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Newsletter #1

Date: October 2nd, 2018

Dear Mackenzie families:

Happy New Year! So much excitement as we start our 2018 fall session at Mackenzie!

We began the school year with all our students in classes on the first full day and are encouraged by a very positive start with the hope that many of the staffing issues of last year are behind us and we can focus on our mission to support each child to achieve to the best of their capabilities.

A highlight of the term so far has been the wonderful Meet the Staff evening orchestrated by our parent group providing multiple opportunities to mingle informally over excellent food from the trucks... Thank you PAC!

As we move further into the fall session a couple of reminders about safety. We are delighted that so many students get to Mackenzie "under their own power" and we encourage your children to wear a helmet (and appropriate safety gear) if they are skateboarding, cycling, or scootering. Also, reminders about pedestrian safety are very helpful and please do not pick up/drop off or drive into the staff parking lot as there is significant danger to the youngsters.

We would like to welcome Ms. Baker as Vice-Principal (& Resource/Prep), Ms. Trachtenberg (Resource), Mr. Stotesbury (PE prep), Cathy Yoshida (Extra clerical on Tuesdays), and a whole new support team in Life Skills... Our teaching jobs are all filled but we still have

a couple of student support workers to hire.

We are currently engaged in reviewing each class as teachers examine the needs in their group

Paperwork . . . thanks to all the families who have paid fees and returned the myriad of forms required each September. Coming soon will be on-line payment of fees. More details on that later. Individual student photos have been taken by our new photography company MountainWest. Parents should have received their packages. Orders due back Friday, October 5th.

Divisions 1 to 10 are enjoying learning a new sport, Ultimate Frisbee, this week. When the weather cooperates, they are taking it outside. Ask your children about it and maybe they can teach your family a new activity to do together.

Our inter-school Soccer & Cross-Country teams have been practicing and participating in mini-meets & tournaments, many thanks to our coaches, Mr. Coe, Mr. Millway, Mr. Martin, helpers Ms. Chu and Ms. Young, plus our much appreciated parent drivers!

Best regards,

Bruce Murton

Principal

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Thank you for your support of our Terry Fox fundraising efforts. We exceeded our goal of \$500 by a long shot. Division 7 helped with daily collection, and we had some fun with other activities such as selling duct tape to stick Mr Coo and Mr Martin to the gym wall!



"Apples for Apps" was another way the community supported the school. We sold cases of fresh picked apples and the school received \$5.00 from every case sold...a healthy and tasty way to support technology for the school!

AWARENESS: Thanks to Ms Boardman, Ms. LaPorte and our "WE Team", Orange Shirt Day was a wonderful success. This is an important way to raise awareness about reconciliation with First Nations that is gaining momentum across the country. It was wonderful to experience a sea of orange throughout the school.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE			Participants	EVENT
October	1 st to 5 th	Monday to Friday	Divisions 1 to 10	Ultimate Frisbee lessons
October	3 rd	Wednesday	Cross Country Team	Mini Meet at Douglas Park after school
October	5 th	Friday	Division 1	Trip to UBC Beaty Biodiversity Museum 11:00-3:00
October	8 th	Monday	Everyone!	Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL
October	9 th	Tuesday	Whole school	Dreamrider enviro presentation 9:10-9:50
October	10 th	Wednesday	Cross Country Team	Mini Meet at Douglas Park after school
October	12 th	Friday	Students Whole school	Munch-a-Lunch - Subway Uzume Taiko performance 1:15pm
October	17 th	Wednesday	Whole school Some classes	Early dismissal at 2pm Goal setting conferences 2-6pm
October	18 th	Thursday	Cross Country Team	District Meet at Trout Lake 12:00-3:00
October	19 th	Friday	Whole school	Province-wide Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL
October	22 nd	Monday	Kindergartners Division 6	Field trip to Aldor Acres 9:15-2:15 Field trip to Art Gallery 9:30-1:30
October	24 th	Wednesday	Grade 6s	Immunization Clinic
October	26 th	Friday	Whole school	Munch-a-Lunch - sushi



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