

September 22, 2023

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Dear Mathxwí Families,

As you are aware, on September 21, Stó:lō Nation, confirmed at least 158 children deaths at four locations, including St. Mary's Residential School in Mission. This information is incredibly heartbreaking and is also the lived experience of what Elders have been saying for generations. In solidarity with all school districts in the Fraser Valley, we have lowered our flag to half-mast through to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, to honour the many children who did not return home from these institutions, and to those and the families who endured the atrocities of Residential Schools and continue to be impacted. We are holding impacted families close to our hearts at Mathxwí Elementary and should your child need additional supports from the school, please reach out by phone (604-826-8181) or by email (mathxwi@abbyschools.ca)

## Orange Shirt Day

In 2013 press conference, Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, a Residential School Survivor from Stswecem'c Xget'tem First Nation, shared her personal and traumatic experience at a Residential School. One of her memories was from her first day at St. Joseph's Mission Residential School near Williams Lake. Phyllis wore her brand new orange shirt that her Grandma bought for her. She wasn't allowed to wear her own clothes at school. As soon as she arrived, the orange shirt was taken away from her and never returned. To Phyllis, the colour orange has always symbolized that she did not matter. Today, with her efforts with the Orange Shirt Society, the orange shirt has become a symbol of Hope and Reconciliation that spreads the message that Every Child Matters. Mathxwi Elementary will be honouring Indigenous residential school survivors by wearing orange to school on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.



## Administration of Medication to Students

If your child is required to take medication at school (i.e. asthma puffers, epi-pens, prescription medicines) a “Request for Administration of Medication at School” form must be completed by your family doctor and returned to our office. A form can be obtained at the school office. If there are any questions, please contact our school.



## Toonies for Terry and our Terry Fox Run

Our school goal this year was to exceed last year’s fundraising of \$279.00, and reach \$300.00. Impressively, the kids donated a total of **\$657.70** to cancer research in honour of Terry Fox! Thank you to everyone at home who helped make this possible!



**THE TERRY FOX  
FOUNDATION**

## Hot Lunch

We have 3 Hot Lunch days planned until the winter break. Orders must be made through

[Munch-A-Lunch](#)

October 26 – Boston Pizza  
Pasta Day

(order deadline – October 17)

November 23 – Good Taco

(order deadline - November 14)

December 21 – Pizza Hut Pizza

(order deadline – December 12)



## Volunteering at School

We love to have our families volunteer at Mathxwí! School District policy requires that all adults who work with children in any capacity at school must have a criminal record check on file with the school district. **Criminal record checks are completed through the School Board Office. Volunteers will need to provide 2 pieces of I.D. (1 primary & 1 secondary). The School Board Office is located at 2790 Tims St, V2T 4M7 and their phone number is 604-859-4891.** Please reach out if you have any questions.

## PAC Meeting

Joining us for our next on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Can't make the meetings but still want to stay connected? Join the Facebook Group @ Mathxwi Elementary Parent Advisory Council or email our PAC at [mathxwipac@gmail.com](mailto:mathxwipac@gmail.com)

## School Donations

New to schools this year is the option make online donations to the school! If you would like to make a donation, please copy and paste link below into your browser. A tax receipt with be provided immediately. If there is something specific you would like to see your donation go towards, please indicate this in the message box. Thank you for considering! Here is the link: [abbotsford.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/4/89/false/true?fundDestination=Mathxwi%20Elementary%20School](https://abbotsford.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/4/89/false/true?fundDestination=Mathxwi%20Elementary%20School)



## On The Horizon

Tuesday Sept 26 – Emergency Drills  
Thursday Sept 28 – Orange Shirt Day  
Friday Sep. 29 – Non-Instructional Day #1  
Monday Oct. 2 – Day-in-Lieu for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation  
Wednesday Oct 4 – Grade 4/5 Cross Country  
Thursday Oct 5 – School Photo Day  
Monday Oct 9 – Thanksgiving Day – No School  
Wednesday Oct 11 – Grade 4/5 Cross Country  
Monday Oct 16 – Fruit and Veggie Day  
Tuesday Oct 17 – Thursday Oct 19 – Scholastic Book Fair  
Wednesday Oct 18/19 – Early Dismissal (12:06) for Parent Teacher Conferences  
Friday October 20 – Non Instructional Day #2

## Communication

For reminders and up-to-date information, follow us on Instagram @ [mathxwielementary](https://www.instagram.com/mathxwielementary) or check out our website <https://mathxwi.abbschools.ca/>

