



Good morning Homelinks families! It is hard to believe September is nearly over. We have a few news items:

- **Thursday, September 30** is a new federal statutory holiday, 'National Day for Truth and Reconciliation', that is taking the place of the Orange Shirt Day and Homelinks will be closed. Not all businesses will be closed but schools will be closed. Below is a brief write up and website for a livestreaming session (for older students) that explains the significance of this day.

- **Friday, October 1st**, is our first elementary class morning. It is from 9 am until noon. Please bring a snack and runners. There will be three class groupings: primary (Laurie Riehl), lower intermediate (Aloha Palmer), and upper intermediate (Paige Boehmer). Please enter the lower south door. We are excited to see all of you! Please remember masks for grades 4 and up.

- **Tuesday, October 5th** is our first Outdoor Ed class. It is from 1 – 2:30 pm at Schikurski Park (behind Overwaitea). This October session is for grades K – 3. Email Kristina.leidums@sd8.bc.ca to get on the list and she will email

you the particulars.

- **Wednesday, October 6th** from 9 am until noon is our first elementary 'Bring Your Work to School'. Students bring work from home and a snack (please bring enough work for the morning). Dress for the weather as recess is outside.
- **Thursday, October 7th** is a fieldtrip to a fish hatchery and climbing wall (Cranbrook area). Please send permission slips back by Friday, Oct. 1st. We have printed out permission slips by the lower bulletin board or print off the forms sent out in a previous email. We know some parents are driving but would ask you consider having your children on the bus for the trip there as it will be difficult getting started with cars arriving at varying times.
- The grade eight and nine cohort is up and running. They will be planning a Terry Fox run in the next few weeks so stay tuned for more information.
- **Starting October 8th**, all students in grades 8 – 12 are invited for an hour of PE from 1:50 to 2:50 pm, Friday afternoons.
- A big thank you goes out to all of our families for sending in first assignments. J

September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Homelinks will be closed on Thursday, but students are encouraged to take time to reflect on and learn about the history of residential schools in Canada.

Students in grade 5 and up are encouraged to join the online learning opportunities for Truth and Reconciliation Week at <https://nctr.ca/education/trw/>. There are many sessions that will be available for livestreaming or later viewing by families at home under the "General Public" schedule, including a session with Phyllis Webstad about the Orange Shirt Day movement on Thursday, September 30.