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"Preparing Hearts and Minds for the Future"

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. 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 yearlong goals!

Thank you to all 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 we will be going on a field trip to Othello Tunnels! Our goal was \$850 goal and raised \$1080.70!

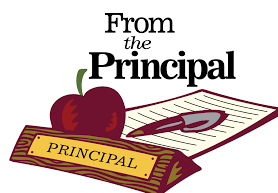
At Greendale, we have a monthly virtue that we practice. In September, we learned about excellence and many students were doing their very best to achieve that! Our October virtue is 'Thankfulness' and I'm looking forward to all the ways that our students will demonstrate it. As we approach Thanksgiving, our staff would like to wish everyone a very special time spent with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Noel Sharman

"Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education."

- Martin Luther King Jr.



Oct 1	Terry Fox Run
Oct 8	Early Dismissal – 11am
Oct 11	Thanksgiving
Oct 15	Hot Lunch
Oct 18	PAC meeting
Oct 21	BC Shake Out – earthquake drill
Oct 22	Pro D day – no school
Oct 27	Photo Retake day
Oct 29	Orange & Black day
Nov 5	Early Dismissal – 11am
Nov 10	Remembrance Day assembly
Nov 11	Remembrance Day – no school
Nov 12	Pro D day – no school



School will be closed on Monday, October 11th. Wishing a Happy Thanksgiving from the Greendale Staff to all our Greendale Families!

Daily Health Check

Please consult the [Daily Health Check](#) before sending your child(ren) to school.

Follow this link for Covid-19 Safe Schools information:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools#daily-health-checks>

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!

Early Dismissal



We have an early dismissal on Friday, October 8th. 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. We ask that all students please avoid bringing peanut butter and nut products to school as it can be easily transferred to many surfaces and objects in the classroom and throughout the school.



Drop off and Dismissal Procedures

Parent parking is available school parking lot (do not park in the Staff Stalls), along the road heading south on South Sumas 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. Again, we will be suggesting a "Drop Off and Go" at the beginning of the day as well as a "Pick Up and Go" at the end of the day. This being suggested, students will be able to access the playground before and after school!

Thank you for your help providing a safe environment!

Parent Volunteers and Visitor Information

We kindly ask that all parents and visitors enter through the main front doors when coming to the school. Please do not enter through any side doors or classroom doors.

All visitors **MUST** be wearing a mask before entering the school, sign-in at the office, and sanitize hands. All volunteers will be required to follow the [Health and Safety Protocols](#) set out by the Ministry of Education.

We do require our parent volunteers to have a Criminal Record Check completed. Please contact the office to see if your Record Check has not expired or to get a new form.

Lunch Drop Off, Early Pick Up or Messages

If you need to drop off lunch or need to get a message to your child, please leave them at the office and Mrs. Holmes will gladly bring them to your child. We are hoping to keep the areas outside of the classrooms and the office quiet to ensure a peaceful working environment.

If you are needing to pick your child(ren) up early, if possible, please call ahead of time and we can do our best to have them ready for when you arrive. Please note that the student will have to be signed out at the office.

encourage your child with some "creative" ways to read for 15-minutes each night. Please ensure that these

Halloween

Friday, October 29th 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.



cards are returned to school at the end of each month and your child will be entered to win some prizes. For older students, we will also be continuing a reading program called "Reading Outside the Box." More information on both of these programs can be found on the library page of the Greendale website under "Parent Information."

Do you secretly like to organize your spice jars alphabetically? Maybe you LOVE to wrap presents? If so, Mrs. Knodel has library jobs for you that can be done at home or at school. Please contact her if you would like to help out in our school library this year. Training is provided.

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 weekend email with updates for the following week from Mr. Sharman. Newsletters will be written monthly and emailed to parents. All newsletters will also be posted on our school website.

Library

The library is up and running for the year and students should be bringing library books home weekly and returning them the next week. The library is open to all students on Thursdays and Fridays. 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 Mrs. Knodel.

Nightly reading is the best indicator of school success. ALL students should be reading at home, and this can take on many different forms (reading to self / reading to others / being read to / reading the pictures). This year, we have started a new "Reading Bingo program." Students should have brought home a red, September bingo card, and they will be receiving an orange, October card soon. Hopefully these cards

Bikes/Scooter/Skateboards

Please remember that it is mandatory for all bicycle riders to wear a helmet. Please ensure that your child has both a helmet and an adequate bike lock.

Remember to walk your wheels when you are on school grounds. This includes parents/guardians and all other visitors.



Does Your Child Take the Bus?

If your child takes the bus, get the **Ride 360 App!** You can get instant notifications if there are any disruptions or delays on your route. The **free** Ride 360 app provides parents and guardians direct access to their students bussing schedule, while allowing Transportation to send notifications and alerts.

<https://sd33.bc.ca/announcement/ride-360-bussing-app>

Accident Insurance

The Chilliwack School District or Schools Protection Program (SPP) does not ensure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. Parents/Guardians are responsible for these expenses. Follow this link for more information

<https://sd33.bc.ca/accident-insurance>

Greendale Elementary Community School Society

GECSS is so excited to announce
the upcoming programs and
courses offered this fall!

We have Art & Acting classes, a
Babysitter & Home Alone Course, and
some awesome one afternoon clubs
including movement, games, crafts and
lego!

Gecss is open again for events & birthday
parties!

**Please check out the PDF attached to
this email to see all**

GECSS has in store for this fall!

**Please register by emailing
coordinator@gecss.com or calling 604-
823-0147**

**Follow us on Facebook- Gecss Coordinator
-for updates and information!**