

## Dear Fernwood Families

We had a great first week at Fernwood School! The school was quiet and calm, and students are settling into their new classes. Teachers are busy teaching classroom routines and expectations and getting to know their students. It is a beautiful sight to see all the smiling faces as students connect with old friends and make new ones. We would like to welcome all of the new Fernwood families, including the Kindergarten students. Welcome to our new Fernwood staff members: [Kristen](#) - Admin Assistant, Emily – Education Assistant, [Heidi](#) – Grades 2-3 teacher, [Becky](#) – Grades 3-4 teacher and [Mr. Reid](#) – Grades 3-4 teacher (note, names are hyperlinks to staff email addresses).

## Office Admin Contact Info

If you need to contact Kristen in the office, please use [fernwood@sd64.org](mailto:fernwood@sd64.org) to email. To email the principals, use [sjohnson@sd64.org](mailto:sjohnson@sd64.org) for Shelly and [mmullen@sd64.org](mailto:mmullen@sd64.org) for Marie.

## September Information Packages

Next week we will be sending home information packages for parents that will include a consent form (photo release, consent for local walking trips, etc.), emergency release form and the “student verification of information” form. Parents need to confirm that the information on the verification form is accurate. If the information is all current, please sign and return it to the school; if it contains inaccurate information, please write the correct info and then sign and return the form. When adding names to the emergency release forms, please write the names of anyone who may pick your child up, including parents of your child’s friends who may pick up for playdates. You can add a separate page with the contact person’s name and phone number if there is not enough room on the form. **District policy states that we are not permitted to release students to anyone other than the people listed on the emergency contact sheet.** You are welcome to add names to the emergency release contacts throughout the year by sending us an email directing us to add the name and phone number of the person you would like to add.

## Parent Volunteer Criminal Record Check

If you would like to be a parent volunteer in the school or on field trips, please make sure your criminal record check is on file and valid. Teachers are starting to organize field trips, so it is important that we have parent volunteers approved. Once the criminal record check is completed, it is valid for 5 years. If you need to submit a criminal record check, please do so by following the process outlined in this link: [Criminal Record Check](#).

## Supervision Before and After School

We can provide supervision from 7:50 – 8:20 am and 3:10 – 3:25 pm. Please do not drop your child off before 7:50 am unless you are able to stay with them, and please be sure to pick them up before 3:25 pm. Students who arrive early or stay late will be brought into the office for supervision. Please note that in the morning, students must stay on the front side of the school until the bell rings at 8:20 am because that is where we have supervision.

### **Arriving Late and Leaving Early Procedures**

Please remember to sign your child in at the office if they arrive late and sign them out if you are picking them up early.



***The Indigenous Ed Team visited every classroom today. It was so nice to see Q and Mrs. Fraser again!***

### **Early Dismissal Day next Thursday for Tell Me About Your Child Conferences**

Next Thursday, September 12th is an early dismissal day for, "Tell Me About Your Child Conferences." School is dismissed at 12:00 pm on this day so that Teachers can be available to meet with parents in the afternoon. You can expect to hear from your child's classroom teacher about a meeting time. Parents of new Kindergarten students do not need to schedule an appointment because they just had a family meeting this week, but if you would like to talk to the teacher, please make an appointment.



*Mrs. Pyper's Peeps learned a lot about emotions this week. They learned a wide variety of names for different emotions and explored how a person's face or body language can give us clues about how they might be feeling. The Peeps also made personal connections to their own lives, when they felt different emotions. Way to go Peeps!*

### **Terry Fox School Run**

We will hold our Terry Fox School Run on Wednesday, September 11 at 10:00 am. The Gr. 5-6 & Gr. 6-7 classes will run down to Fernwood dock and back, while the K-5 run laps around the field. Students are asked to bring a loonie, toonie or more as a donation to the Terry Fox Foundation. Students should come wearing good walking/running footwear that morning. Parents are welcome to join in the fun.

### **Feeding Futures Lunch Program:**

We are pleased to announce that the Feeding Futures lunch program will return again this school year! Please note, it will begin later into September, so if you were in the program last year, please continue to bring lunches for the first few weeks while we coordinate the re-start of this valuable program. More information will be provided soon.

**LOOKING AHEAD DATES:**

**Wednesday, September 11 – Terry Fox School Run**

**Thursday, September 12** – School ends at noon for ‘Tell Me About Your Child’ interviews;  
buses depart at 12:12 pm

**Sunday, September 15** - Community Terry Fox Run

**Wednesday, September 25** - School Photo Day (Individual Portraits) - students are photographed on picture day, and then Lifetouch Photography will let you know what date they would like you to order by when we send home your ‘proofs’ a few weeks later

**Thursday, September 26** - Orange Shirt Day at School

**Monday, September 30** – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Stat Holiday); Schools closed

**EARLY DISMISSAL DAY INFORMATION:**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12** - school is out at 12:00 pm

Bus Departure Times when there is an Early Dismissal Day are:

Buses Leave Fernwood at 12:10 - see attached Early Dismissal Bus Schedules

Supervision of students is not available after 12:20 pm. **Thank you for being clear with your child about what their plans for going home are so there is no confusion at dismissal time.**