

October 2020

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"Preparing Hearts and Minds for the Future"



Oct 5	Terry Fox Run
Oct 7	Lockdown Drill
Oct 12	Thanksgiving
Oct 14	PAC meeting 7pm
Oct 16	Jersey Day
Oct 23	Non-Instructional Day (Provincial)
Oct 29	Early Dismissal 11am
Oct 30	Orange & Black Day
Nov 9	Photo Retake Day
Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Nov 16	Non-Instructional Day
Nov 27	Non-Instructional Day



School will be closed on Monday, October 12th. Wishing a Happy Thanksgiving from the Greendale Staff to all our Greendale Families!

School Communication

Our school is trying to promote more environmentally friendly options to communicate. We will be using email, our website, and Facebook to communicate regularly with parents. Our school website has a great deal of information on it and is regularly updated. Please check it out at <http://gcs.sd33.bc.ca/>.

There will be a Friday email with updates for the following week.

Newsletters will be written monthly and emailed to parents. All newsletters will also be posted on our school website.



Principal's Message

October is now upon us and the fall leaves are starting to show their beautiful colours. Students are working hard; leadership teams are being built and most importantly our school community is strong. With the 5-month break from school over spring and summer we continue to prepare our students to be proficient in literacy and numeracy and be able to process knowledge systematically and critically in a variety of contexts. The relationships built in September and throughout the year are essential in helping us achieve our year long goals!

Thank you to all of our students and families for their generous donations in our annual Terry Fox fundraising. An amazing amount was collected for cancer research, and our students, staff and families demonstrated outstanding compassion. I am happy to announce I will be milking a cow in the near future as we surpassed our \$1000 goal and raised \$1205!

At Greendale, we have a monthly virtue that we practice. In September, we learned about helpfulness and many students were caught' being helpful. Our October virtue is trust and I'm looking forward to all of the ways that our students will demonstrate it. As we approach Thanksgiving, our staff would like to wish everyone a very special time spent with family and friends.

From
the
Principal

Sincerely,
Noel Sharman



"Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education."
- Martin Luther King Jr.

Edge Imaging - Photos

Photo Orders from Edge Imaging have been sent home. **All orders are done online. Due date is October 20, 2020.** If you order past the due date, please note that your order will be mailed to your home address and you will have to cover the cost of the shipping.

Cohort Learning Groups

Greendale Elementary Stage-2 COVID-19 Health & Safety protocols will require students to be assigned to cohort learning groups of no greater than 60 students. Our Health & Safety protocols further require us to minimize movement of students between cohorts and therefore students will be placed in their regular class on the first day of school. We recognize there may be the need to move students between classes and will communicate with parents if this occurs. Again, our goal is to keep class changes to a minimum. Thank you for your understanding.

Drop off and Dismissal Procedures

Parent parking is available across the street on the road, school parking lot and the church parking lot as well. Please be aware that as a bussing school, busses need to be able to access the front pull-in lane to safely drop our students off. Cones will be placed on either side of this area to help with this. Thank you in advance for your patience regarding our parking areas. Please enter and exit the drop off zone appropriately. Please have your children arrive at school no earlier than 7:44, as we are unable to provide adequate supervision before that time. **As mentioned in communication home we would like to have students dropped off as close to 8:00 as possible as we are limiting the use of our playground with Health and Safety protocols. The Playground will be closed in the morning and we are asking that all students report to their assigned lineup/designated area.** Thank you for your help providing a safe environment!



Student Absences

If your child is ill or planning to be absent, please give the school a call in the morning at 604-823-6738 or you may email Mrs. Holmes at cassandra.holmes@sd33.bc.ca; otherwise our office will phone home to ensure your child is safe in the event of absence. Thank you for your support! Please consult the daily health check before sending your child(ren) to school.



Student Daily Health Check

First Name: _____		Last Name: _____	
Date: _____		School: _____	
Parent/Guardian: _____			
1. Symptoms of illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

If your child answered "YES" to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) they should **NOT** come into school. Notify the school office of the absence and if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.

Early Dismissal



We have an early dismissal on Friday, October 29th. Students will be dismissed at 11:00am. Buses will be running that day for all bus students.

Allergy Awareness

We have a few students in our school who have severe peanut and nut allergies and kiwi allergy. We ask that all students please avoid bringing peanut butter to school as it can be easily transferred to many surfaces and objects in the classroom and throughout the school.

Halloween

Friday, October 30th will be celebrating Halloween at Greendale. Students are encouraged to dress in orange and black instead of costumes. However, students can bring their costumes along for the afternoon in the classroom as long as they can get the costume on their own. No gore, weapons or masks please.

Parent Advisory Council

Don't miss our next PAC meeting taking place on October 14th at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Mr. Sharman will be emailing out a link for the meeting closer to the date.

Upcoming fundraisers include Neufeld Farms with pick-up in late November, and Purdy's Chocolates with pick-up in December.

PAC Email: greendale-pac@sd33.bc.ca

School Lunch Email: greendalelunch@gmail.com

Library

We are excited that the library is up and running for the year. This year, our library is open on Thursdays and Fridays. Students are able to visit the library once, every other week, and only on the same day as other students in their cohort. On other weeks, I will bring the library to them. 😊 I have been visiting classrooms and talking to the students about how to safely look after a library book, and how to move around in our newly configured library. When students left the library last week, I heard a few comments like "That was fun!" so I am so happy that the books are being borrowed again. Books should come back to school when students are finished them, and they will be quarantined for the weekend before going out into circulation again.

Please ensure that students have a safe spot to keep their books so they don't get lost. Also, it is a great idea to return books to school in a double-lined plastic bag. Library bags are always available to purchase for \$1 - just ask.

If you haven't done it yet, check out our library website. It can be found on the main Greendale page under "Parent Information." I have links to several virtual reading websites, and I update the page regularly. New this year is a link where students can place books on hold, similar to the public library. This should help us out this year with students not being in the library as often physically. I will be teaching students how to do this soon.

Because of the unusual ending to our school year last year, we still have a few library books that are missing. If your child has a book still signed out, you should have received a notice home. Thank you for your understanding.

Kindergarten 2021-2022

Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open. If you have a child or know someone who does and will be 5 years old by December 31st, 2021, please register online. <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration> Please make sure you pick the correct school year.

Meet the Teacher

We have been struggling to find a way to do a "Meet the Teacher" event. We cannot have parents into the school as we can't accommodate any meaningful number of people due to PHO gathering limits of under 50. What we have landed on is to have each classroom teacher contact you with a plan to introduce themselves and what you can expect from your child's experience in their class this year. As a staff we discussed possibilities including...after school brief scheduled visits outside, emails, videos, phone calls or teams calls. Each class will look different in how they approach this!