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## Bridge Week at a Glance

September 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

<b>Monday</b> September 26	<b>Rosh Hashanah</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> September 27	<b>Rosh Hashanah</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> September 28	
<b>Thursday</b> September 29	<b>Orange Shirt Day</b> <b>PAC Freezie Day - \$2 - after school - primary playground</b> <b>Last day to order hot lunches for this term</b>
<b>Friday</b> September 30	<b>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</b> Schools closed today

### Terry Fox Run

We had a wonderful afternoon at South Arm Park on Tuesday for our annual Terry Fox Run. Students walked, ran and rolled with their buddy class after a short assembly in the gym to watch a video about Terry Fox and do a quick warm-up. We have already raised over \$1000 for Cancer Research thanks to your donations. If you'd like to donate online, please use our school's link at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/WilliamBridgeElementary>  
Thank you so much. Every little bit helps!



### PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

Thank you to everyone who joined our first PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Meeting of the year which was held virtually via teams. We had a wonderful turn-out and it was nice to meet some new family members. The PAC is busy planning several social events and fundraising initiatives for the year and there is always room for more volunteers. Our staff would like to thank the PAC for their generous donation to our classroom funds to support student learning. The next PAC Meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm.**

### Evacuation Drill

We had our first evacuation drill of the year on Wednesday. All students and staff were able to leave the building quietly and safely, meet in our outside assembly area, and report to the command post in just over three minutes. Once everyone was accounted for, we waited for the all-clear 3-tone bell which lets us know that the building is now safe to enter. Please take some time to talk with your child about how you would evacuate your home in the case of an emergency and where you would meet up outside.

**EVACUATION  
DRILL**

### **Meet the Staff Drop-In**

Thank you to everyone who was able to drop-in to meet the staff on Wednesday evening in the gym. It was nice to be able to hold this event in-person this year and we can't wait to see you during our first Learning Update Evenings (Parent Conferences) in October.

### **EASE Training for Staff**

On Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> our staff took part in EASE Training in the morning - Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators – with two members of our Area Counselling Team. In the afternoon, teachers worked together in similar grade-groups to look more closely at the various modules and to plan activities for students to help them understand the difference between our thoughts, our feelings and our behaviour.



### **EASE at Home Grades K-7**

It can be hard for adults to know what to say or do to ease a child's worries, especially during times of change and uncertainty. As the most important big people in their world, parents and caregivers can help children feel safer and soften the sharp edges of whatever is making their worries grow. To help support learning across environments, EASE K-7 lessons have been adapted for use by parents and caregivers to help children manage worries and everyday anxiety at home. EASE is available for families in a variety of languages. For more information, please go to:

<https://healthymindsbc.gov.bc.ca/ease-at-home-k-7/>



### **Rosh Hashanah**

We would like to wish our families who are celebrating Rosh Hashanah this weekend "Shana Tova". Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is one of Judaism's holiest days. Meaning "Head of the Year" or "First of the Year", the festival begins on the first day of Tishrei, the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar, which falls during September or October. This year Rosh Hashanah is from September 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.



### **Orange Shirt Day**

September 30<sup>th</sup> has been declared **Orange Shirt Day** annually, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters. With schools being closed for the **National Day of**

**Truth and Reconciliation** on September 30<sup>th</sup>, students and staff are welcome and invited to wear orange on September 29<sup>th</sup> or any day of the year. The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30<sup>th</sup> opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter.

## **Parking Lot Safety**

To keep our children safe when arriving and leaving school, we ask you to respect the traffic signs and rules in our school's parking lots and on the road. As the signs indicate, our parking lot is reserved for **STAFF PARKING ONLY**.

We do not have parking spaces for families and ask for your cooperation to:

1. **Park on the road** in the neighbourhood and walk to the school,  
or
2. Use our **drop-off lane** to park, stay in your vehicle, let your child out of the car, and continue through the lane.

**Here are some tips for drivers, pedestrians and parents from ICBC to make travelling to and from school safe for everyone.**



**Stick to the Speed Limit** ~ A 30 km/h speed limit is in effect in school zones from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every school day, unless otherwise posted. In playground zones, a 30 km/h speed limit is in effect every day from dawn to dusk.

**Scan Crosswalks and Intersections from Left to Right as You Approach** ~ Watch for pedestrians waiting to cross, especially during school hours.

**Leave Your Phone Alone** ~ Distraction is the leading factor for drivers in crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists.

**Notice if Other Drivers are Slowing Down or Stopping** ~ If a vehicle is stopped in front of you or in the lane next to you, they may be yielding to a pedestrian, so proceed with caution and be prepared to stop.

**Give Yourself Enough Stopping Distance** ~ You need more time to stop when you're driving fast. At a slower speed, motorists have a better chance to react when children or others are crossing the road. This could be the difference that saves a life.

**Watch for School Buses** ~ When their lights are flashing, vehicles approaching from both directions must stop.

**Cross Only at Marked or Controlled Crosswalks** ~ Do not jaywalk or cross when it isn't your turn.

**Look Both Ways Before Crossing the Street** ~ Ensure it is safe to cross from both directions of traffic before setting foot on the crosswalk.

**Make Eye Contact with Drivers Approaching the Crosswalk** ~ Be certain they see you and that they've committed to slowing down to a stop.

**Let Your Child Enter and Exit Your Car on the Side Closest to the Sidewalk** ~ It's safest to drop off and pick up as close to the sidewalk as possible. Do not allow your child to cross mid-block.

**Before Starting Your Car, Check for Small Children Hidden From Your View** ~ Walk around your car and always look carefully for pedestrians when backing up.

## 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



## Mark your calendars:

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>

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

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

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

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

PAC Meeting @6:45pm

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Great Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill

Pro-D Day – no school for students

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