October 15, 2022

Week at a Glance October 17 - 21

**MONDAY 17th**

**TUESDAY 18th**

Divisions 13-16 Pumpkin Patch (10:30-1:30)

**WEDNESDAY 19th**

Surrey Courts Div. 5 (8:15 departure)

**Samosa Pick-up** (see below)

**THURSDAY 20th**

Surrey Nature Centre Div. 17 (8:45 departure)

Earthquake Drill 2:00 pm

Cross Country 7:45 am

Interim reports home

**FRIDAY 21st**

**Non-Instructional Day – no school**

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Oct. 18 Pumpkin Patch Div. 13-16

Oct. 19 Surrey Courts Div. 5

Oct. 20 Interim Reports, Earth Quake Drill 2:00

 Surrey Nature Centre Div. 17

**Oct. 21 Non-Instructional Day No School**

Oct. 24 Diwali

Oct. 25 Cross-Country mud run

Oct. 31 Halloween Carnival/Parade (hosted by Grade 7s)

Nov. 8  Individual Picture Retakes

Nov. 9              Remembrance Day Assembly

**Nov. 10            Non-Instructional Day (Schools not in session)**

**Nov. 11              Remembrance Day Holiday**

Nov. 17 PAC meeting

Dec. 9               Student Progress Reports

**PAC News**

We are grateful for the dedicated work of our PAC and support from the parent community. The PAC communicates to families through the hot lunch website. Even if you do not plan to order hot lunch please sign up at <https://semiahmootrail.hotlunches.net/admin/> Code- ST2022HL

to receive the latest updates about PAC meetings, fundraisers and more.

* Next PAC Meeting November 17th – @9:00am in the library or zoom
* Upcoming fundraisers: Fresh to You (local vegetables), Purdy’s, Holiday Plants

*Samosa*

The PAC has managed to secure a few more bags of Samosas. If you would like to order any last minute, please email the PAC at semiahmootrailpac@gmail
Bags of 20 Samosas are $25 each. They are half frozen and easy to bake up for a quick meal. **Pick up is Wednesday December 19 from 2pm - 3pm at the front of the school.**

**Cell Phones/Social Media**

If your child brings a phone to school, please remind them that cell phones are not to be taken outside during recess & lunch. If they are using devices in class, it must be under teacher supervision/guidelines. Please ask your child to refrain from using social media at school. Most social media platforms have a 13+ age restriction and there is no educationally sound reason to be on social media at school. Phones at school may be used to communicate with family and to support learning activities as directed by a teacher. We appreciate your support with this.

**Financial support to make school more affordable for families that need it most.**

In late August, the provincial government announced [$60 million in one-time funding to school districts in B.C.](https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022ECC0057-001290) – including $7.385 million to Surrey Schools – to make school more affordable for students and families.

Our district has now received this funding and has allocated amounts to all of our schools. Moving forward, these funds will be used to support families struggling with the rising cost of living due to inflation. We can use these funds at our school to ensure students can continue to participate fully in school, despite challenging financial situations. These funds can be used to help with school supplies, food and clothing costs, and additional fees so that students in need can take part in activities, such as field trips.

Families are encouraged to reach out to principals, teachers, or their school office staff if any financial support is needed for school-based supplies or activities.

**Cross Country**

The season will end with a celebratory *Mud Run on Tuesday, October 25th at 3:30pm.*This event is rain or shine and is a longer route of about 2km. Medals will be awarded to the top three runners of each category. Unfortunately, only grades 4-7 are invited to attend. If your child would like to sign up for this event, please let Ms.Elston know by email. **Only those students that sign up by Wednesday, October 19th will be permitted to attend the Mud Run.**

**Health & Safety**

Please continue to complete a daily health check and keep students at home if they are not well.