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## Bridge Week at a Glance

September 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

<b>Monday</b> September 19	<b>Schools closed in British Columbia</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> September 20	<b>Terry Fox Run @ 1pm</b> <b>Bridge PAC Meeting @6:45pm (virtual)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> September 21	<b>Safety Drill</b> <b>Meet the Staff Evening – 5:30-6:00pm in the gym</b>
<b>Thursday</b> September 22	<b>PAC Freezie Day - \$2 - after school - primary playground</b>
<b>Friday</b> September 23	<b>Pro-D Day</b> – no school for students

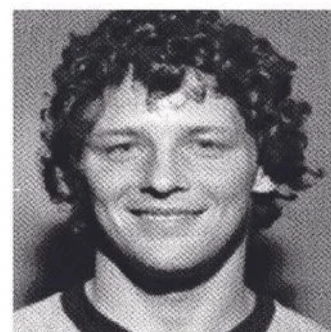
### Terry Fox Run

We are excited to be walking, running, and rolling at Bridge this year to continue Terry's Fox dream of finding a cure for cancer. Our students will be meeting in the gym on Tuesday afternoon to watch a short video about Terry Fox, warm-up together and then walk over to South Arm Park with our water bottles to complete as many laps as we can around the field. Thank you to everyone who has already donated to support the cause. Students can bring cash to school or families can donate online at:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/WilliamBridgeElementary>



**TERRY FOX RUN**  
**I'M NOT A QUITTER.**  
"NOBODY IS EVER GOING TO CALL ME A QUITTER." – TERRY FOX



### PAC Meeting

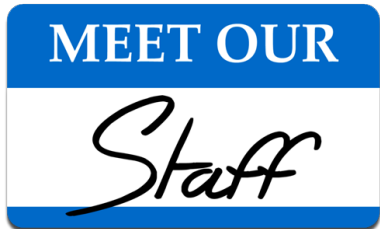
Our first PAC Meeting of the year will take place via **Microsoft Teams at 6:45pm** on **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is welcome and we will send home the agenda, including the link, on Tuesday morning.

### Safety Drills

Each year, schools in Richmond must practice 10 safety drills. These include evacuation drills, earthquake drills, hold and secure and lockdown drills. We will have our first drill next week and we encourage you to ask your child about it at home. We also recommend that you discuss how to evacuate your home in case of a fire or other emergency and to choose a meeting place for your family.



### Meet the Staff Evening – Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30-6:00pm



We hope you can join us in the gym for an informal gathering to meet our staff on Wednesday. At our assembly this week, we introduced staff to our students with a wonderful photo slideshow created by Ms. Lai, our Vice Principal. We also invited four staff members to sit in the “hot seat” to answer a few questions. We now know a little bit more about Mr. Keenlyside, Mr. Gill, Ms. Funston, and Ms. Lai, including their favourite food, hobbies, favourite subject in school, and where they each grew up. We can't wait to learn more about other staff members at our next assembly.

### Morning Routines – 8:40-8:45am arrival

Now that our schools have returned to a more traditional schedule and routines following two years of strict protocols, we'd like to clarify our morning bell schedule for you. Since instruction begins at 8:45am, teachers will open their outside entry door at 8:40am to greet students and walk to their classrooms. These doors will be closed at 8:45am by another staff member. If your child arrives after 8:45am, they will need to report to the front office to sign in so that we can ensure that everyone has arrived safely. **Thank you for helping your child arrive on time ready to start learning with their classmates!**



### School Hours

<b>8:40 am</b>	<b>Doors open</b>
<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Classes Begin</b>
<b>10:35-10:50 am</b>	<b>Recess Break</b>
<b>12:00-12:50 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>2:45 pm</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>

### **Recess and Lunch Routines**

This year our recess break is from 10:35-10:50am which includes both eating and play time outside supervised by our recess supervision staff. We encourage students to bring a healthy "pocket" snack that can be taken outside for this short break along with their water bottle. Some examples of pocket snacks include fruit (bananas, apples, oranges), veggies (carrots, cucumber slices, cherry tomatoes, celery sticks), cheese, crackers and granola bars. Teachers will encourage students to choose a spot to eat their snack, and then enjoy time to play on the playground, field or courts.



At lunch time, students will be eating in class from 12:00-12:15pm and then going outside for fresh air and play time until 12:50pm supervised by staff and our Noon Hour Supervisors. Thank you for sending your child's lunch with them to school each day in the morning. A thermos is a great way to have a warm lunch or soup. On the rare occasion when a lunch needs to be dropped off at the office for pick up after the bell, please ensure that it is labelled with your child's name, teacher's name and division. We encourage you to involve your child in packing their recess snack and lunch. What a great life skill!



### **Hot Lunch Days**

Thank you to our wonderful PAC for organizing hot lunch days again this year. What a great way to support the school and provide a special lunch for your child. Please use the links provided in the email sent home earlier this week to order through Munch-a-Lunch.

### **Rain or Shine**

Students will be playing outside rain or shine for recess and lunch breaks so thank you for sending your child dressed and prepared for **weather changes** with layers, a raincoat and boots.



### **Student Absence Line – 604-668-6294**

Please call our Student Absence Line (not the school) and leave a message to report a child's absence.

Thank you for including the following information:

- student name
- division or teacher's name
- reason for the absence
- duration of the absence, if known

## Health and Safety Information

Our Health and Safety focus this year to manage communicable diseases. Students and staff are reminded to:

- Stay Home When Sick
- Make Handwashing a Regular Routine
- Practice Respiratory Etiquette
- Understand that we are a Mask Friendly Environment and that wearing a mask is a personal choice
- Be Kind to Each Other



### Our School Counsellor – Mrs. Marnie Flores

All schools in Richmond have a school counsellor that supports the social emotional and mental health and well-being of students and staff. At the elementary level they are called **Area Counsellors (AC)** as they support multiple elementary schools. At Bridge, our AC is **Mrs. Flores** and she is at our school once day each week. Her role is to work with students who may need

extra support to feel successful at school by focusing on their social emotional needs. This could be in small groups or individually, and parent permission is required for these meetings. Typical reasons a student might work with an Area Counsellor is to identify and manage feelings, deal with friendship issues, and to develop stronger self-esteem or problem-solving skills. *If a student seeks out help on their own, or a teacher asks that the Area Counsellor speaks with a student one time, parents will be informed.*

Area Counsellors also provide resources and support to staff. While they do not provide in-depth therapy for students or families they do refer and recommend supports in the community for families to access. One upcoming FREE community program is a series of parenting workshops for children ages 0 – 6 that is offered in Cantonese and Mandarin. It runs from September to December and parents can register for all or drop-in. Activities for young children are included. Please see the information on our school website for more details and take the opportunity to develop stronger parenting skills to help support you and your child.

### Student and Family Affordability Fund

Recently, the provincial government announced a new, one time Student and Family Affordability Fund. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. The additional funding will be used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students. Please reach out to Mrs. Lin, Principal, at [klin@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:klin@sd38.bc.ca), or the main office at 604-668-6236, if you need assistance with school supply fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

**Mark your calendars:**

**Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

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**Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

October 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

**Orange Shirt Day**

**Freezie Thursday**

**Last day to order hot lunches for this term**

**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

Photo Day – Individual and Class Photos

World Teacher Day

Thanksgiving Day – schools closed

Scholastic Book Fair in the Library

**Early Dismissal @1:45pm** for Parent Conferences

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Great Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill

Pro-D Day – no school for students



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