

Bridge Week-at-a-Glance

September 25th – 29th, 2023



Monday 25	
Tuesday 26	
Wednesday 27	Author visit for our primary students
Thursday 28	PAC Hot Lunch – Pre-orders only
Friday 29	Orange Shirt Day Visit from our School District Superintendent

Meet the Staff and Open House



Please mark your calendars for our school's **Meet the Staff Evening and Open House** on **Wednesday, October 4th** from **6:00-6:45pm**.

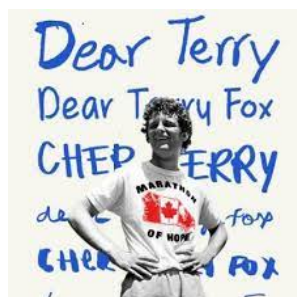
We are excited that our school will be ready for parents and caregivers to walk through the school and see all of the improvements that were made to help make our school

seismically safe. We will send out more information closer to the date but we are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Terry Fox Run

We have reached our goal and have raised over **\$1025** for cancer research and the Terry Fox Foundation. This is **amazing!!!** Thank you so much for your support. We will keep the link open for donations until the end of the month. Donations can be made at the school office (cash) or online at:

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



Every Child Matters Flag Initiative and the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

As a school and district, we are dedicated to fostering an inclusive and compassionate environment for all our students, families, and staff. As we approach **September 30th**, the **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**, we wanted to share with you a few important events that are taking place in our school and district.

On **September 22, 2023**, our entire district staff will be engaging in a day of learning about Indigenous History, First Peoples Principles of Learning, and our collective role in reconciliation. Please note, this is a **Non-Instructional Day** and schools will not be in session.

Additionally, in honour of the children lost and the generations impacted by residential schools, we will be displaying the orange **"Every Child Matters"** flag in our school. We are fortunate to have been gifted this flag through the fundraising efforts of the **Student Social Justice Committee at Hugh Boyd**

Secondary. This student-led committee worked hard to raise funds to provide each school in our district with an "Every Child Matters" flag as part of their action towards Truth and Reconciliation. The flag serves as a collective dedication to learning, understanding, healing and reconciliation.



Finally, a reminder that the **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation** occurs each year on September 30th. As this occurs on Saturday this year, **the statutory day will be on Monday, October 2, 2023**, and therefore school will not be in session on this day.

[HERE](#) you will find a resource that families can use to spark conversation and learn more.

Orange Shirt Day

We welcome all students and staff at Bridge who would like to wear an **orange shirt** to honour the children lost and the generations impacted by residential schools, to do so on **Friday, September 29th**.

Here is a link to more information about Orange Shirt Day and Phyllis Webstad's story:

<https://orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story/#story>





Grade 7 Outdoor Ed Bottle Drive

The Grade 7 Bulldogs need your support! They are going to the Cheakamus Centre in October for an Outdoor Education experience during their last year at Bridge. To help support the students' endeavours, the Grade 7 parent fundraising committee is planning a monthly bottle drive for the third

Thursday of every month. **Thank you to those who were able to support our bottle drive this past Thursday.**

If you have any bottles, cans or cartons, please put them in a white or clear plastic bag (NOT BLACK). **Bring them to the front of the school** for our next drop-off day **Thursday, October 19th at 8:45 am and place them in the bins.**

Our wonderful volunteers will take them to the depot later that morning.

Let's help our Grade 7's out! Collect, collect, collect!

