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| <b>Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup></b>      | Thanksgiving Monday – <b>no school</b>                         |
| <b>Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup></b>    | Parent Teacher Interviews – early dismissal (12:41)            |
| <b>Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup></b>    | Come Read With Me (gr 1 parents) via zoom: 9 AM or 6 PM        |
| <b>Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup></b>      | Social Media Awareness Parent Seminar – 6:30 PM                |
| <b>Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup></b>      | Professional Development Day – <b>no school</b>                |

Sincerely,

Justin deVries, Principal