Mark Your Calendars:

Saturday, September 30th

Monday, October 2nd

Tuesday, October 3rd

Wednesday, October 4th

Thursday, October 5th

Friday, October 6th

Monday, October 9th

October 10th – 12th

Thursday, October 12th

October 16th – 18th

Tuesday, October 17th

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Wednesday, October 18th

Thursday, October 19th

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Friday, October 20th

Thursday, October 26th

Friday, October 27th

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Stat Holiday - **Schools closed** in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Photo Day – individual and class photos

Meet the Staff and Bridge Open House @6:00-6:45pm

PAC Hot Lunch – Pre-Orders only

Indigenous Storyteller Assembly with Kung Jaadee

Schools closed – for Thanksgiving Day

Outdoor Ed for Grade 7 students

PAC Hot Lunch – Pre-Orders only

Scholastic Book Fair

Cross Country Fun Run at Garry Point Park after school

PAC Meeting via Teams at 6:45pm

Early Dismissal @1:45pm for Learning Updates

Bottle Fundraiser for Grade 7 Camp

BC Shakeout Earthquake Drill

PAC Hot Lunch – Pre-Orders only

Early Dismissal @1:45pm for Learning Updates

Pro-D Day – no school for students

PAC Hot Lunch – Pre-Orders only

PAC sponsored Halloween Dance and Evening Fun!

Parking Lot Safety:

Our school parking lot is for **staff parking only** due to our limited capacity. If you drive your children to school, please use the **drop-off lane** or park in the neighbourhood and walk your child to their designated entrance door.



We have noticed several families parking or circling through the staff parking lot – please use the drop off lane for the safety of all children!

Our district painters will be visiting the school soon to re-paint the safety lines, crosswalks and parking stalls.

Thank you for recognizing that we have several families who require the use of our accessible parking spaces to bring their children to school and pick them up, so we ask that you respect this need and not block these, or any, designated parking spaces.

Thank you for following the school and city's traffic rules to help to keep our students and everyone safe!

Student Absence Line: 604-668-6294

If your child will be absent from school, please call the Student Absence Line at **604-668-6294** before 8:40am and leave a message so that we can ensure that all students have arrived at school safely.

Thank you for keeping your message brief and for including the following information:

Student's Name
Teacher's Name or Division/Grade
Date of absence – am/pm or all day
Reason for Absence



Remember to stay at home if you are not feeling well and if your child's absence is due to a communicable disease, such as chicken pox, measles, mumps, etc., please report this additional information to the school. Thank you!

Health and Safety News: Food in the Classroom

Each year all school staff in the Richmond School District are required to engage in training for emergency medical management.

During the first week of school, all staff at Bridge watched the online training modules created by Vancouver Coastal Health. This training focussed on **anaphylaxis, seizure disorders, asthma and diabetes**.

We understand that from time to time, parents and caregivers like to bring **food or treats to the classroom**.

In order to keep our students and staff safe and to respect all of our family's nutritional values and preferences, we ask everyone to follow these guidelines:

1. **Teachers** will always let parents and caregivers know, in advance, if there is a plan to have any food distributed in class (ex. baking activity, class celebration at the end of a learning unit, etc.)
2. **Parents and Caregivers:** Please **pre-arrange** with the classroom teacher any plans to bring food into the classroom (beyond your student's own recess snack and lunch) so that the teacher can:
 - a. determine if it is safe for all of the students and staff in the class (based on our health records or parent communication)
 - b. communicate this extra food with all parents and caregivers in the class
 - c. decide **when** it should be distributed to the class to avoid disruption to student learning and staff breaks. This may mean that food or treats will be distributed at the end of the day.

Thank you for helping to keep all of our students and staff healthy and safe!



LEARN CODING FROM TECH INDUSTRY PROS



Middle Years: Intro to Coding

\$368 / grades 6-9 (\$268 after \$100 district subsidy, limited quantities)

Get an early introduction to the basics of coding like variables, loops and functions in this after-school program. You will learn to design and code using the Swift programming language on Swift Playgrounds--available on iPad or Mac. There are 3 levels to this program, each one building on the fundamentals learned from the previous level.

Join us on this fun and exciting adventure! Attend our info sessions and register now. No prior experience necessary.

Online sessions every Thursday from 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm (level 1) or 5:30 pm to 6:16 pm (level 2).

For more information, visit gameofapps.org or scan the QR code.

Registration for early bird discount is Sep. 30th, 2023
Registration deadline is Oct. 16th, 2023

